

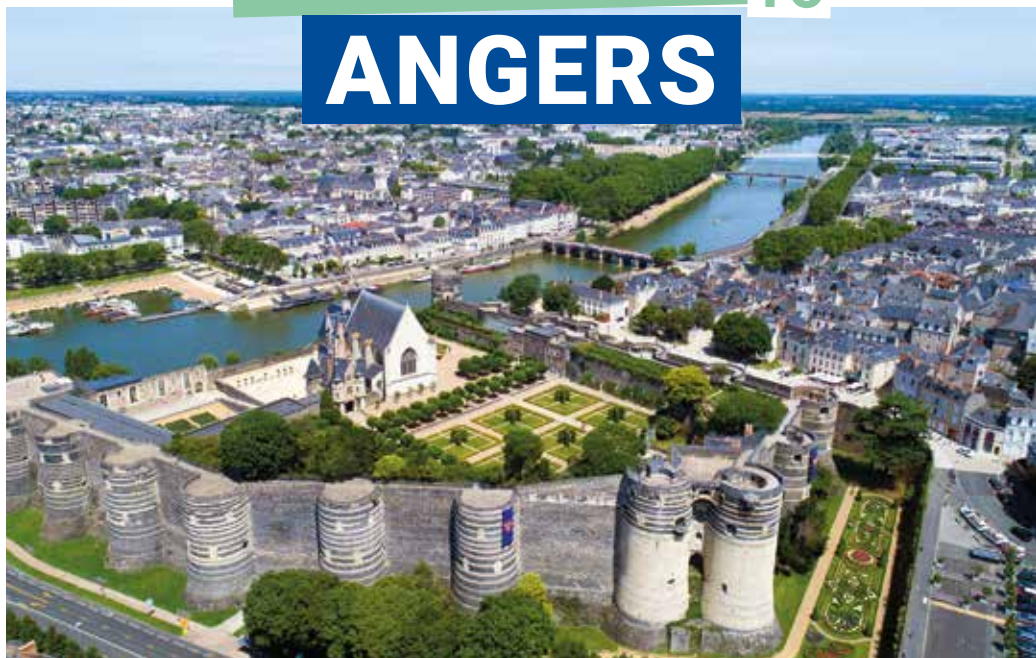


**DISCOVER  
YOUR CITY**



Campus France will guide  
you through your first steps in  
France and **exploring Angers,**  
**your new home.**

**WELCOME** **TO**  
**ANGERS**





## YOUR ARRIVAL IN ANGERS /

### ♦ Welcome Desk for students enrolled at the university

At Université d'Angers, throughout the year, the **International Student Desk** can welcome, inform and assist you with your administrative procedures through an individual meeting regarding your residency permit, your healthcare, sports, culture and leisure activities. The Desk will also offer you opportunities to take part in events and trips throughout the year.

La Passerelle (1<sup>st</sup> floor), Campus universitaire de Belle-Beille  
2 rue Joseph Lakanal, 49000 Angers.

#### **International Student Contact:**

bienvenue@univ-angers.fr

#### **Exchange Student Contact:**

exchange.international@univ-angers.fr

#### **Book a Meeting:**

<https://pdr.univ-angers.fr/bureau-des-internationaux/>

The Infocampus desk is available from the start of the year, providing information for all students at the university. This desk relies on teams of student ambassadors as well as on a network of numerous onsite local partners.

It provides information on transport, jobs and work experience, student canteens, student associations, etc.

#### **In September**

- Infocampus Campus Belle-Beille (guichet La Passerelle, rue Lakanal).

- Infocampus Campus Saint-Serge: Bibliothèque universitaire

Saint-Serge, 57 quai Félix Faure, 49000 Angers.

Desk: from end of August to end of September, Monday to Friday, from 10 am to 4 pm.

**After 1 October**, you can arrange a meeting with a counsellor: [infocampus@contact.univ-angers.fr](mailto:infocampus@contact.univ-angers.fr)

#### **Learn more:**

- Please refer to the pages explaining procedures for new students on the "Welcome to UA" website of the Université d'Angers: <https://bienvenue.univ-angers.fr>

### ♦ Welcome and orientation for international doctoral students and researchers

A welcome service especially created for international researchers is also available at Université d'Angers:

<http://www.univ-angers.fr> > International > Venir à l'Université > chercheur international

### ♦ Buddy System

Université d'Angers offers all its new international students the opportunity to sign up to its Buddy System programme, thanks to which they receive support from a fellow student and can discover Angers, the university and local life:

<https://www.univ-angers.fr> > International > Buddy System

### ♦ Welcome and orientation in the institutions

If you are enrolled in another institution, please consult the Campus France website for orientation.

The site presents a series of **Information Sheets covering the different higher learning institutions**: <https://www.campusfrance.org> > Students > Documentary resources > Practical information for students and researchers > Reception arrangements in institutions If you cannot find your school in this list, then go directly to their website.

**At Université d'Angers, the Direction de l'International (Bureau des internationaux) handles international students and researchers.**

### ♦ National Services

- students: [www.etudiant.gouv.fr](http://www.etudiant.gouv.fr)

- doctoral students, researchers:

<http://www.euraxess.fr/fr>



Making you feel at home is a major concern for all French higher education institutions! The **Welcome to France label** is awarded to institutions that fulfil exacting criteria in the way they take care of their international students.



## ACCOMMODATION

### **Finding somewhere to live is not always easy.**

Rents are often high, and landlords require financial guarantees (such as a deposit).

Nevertheless, there is a wide range of accommodation on offer: halls of residence that are exclusively reserved for students and managed by the CROUS, student halls and private lodgings, rooms in private homes, flatshares...

**The main thing is to start preparing for this as early as possible, before leaving your home country.**

Angers is an attractive student town and student accommodation there is in very high demand.

You may therefore want to widen your search to towns close to Angers that are accessible via public transport:

- Beaucouzé and Saint Barthélémy d'Anjou;

- Saint Sylvain d'Anjou and Trélazé;

- Avrillé, les Ponts-de-Cé and Mûrs-Erigné;

- Montreuil-Juigné and Saint-Gemmes-sur-Loire;

- Bouchemaine and Ecoflant.

You will find our tips for your accommodation search on our dedicated web page and in particular on the Studapart platform, where you can search for private lodgings and halls of residence:

<https://bienvenue.univ-angers.fr/fr/vie-pratique/logement/>

#### • Angers Loire Métropole Housing Center.

This is a service of Angers Loire Métropole, the greater metropolitan area, for advice and assistance in your housing search.

Contact: 02 41 05 50 55 or

[accueil-logement@angersloiremetropole.fr](mailto:accueil-logement@angersloiremetropole.fr)

Site: <http://www.angersloiremetropole.fr> > mon quotidien > menu > logement > locataire > le logement étudiant

## A FEW TIPS

### ◆ Short-term housing

• **For all types of accommodation**, consult the Angers Tourist Office website:

<https://www.tourisme.destination-angers.com>

> organisez

### ◆ Long-term housing

• **Residence halls:** <https://www.maine-et-loire.fr/> > services et infos > logement et habitat > aides au logement des jeunes > foyers de jeunes travailleurs

• **CROUS (Centre régional des œuvres universitaires – regional centre for university affairs) student accommodation.**

**Nantes-Pays de Loire CROUS website:**

<https://www.crous-nantes.fr/> crous/

Site Trouver un logement :

<https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr/>

<http://www.crous-nantes.fr/service/clous-angers-maine-et-loire/>

The website *Trouver un logement*:

<https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr/>

#### • Private Housing Platforms:

Two higher learning institutions in Angers use

**Studapart**, the platform for private student housing:

<https://www.studapart.com> > rechercher par ville

Other offers for student lodging, managed by private organisms, are also available in Angers.

Consult the specialized sites, for example:

- <https://www.adele.org>

- <https://www.immojeune.com>

- <https://www.location-etudiant.fr>

- <http://www.smebhabitat.fr/>

- <https://housinganywhere.com/fr/>

• There is also a **site managed by the CROUS, Lokaviz, which includes a listing of student accommodations in private homes:**

<https://www.lokaviz.fr/>

• **Shared Leases:** consult *La Carte des Colocs*, a national site for shared leases that's free and simple to use: <https://www.lacartedescolocs.fr/>

• **Other solutions available on the Campus France site:** [www.campusfrance.org](http://www.campusfrance.org) > Getting Organized > Accommodation

### ◆ If you need a guarantor to secure your lodging

Visale is a new and free guarantor system:

[www.visale.fr](http://www.visale.fr)

## GETTING AROUND ANGERS



**To get to Angers from Paris, the simplest route is to take a train from Gare Montparnasse** (travel time: 1 and a half hours by TGV, the high-speed train). There are also direct TGVs to Angers from the Paris Charles de Gaulle airport: <https://www.oui.sncf/>



**To get to the campus from the train station**, visit the dedicated page on the Université d'Angers web site: <http://www.univ-angers.fr> > vie de campus > vie pratique > transport



**For getting around the city and surrounding area**, the public transport system with buses and tramway has day, and some night, services with reduced youth fares: <https://www.irigo.fr>



#### **For travel within the region:**

- consult Destineo, the information platform for Pays de la Loire public transportation:

<http://www.destineo.fr/fr/>

- take regional trains:

<https://www.ter.sncf.com>

- to travel greater distances, don't forget the bus for low-cost travel: <https://fr.ouibus.com/> or <https://www.flixbus.fr/>



**For ride-sharing, refer to the collaborative websites:**

- local: <https://www.covoiturage49.fr/>

- national: <https://www.blablacar.fr>



For greater independence, use **VéloCité**, the free bike-share program for the city of Angers: <http://www.angers.fr> > vivre à Angers > voirie déplacements > le vélo

- ◆ If you want to file an application for APL funds (Aide Personnalisée au Logement, or personalized housing aid),

CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales) can check your eligibility: 32 30 or [www.caf.fr](http://www.caf.fr)

- ◆ For housing adapted to your special needs,

Contact the CROUS Service Social, or if enrolled at **Université d'Angers**, contact:

<http://www.univ-angers.fr/fr/vie-des-campus/accompagnement-du-handicap.html?search-keywords=handicap>

### The CROUS, at your service everywhere

**Do you need any help and/or advice, somewhere to eat or to live, a job - or do you just want to find out all there is to know about student life? Then the CROUS is what you need!**



The CROUS (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires - Regional Centre of University and School Services) has branches in all major French university towns.

It manages university halls of residence and canteens, allows you to meet social workers, and offers cultural activities and job opportunities.



## FIRST THINGS FIRST /

### ENROLLMENT IN YOUR INSTITUTION

- ◆ CVEC

Before you can enroll in your institution, you must download proof of payment of the Contribution Vie Etudiante et de Campus (CVEC) – the student and campus life contribution fee.

- Log in at: <https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>

- For additional information and special cases:

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Getting Organized > CVEC

- For international students at Université d'Angers, a personalized and individual orientation is available to assist you in your first steps before enrollment at the University (CVEC, residence permit, French lessons, doctor's visits, health insurance, and more) You can schedule an appointment by email before your arrival at: <https://pdr.univ-angers.fr/bureau-des-internationaux/>

- For students enrolled in other institutions, you can find information on site to learn about possible assistance in your procedures.

- ◆ Confirm Registration

**Take note! Even if you have a pre-registration letter, you are not officially enrolled.** You must confirm your enrollment with the institution's Service de la Scolarité (Admissions) as soon as you arrive.

### RESIDENCE PERMITS

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- If you have just arrived in France on a long-term VLS-TS student visa: you must **validate it online as soon as you arrive in France**, on the ANEF (Administration numérique pour les Étrangers en France - Digital Administration for Foreigners in France) website. This validation must be carried out within the three months following your arrival: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/particuliers/#/>

- If you have Algerian citizenship or you are a student holding a "concours" visa or a visa bearing the mention "carte à solliciter dans les deux mois" ("card to be requested within two months"): your request for a residence permit must be carried out at the Préfecture.

- If you hold a "mineur scolarisé" ("minor in education") visa and you have since attained your majority, you must request a residence permit directly on the ANEF website or at the *préfecture* of your place of residence within the two months following your attaining the age of legal majority: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

Please note: if you wish to renew your residence permit or VLS-TS, you must make your request during the third month preceding the date of end of validity of your current residence permit, on the following website: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

Please refer to the following tutorial for help with this procedure: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iGha\\_yqN04](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iGha_yqN04)

- Your institution's student support services can assist you in case of any difficulties.

To find out more about your rights and obligations: <https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N110>



## PRACTICAL INFORMATION /

### OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

If you stay in France for more than 3 months, it will be much easier day-to-day if you open a bank account, **online or in one of the bank agencies located in Angers.**

In France, opening a bank account is a right: [www.service-public.fr](http://www.service-public.fr) > Argent > Comptes bancaires > Droit au compte

### ACCESSING HEALTHCARE

Accessing healthcare in France is almost free, but you must be insured. **You must therefore be registered with the national health insurance programme.**

Please go to the <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr> website to register, understand your rights and to carry out the requisite procedures.

Learn more:

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Getting Organized > Health

**As a student, you can also take advantage of the university medical services.** In these health centers where consultations are free, you'll be greeted by a team of doctors, nurses, and social workers who can give personalized advice in terms of health and prevention.

**This is the case for Université d'Angers, which has a university health service: Service de Santé Universitaire (SSU).**

Hours: **by appointment**, Monday to Friday, 8:45am to 5:45pm.

Learn more: <http://www.univ-angers.fr> > vie des campus > santé

### TAKING OUT COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH INSURANCE ("MUTUELLE")

**We recommend you take out complementary health insurance in order to cover the totality of your healthcare costs, which are not all covered by the compulsory and free national health insurance programme.**

Please note: options and levels of insurance vary from one insurer to another. In order to choose the complementary insurance that is best adapted to your situation and your budget, you can access more information on a student "mutuelles" price comparison website.

## HOUSING INSURANCE

**In France, housing insurance is mandatory.**

You can sign up for housing insurance called "garantie risques locatifs" - rental risk guarantee - at your bank or a private insurance company. Online subscription is often possible.

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**SAMU: Call 15** Emergency Medical Services

**Police emergency: Call 17** in the event of violence, theft, robbery.

**Fire Department: Call 18** in the event of fire, gas leak, water damage, natural catastrophe, or traffic accident.

**Call 112:** European emergency services number that's accessible from anywhere in the European Union in addition to the French numbers above.

### LEARNING FRENCH

Learning French is an opportunity that's not to be missed! Find what works best for you:

- The French Language Center for Foreigners (CeLFE) offers French courses to all the international students registered at the University of Angers.

For more information: <https://www.univ-angers.fr/en/news/learning-french-with-the-celfe.html>

- by consulting the Campus France site or the Français Langue Etrangère (FLE) - French as a foreign language - centers and universities which offer courses at all levels year-round:

<http://ecolesdete.campusfrance.org>

- by asking in your institution, at city hall, or in your host city's Maison des Associations - community centers.

### FINDING A JOB OR AN INTERNSHIP

**It is important that you have sufficient financial resources to come and study in France.**

Working in France as a foreign student is possible within limits, namely for a maximum duration of 964 hours per year. This can therefore only be a way of earning **supplementary funds.**

Please note: to work in France, if you are not a citizen of the European Union, you must hold a valid **student residence permit.**

**To help you find a job or work experience placement, 3 addresses:**

- **Université d'Angers** has a platform with job and internship listings: <https://ipoline.univ-angers.fr/>
- **The CRIJ des Pays de la Loire** (Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse, or regional youth information center) also has a platform available to you with job and internship postings: <https://www.infos-jeunes.fr/carte-du-reseau-information-jeunesse/centre-information-jeunesse-angers>
- **The Jobaviz website**, run by the **CROUS**, can help you find a student job compatible with your studies: <http://www.jobaviz.fr/rechercher-un-job-etudiant/n:39>



## THINGS TO DO IN ANGERS /

### TAKE UP A SPORT

In your school or university, you may have free access to sports. Contact your institution's **Service des Sports** for information or visit the **Université d'Angers website** which offers 60 activities at very attractive rates: <http://www.univ-angers.fr> > vie des campus > sport

**In Angers**, you will find a diverse choice of sports facilities or city recreation centers:

<http://www.angers.fr> > vivre à Angers > sport  
**The A'Tout card** allows you to access numerous services and facilities of the City of Angers and Angers Loire Métropole metropolitan area: <http://www.angers.fr> > services et démarches > les services de la carte A'tout

### BE ACTIVE

Attend cultural and sporting events, or join a social or community group, through one of the numerous local or national student clubs and associations.

Learn more:

- Ask for more information at the Service de la Vie Étudiante or see the Université d'Angers website: <http://www.univ-angers.fr> > vie des campus > associations > culture/sport
- consult the national sites: [www.animafac.net](http://www.animafac.net) or [www.letudiant.fr](http://www.letudiant.fr)

### CULTURE AND NIGHTLIFE

Angers offers many ways to cultivate yourself or have fun. Movie theaters, concerts, theater, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students.

Learn more: <http://www.angers.fr> > vivre à Angers > culture

In Angers, you'll also find **Le J**, a friendly service and location created by the city and dedicated to young people: <http://www.angers.fr> > vivre à Angers > Jeunes à Angers > le J, Angers connectée jeunesse

You can also consult the schedule of cultural and often free activities organized by Université d'Angers. The university offers a free **Culture Card** for preferential admission fees to shows: <http://www.univ-angers.fr> > vie des campus > culture

**For entertainment or to pick up some culture, you can choose from:**

- 3 multiplex theaters (student rates, rewards card) including an arthouse theater: Les 400 Coups.
  - 7 museums, reduced rates for students: [www.musees.angers.fr](http://www.musees.angers.fr)
  - 10 performance centers for shows, theater and dance
  - a dozen book shops, including an institution, the Richer Librairie, founded in 1927.
  - a network of 9 municipal libraries organized around the Toussaint multimedia library which has the city's largest collections and free access: <http://bm.angers.fr>
  - 2 university libraries on the Belle-Beille and Saint-Serge campuses: <http://www.univ-angers.fr> > vie des campus > bibliothèques
- The Saint-Serge university library is open 7 days a week, even Sundays!

In Angers, for going out or staying abreast of events, read **the leading regional daily paper, Le Courrier de l'Ouest**, available in newsstands or on the Internet:

<https://www.courrierdelouest.fr/>  
You can also check out the cultural agenda of the Angers Tourist Office: <https://www.anjou-tourisme.com> > agenda



## TOP ATTRACTIONS /

- Place du Ralliement, which means the rallying place and is as its name implies, one of the most central places in Angers with its monumental theater.
- The Angers Castle, the city's fortress (free admission for young people), with its Tapestry of the Apocalypse which is over 100 meters in length!
- Saint-Maurice cathedral from the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries, a testimony to the gothic art of Angers.
- The Adam House, in the Old Town close to the cathedral.



- The Museum of Natural Sciences in the city center with precious collections in a charming environment (student rates).
- The Fine Arts Museum with its historic collections housed in an old private mansion (student rates).
- The David of Angers gallery, exhibitions of the works of David, a famous sculpture from Angers (student rates).
- The Balzac Park, 50 hectares of themed natural areas.

For more information, consult the Angers Tourist Office website:

<https://www.tourisme.destination-angers.com/>



## IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

### JANUARY

- Premier Plans Festival, a festival of European first-time films, meetings with movie directors.

### FEBRUARY

- Operation Made in Angers, visits to Angers companies and artisans to discover their business worlds.

### MARCH

- Festival Spectacurieux, festival of university arts.

### APRIL

- Printemps des Orgues, an organ festival for young players (reduced rates).

### MAY

- Angers Fête l'Europe, concerts, conferences, exhibitions, and films to discover European culture.

### JUNE

- Fête de la Musique: Music everywhere in town (free concerts).

- The Fête du Vélo en Anjou, a bicycle festival to discover the Loire River along an original and fleeting bike trail that's 120 kilometers long.

- Festival d'Angou, theatre festival.

### JULY - AUGUST

- The Angers Summer Festival, in the Toussaint Abbey cloister, evenings of music from around the world (reduced rates).
- Tempo2Rives, music festival on the banks of the Maine river and in museum gardens.

### SEPTEMBER

- **Campus Day, a meet-and-greet organized by Université d'Angers, which closes with a concert and is open to all the students in the city.**
- **The Nocturne internationale (14 September 2023 from 5 pm to 8 pm), a party organised by the International Student Desk and the InfoCampus Desk, together with their partners, to answer all your questions and offer their student life services.**
- **European Researchers Night: Researchers meet the general public.**
- Journées du Patrimoine (heritage days), free visits of cultural sites.
- The Accroche-Cœurs, a street arts festival which is part of a sustainable development approach.

### OCTOBER

- **Fête de la science, in the Université d'Angers labs and in the Angers Villages des sciences.**
- **Erasmus Days, a Europe-wide party you won't want to miss.**

### DECEMBER

- Angers Graphic Book Festival, an occasion to meet important authors of French and foreign comic books.

**Learn more:**

<https://www.tourisme.destination-angers.com/>



**& SHARE  
PARTICIPATE**

To stay informed and attuned to others and the world, to share and dialogue with students, follow **social media** where Campus France has an especially strong presence!

*Don't forget to join the **France Alumni** network. Take part in discussion groups on various subjects, take advantage of cultural outings, and consult job and internship offers.*



# THINGS TO KNOW

**ANGERS,**  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
CAPITAL OF  
MAINE-ET-LOIRE,  
one of the  
5 departments which  
make up the Pays  
de la Loire Region

**PAYS DE  
LA LOIRE  
REGION,**  
**8<sup>th</sup>** FRENCH  
REGION in terms of  
hosting foreign  
students  
(12,000 international  
students)

**Angers Loire Métropole:**

**300,000** habitants

**City of Angers:**

**155,000**

residents



**42,000**

students

**9%**

foreign students

**Université d'Angers:**

**26,000**

students

**13%**

foreign students



**ANGERS, RANKED 8<sup>th</sup> (OUT OF 46) FRENCH UNIVERSITY TOWNS**  
**WHERE IT'S GREAT TO LIVE AND STUDY** (awarded by L'Étudiant magazine)

Most of the information presented in the Campus France City Information Sheets concerns all international students regardless of their institution.

In France, in each of the host cities, most foreign students study at universities. Accordingly, the City Information Sheets attach great importance to them without overlooking the other higher education institutions even if it is not possible to list them all here with their specific information.

For more information on the institutions' welcomes and orientations:  
<https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/recherche/categorie/centre-val-loire-639>

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