

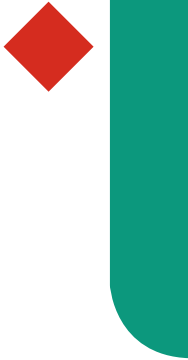


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Welcome to France

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France at the heart of Europe

France's ideal location in Europe, bordering some nine countries, provides direct access to major cities like Amsterdam, Berlin, Brussels, Barcelona, Munich and Milan. In fact, a number of French institutions offer international joint degrees, exchange programmes and internships abroad.

ENHANCED QUALITY OF LIFE

Students have access to diverse types of assistance, discounts and other systems that will improve their quality of life. These include a modern healthcare system, efficient public transport networks, housing allowances, university restaurants (RUs), discounts at cultural and sporting institutions, etc.

An extraordinary variety of landscapes for all types of activities can also be found outside city centres.



A COVETED PANORAMA OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

France continues to be a world leader in culture thanks to the wide array of activities on offer each day. These cover literature, cinema, museums, operas, cafés, gastronomy, fashion and more. Festivals, shows and other dynamic events take place throughout the year, pointing to the country's openness to cultures from around the world.

<https://www.francefestivals.com/>

FRENCH, AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE

French is spoken by more than 300 million people in the world and is the official language of 32 countries across 5 continents. French, alongside English and German, is a working language of the European Union, whose three institutional capitals – Brussels, Luxembourg City and Strasbourg – speak French. French is also the third most spoken language of business and the second most used language for international media.

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ALLIANCES

The 64 European University alliances, comprising 560 European institutions, including 63 French institutions, give students the opportunity to study at one or more European campuses. Students will benefit from international, multidisciplinary and innovative training, thereby gaining the skills necessary to embark on their career paths.

By obtaining a joint European degree, which is recognised throughout the European Union, students are guaranteed to have the qualifications required for a successful career abroad or in their home countries.

<https://www.campusfrance.org/en/european-universities-alliances>

An impeccable French welcome



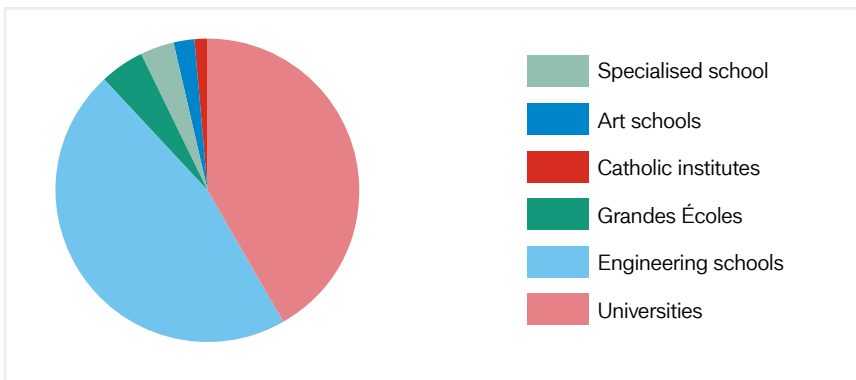
THE BIENVENUE EN FRANCE LABEL

The Bienvenue en France label was created so that international students can identify higher education institutions that recognise the value of international worldviews, interculturality and multilingualism.

Institutions are assessed on a number of criteria and are awarded one of three levels, represented by stars.

There are currently 159 French institutions with the Bienvenue en France label.

Breakdown of institutions with the Bienvenue en France label



The breakdown of certified institutions is as follows:



10% have welcome facilities which may need to be further developed or promoted



61% have a large majority of the recommended welcome services for international students



29% have welcome facilities that begin before students arrive and continue through to the end of their studies

To find out more about the label and the criteria for certification, visit: <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/the-bienvenue-en-france-label>

USEFUL LINKS:

- Bienvenue en France label (website): <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/the-bienvenue-en-france-label>
- The Bienvenue en France label: 2019-2022 report: <https://www.campusfrance.org/system/files/medias/documents/2023-08/BilanLabel2019-2022.pdf>



Supporting student well-being

Many institutions have committed to fostering a welcoming culture by offering tailored responses to students' needs and meeting their expectations at every step of their international mobility. Their aim? Your well-being and success!

When an institution is certified with the Bienvenue en France label, you can know that it has a wide range of services and tools to help you, even before you come to France. A number of events and meetings will make your integration easier, such as welcome weeks, welcome desk meetings, campus tours and assistance with your administrative processes (accommodation, health insurance, etc). Buddy systems follow the same thought process, where mentors and mentees can participate in the many activities organised by student associations (cultural, sports, etc).

What will these efforts look like?

- **You will have clear and accessible information**

Websites are translated in many languages offering tailored information. The 'International' section will provide all the information necessary for your studies, and multilingual teams will hold webinars and will frequently be in contact before your arrival.

- **You will join active institutions**

All departments at the institution (international relations, student life, IT, communication, etc) are actively involved in providing quality welcome and assistance measures tailored to each student (student mobility programmes, independent international students, etc).

Campus France offers detailed information on institutions with the Bienvenue en France label:

www.campusfrance.org/en > Resource centre > Practical information for students and researchers > Reception arrangements in institutions

- **You will benefit from welcome facilities for each step of your mobility and stay**

All the necessary information is available on the institution's website. It is comprehensible and available in many languages and formats (downloadable guides, web and mobile apps for international students, etc).

Everything is put in place for students to be quickly and easily integrated. You will be put in contact with a welcome desk to help you with each step of the process. Integration weeks allow students to be immersed in the day-to-day of the institution, introducing them to members of the administrative and academic teams. A number of integration events will be organised: campus tours, introduction to clubs and associations, welcome parties, city tours, etc.

You will also meet your buddy, a true mentor, to guide and assist you throughout your studies in France.

- **You will access a range of accommodation opportunities**

One of your first concerns will be finding accommodation. In many institutions, there is a dedicated unit or officer responsible for providing information on accommodation offers. These offers include university rooms (at CROUS residences), private residences and rentals, and online platforms. They will also provide information on the various administrative processes such as making deposits, getting insurance, etc.

- **You will be able to take courses in English and do classes remotely**

Multilingual programmes (or at least in English) are available. Remote learning enhances training programmes: preparatory courses, MOOCs, hybrid programmes, online teaching, etc.

- **You will benefit from modern infrastructure**

You can practise your passions and meet students who share your interests on one of the many occasions that will present itself on campus (sports fields, gymnasiums, concert halls, amphitheatres, classrooms with digital technology, student centres, etc).

- **You will receive assistance to accommodate your disability**

Specific facilities are in place for students with disabilities. Within the institution, a dedicated unit and disability officer co-ordinate these services (classroom adjustments, academic assistance, tutoring, remote classes, exam adjustments and schedules).

- **You will learn about the environment and sustainable development**

Campuses are covered in green spaces and students are invited to take care of and transform them.

For example: specialised classes, awareness-raising campaigns on environmental issues, promoting green mobility, organising equality and diversity initiatives.

- **You will interact with people from different cultures**

Campuses are hubs for the world's nationalities. This cultural diversity is highlighted at festive events (international student nights, world cuisine events, invitations to families) where everyone can share their culture.

Academic and administrative staff members are taught intercultural skills.

