

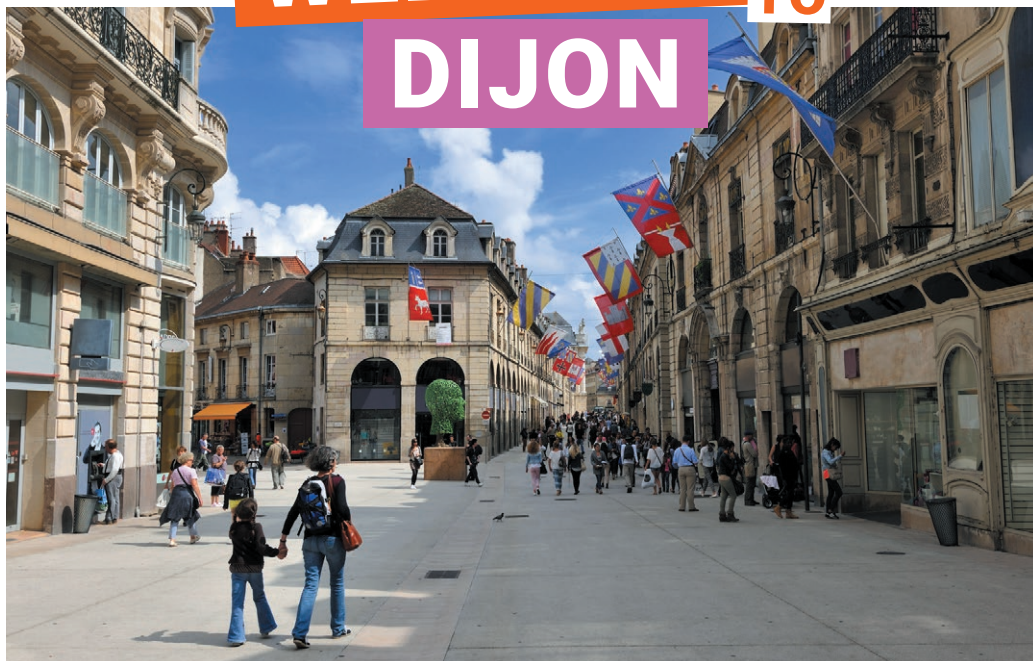


DISCOVER YOUR CITY



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

WELCOME TO DIJON





YOUR ARRIVAL IN DIJON /

♦ An International Pole for University of Burgundy students

The Pôle International was created as a welcome desk for international students who will be studying at University of Burgundy in Dijon.

Address: Université de Bourgogne, Pôle International, Maison de l'Université, Office R26, esplanade Erasme, 21000 Dijon.

Contact: 03 80 39 55 37 or etudiants.individuels@u-bourgogne.fr

For more information, see the international section on the university website:

<http://www.u-bourgogne.fr> > international

♦ Welcome and orientation for researchers and doctoral students

For international doctoral students, there is a special Euraxess Bourgogne service at the University of Burgundy:

<http://www.u-bourgogne.fr> > International > Accueil des chercheurs internationaux

♦ Buddy System

You can be assisted by a local student in Dijon!

In partnership with the University of Burgundy and the city of Dijon, the association ESN InsiDijon (member of the European Erasmus Student Network) will greet and assist you on arrival:

<https://dijon.esnfrance.org/>

♦ Welcome and orientation in other 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.

♦ National Services

- students: 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.

- **The city of Dijon website** features several addresses for student accommodations and a list which can be downloaded featuring all the possible options: <https://www.dijon.fr/dijon-a-votre-service/etudiants-jeunesse/logements-etudiants/>
- **The youth information service: CRIJ of Bourgogne Franche-Comté** (Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse) has published a practical guide about accommodations for young people: <https://www.jeunes-bfc.fr/logement-transport/logement/>
- **The Le Centre international d'études françaises - (CIEF)** has a residence for international students with rooms and apartments near the campus. Contact: 03 80 71 70 00 or cief@u-bourgogne.fr
Site: <http://cief.u-bourgogne.fr> > l' hébergement > la résidence internationale d'étudiants

A FEW TIPS

♦ Short-term housing

The Dijon youth hostel near the train station and city center.

Address: Résidence Urbanalis, 4 rue du Pont des Tanneries, 21000 Dijon.

Contact: 03 80 41 19 56.

Website: <http://www.urbanalis.fr/>

- Other types of residences:

See the Dijon Tourist Office website which

lists hotels accommodation for other types of accommodations:

www.destinationdijon.com > Pratique > Hébergements

◆ Long-term housing

- **The Dijon CROUS** (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires) **student housing**.
Address: Service Logement (Housing Services),
Campus de Dijon, Pavillon Buffon, 10 avenue Alain Savary, 21000 Dijon.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 12:00pm and 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

Contact: 03 45 34 85 83.

Website: <https://www.crous-bfc.fr/logements/>

Website *Trouver un logement*:

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

• Private Housing Platforms

Only one higher learning institution in Dijon (Burgundy School of Business) subscribes to **Studapart**, a platform specialized in private housing for students:

<https://bsb-education.studapart.com/fr/>

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

Try these sites:

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

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

- <https://housinganywhere.com>

• There is also **Lokaviz**, a **site managed by CROUS, 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 > Getting Organized > Accommodation

◆ If you need a guarantor to secure your lodging

Visale is a new and free guarantor system:
www.visale.fr

◆ 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

◆ If you need housing adapted to your special needs

Contact the CROUS Social Services which will take action with your institution.
Some establishments have specialized services for students with disabilities (assistance for housing, and also transportation and tuition).

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.

GETTING AROUND IN DIJON



If you arrive in Dijon by train, take the T1 tramway line which goes to both the Dijon-Ville train station and the university campus. Otherwise, see the page of the University of Burgundy website for information according to your origin: <http://ub-link.u-bourgogne.fr> > Vie étudiante > Me déplacer



For getting around the city and suburbs, use the public transportation (tramway, bus and shuttle) network, managed by Divia for transportation in Dijon: <https://www.divia.fr/>
Grand Dijon offers the 18/25 Pass at very affordable rates: <https://www.divia.fr/bus-tram/pass-tarifs>



There are regional trains for getting around the Bourgogne Franche-Comté region: <https://www.ter.sncf.com/bourgogne-franche-comte>

Buses are also an option for low-cost travel: <https://www.blablacar.fr/bus> or <https://www.flixbus.fr/>



For ride-sharing, refer to the collaborative websites:
- regional: <https://covoiturage.viamobigo.fr/>
- national: <https://www.blablacar.fr>



For greater independence, rent a **DiviaVélo**, the bicycle rental service for Dijon: <https://www.divia.fr/bus-tram> > DiviaVélodi or DiviaVélo

For University of Burgundy, see the special sections for students with a disability: <http://ub-link.u-bourgogne.fr> > Vie étudiante > Mission handicap



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.

- Connect to <https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>

- For additional information and special cases: <https://www.campusfrance.org> > Getting Organized > CVEC

◆ 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 Etrangers 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/#/>

• 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/#/>

The following tutorial can help you with this procedure: <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/tutorials-to-help-international-students-in-their-application-process>

• 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 Dijon.**

In France, opening a bank account is a right: www.service-public.fr > Argent > Comptes bancaires > Droit au compte (> Finances > Bank Accounts > Right to Open an Account)

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 will be greeted by a team of doctors and nurses who can give personalized advice about health and prevention.

This is the case at University of Burgundy, which has a Centre de santé étudiante (SSE), or Student Health Centre.
Address: SSU, 6a rue du Recteur Marcel Bouchard, 21000 Dijon.

Contact: 03 80 39 51 53

or medecine-preventive@u-bourgogne.fr

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 12:15pm and 1:15pm to 5pm (Friday closing time: 4pm).

Website: <https://ub-link.u-bourgogne.fr/me-soigner>

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:

- 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:

<https://ecoledete.campusfrance.org/#/main>

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

FINDING A JOB OR WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT

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, 2 addresses:

- **The CRIJ** (Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse, the regional youth information service) of Bourgogne Franche-Comté provides information:

<https://www.jeunes-bfc.fr/categorie-a-page/>

- **the Jobaviz website, run by the CROUS**, can help you find a student job that's compatible with your studies: <https://www.jobaviz.fr/>





THINGS TO DO DIJON /

TAKE UP A SPORT

- In your institution, contact the Service des Sports for free access to sports facilities.
- **At University of Burgundy**, the sports department (SUAPS) proposes around 50 free activities: <https://suaps.u-bourgogne.fr>
- **In Dijon**, you can also find a sports activity among the sports disciplines offered by the city, at the site: <https://www.dijon.fr> > Menu > Sortir-Bouger > Sport et loisirs
- **With the *Passeport Jeunes étrangers*, a pass created by the city of Dijon** for international students, you have free admission to a range of sports facilities (swimming pools, skating rink, skate park) and to the Philippe Le Bon tower: <https://www.dijon.fr> > Menu > Dijon Capitale > Ville internationale > Etudiants étrangers

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.

To learn more, check with your school (Service de la vie étudiante, Student Services) or visit the following sites: www.animafac.net or www.letudiant.fr

- **University of Burgundy** has a very wide range of active student associations: <http://ub-link.u-bourgogne.fr> > Engagement étudiant > Associations de l'uB

- **The ESN InsiDijon association of University of Burgundy does their utmost to help international students fit in while in Dijon and help them discover**

the culture of France and Bourgogne:

<https://dijon.esnfrance.org/>

CULTURE AND NIGHTLIFE

- Dijon offers many ways to cultivate yourself or party. Movie theaters, concerts, theaters, operas, museums, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students: <https://www.dijon.fr> > Menu > Sortir-Bouger
- The city of Dijon created **a pass, the Carte Culture** for reduced rates in most venues: <https://www.metropole-dijon.fr> > Services et missions > Recherche et Enseignement > Carte Culture étudiant

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

- 4 multiplex theaters (student rates, rewards card) including an arthouse theaters, Eldorado.
- art galleries, a contemporary art center and 7 major museums (**free admission in city museums**) including the natural history museum with a planetarium which receives 100,000 visitors every year! Learn more: <https://musees.dijon.fr/>
- about a dozen venues including **Atheneum**, the University de Bourgogne cultural center which focuses on contemporary creations and **Théâtre Mansart**, managed by the Dijon CROUS, which provides many cultural experiences for students.
- about fifteen bookshops including Librairie Grangier, Bourgogne's largest bookshop in the heart of Dijon, and Librairie Gibert where you can buy and sell second-hand books.
- a network of 8 municipal multimedia libraries in the Dijon city center and neighborhoods: <http://bm-dijon.fr/>

- In Dijon, for going out or staying abreast of current events, read **the leading regional daily paper, le Bien Public**, available in newsstands or on the Internet: <https://www.bienpublic.com/>

You can also check out the agenda on the Dijon Tourist Office site:

<http://www.destinationdijon.com> > Pratique > Tout l'agenda



TOP ATTRACTIONS /

Dijon has been labeled a Ville d'Art et d'Histoire - a city of art and history - since 2009. And since 2012, it's a member of Cités Internationales de la Gastronomie, the network of international cities for gastronomy.

In July 2015, it was listed as a UNESCO heritage site for The Climats, terroirs of Burgundy.

- The old district of the Palais des Ducs with pedestrian-only streets, cut-stone mansions and half-timbered houses.
- Place de la Libération, formerly known as Place Royale, the main square in the historical center of Dijon.
- The Palais des Ducs et des États de Bourgogne, the former residence of the Dukes of Bourgogne is now home to the town hall and fine arts museum.
- The museum of fine arts is one of France's oldest and most beautiful museums with a collection of 137,000 works (free admission).

- The Chartreuse de Champmol with its cloister and the Well of Moses, a masterpiece of medieval sculpture.
- The Cathédral Saint-Bénigne, Roman crypte and Gothic facade (and many other churches: Dijon is the "city of 100 steeples").
- The Musée Rude named after the famous sculptor from Dijon.
- The Halles de Dijon, the covered market built in 1868 by the Eiffel Company.

Learn (and see) more,
See the Dijon Tourist Office website:
<http://www.destinationdijon.com>



IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

MARCH-APRIL

- Festival Prise de CirQ', circus art festival (discount rates).
- ITALIAART Festival, an opportunity to discover Italian culture without leaving the Côte d'Or region! Music, theatre, exhibitions... are all included in this festival devoted to Italy.

MAY

- The Nuit européenne des musées (European Museum Night), an alternative way to discover Dijon's museums, which are free all year round!
- Théâtre en Mai, a theater festival dedicated to young creators (discount rates).

JUNE

- Fête de la Musique: Music everywhere in town (free concerts).
- The Brunch des Halles. Every Sunday from June to September, come and discover small sweet and savoury dishes based on local and regional produce.

A convivial opportunity to chat and share with other people.

JULY

- The fêtes de la vigne de Dijon, a festival bringing dance, music, singing, costumes and food from all over the world into contact with Dijon heritage.

AUGUST

- The Concert de Rentrée, a traditional free concert at the end of the summer (contemporary music).

SEPTEMBER

- **Journées d'accueil des étudiants internationaux**, an event for international students to discover the university, the city of Dijon and meet other students.
- **European Night of Research** at University of Burgundy.
- Les Journées du Patrimoine (heritage days), free visits of cultural venues.
- The Véloutour, a cycling tour for discovering original places in Dijon.

OCTOBER

- **La Fête de la Science**.
- Dijon // Saiten, manga and animation festival on the university campus.
- The Ecrans de l'Aventure, international documentary film festival (discount rates).

NOVEMBER

- **The Experimentarium**, where the general public can meet researchers, an event organized by University of Burgundy.

DECEMBER

- The Nuits d'Orient, a diverse festival blending Oriental and Occidental cultures (free and/or discounted rates).
- Féeries de Noël, a Christmas festival with activities and entertainment throughout the city.



& 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

Dijon Metropolitan area:

260,000 residents

City of Dijon:

160,000 residents

DIJON,
IS THE CAPITAL
OF THE BOURGOGNE
FRANCHE-COMTÉ
REGION and administrative
center of the Côte-d'Or
department, one of the eight
departments in the region.

**BOURGOGNE
FRANCHE-
COMTÉ
REGION,**

11th French
region in terms of hosting
foreign students
(8,000 international
students)

University of Burgundy:

35,000

students



including **8%** international students
representing 120 different nationalities,
32 research laboratories,
6 doctoral schools

DIJON IS RANKED 11th OUT OF 46 FRENCH CITIES WHERE IT'S GOOD TO
LIVE AND STUDY WITH A VERY HIGH SCORE FOR STUDENT LIFE
(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/bourgogne-franche-comte-557>

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