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WELCOME TO DUNKERQUE AND THE CÔTE D’OPALE BOULOGNE - CALAIS - SAINT-OMER

Campus France assists you when you arrive in France and will be your guide in Dunkerque, Calais, Boulogne-sur-Mer and Saint-Omer home to the campuses of the Côte d’Opale university and your new home.

CAMPUS FRANCE
28 rue de la Grange aux Belles, 75010 PARIS - 01 40 40 58 58 - www.campusfrance.org
In Dunkerque, Calais, Boulogne-sur-Mer and Saint-Omer, it is not always easy to find accommodations, but there are solutions: the housing park reserved for students and managed by CROUS, student and private residences, and housing in private homes.

What's most important is to take care of this as early as possible, before your arrival.

### SOME IDEAS
- See the housing page for information about accommodations for international students who are not part of an exchange program:
  - [http://www.univ-littoral.fr > international > venir à l’ULCO > Pour étudier > en bas de page: En tant que candidat individuel > Dunkerque](http://www.univ-littoral.fr > international > venir à l’ULCO > Pour étudier > en bas de page: En tant que candidat individuel > Dunkerque)
- Download the Housing Guide published by the CRIJ des Hauts-de-France (regional youth information service):
- Address and phone number: Dunkerque Point Information Jeunesse, 66 rue des Chantiers de France, +33 (0)3 28 22 64 66,

### A FEW TIPS
- **For short-term lodging in Dunkerque:**
  - Auberge de jeunesse L’Escale (youth hostel), quartier du Grand Langle, 351 avenue des Bancs de Flandres, 59000 Dunkerque.
  - Contacts: 02 38 63 36 34 and accueil@escale-dunkerque.com
  - Other types of residences with hotel services on the Dunkerque Visitor Center website: [https://www.dunkerque-tourisme.fr > Où dormir / où manger > Hébergements](https://www.dunkerque-tourisme.fr > Où dormir / où manger > Hébergements)

- **In Calais:**
  - Auberge de jeunesse Allan-Lantz (youth hostel), place Rouget de Lisle, 62200 Boulogne-sur-Mer.
  - Contact: 03 21 99 15 30 or boulogne-sur-mer@hifrance.org
  - Website: [http://www.hifrance.org > auberges de jeunesse > En France > Boulogne-sur-mer](http://www.hifrance.org > auberges de jeunesse > En France > Boulogne-sur-mer)
  - Other types of hotel accommodations on the Boulogne Visitor Center website: [http://www.tourisme-boulonnais.com > Hébergements](http://www.tourisme-boulonnais.com > Hébergements)

- **In Saint-Omer:**
  - See the Saint-Omer Visitor Center website for information about temporary accommodations: [https://www.tourisme-saintomer.com > Où dormir](https://www.tourisme-saintomer.com > Où dormir)

### Long-term housing
- **Student accommodations run by the CROUS (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires) in Lille Nord - Pas-de-Calais, which includes all the cities of the ULCO.**
  - Contact: 02 30 06 02 49 or service.international@crous-lille.fr
- **On campus, the CROUS is also responsible for all low-cost food services (university restaurant, cafeterias, food-trucks, etc.).**
- **In Calais, contact the Association pour le Logement Etudiant à Calais (ALEC).**
  - Address: 16 bis quai de la Gendarmerie, 62100 Calais.
  - Contact: 03 21 85 89 34 or alec.label@hotmail.fr
  - Site: [http://aleccalais.monsite-orange.fr](http://aleccalais.monsite-orange.fr)
- **Private Housing Platforms:**
  - All the cities on the Côte d’Opale have student residences managed by private bodies. Consult the specialised sites:
    - [https://www.lacartedescolocs.fr/](https://www.lacartedescolocs.fr/)
    - [http://www.campusfrance.org > s’organiser > Accommodation](http://www.campusfrance.org > s’organiser > Accommodation)
    - [https://housinganywhere.com/fr/](https://housinganywhere.com/fr/)
- **Other solutions available on the Campus France site:** [www.campusfrance.org > s’organiser > logement > Getting organised > Accommodation](http://www.campusfrance.org > s’organiser > logement > Getting organised > Accommodation)

### Getting around the region

#### Getting to Dunkerque, Calais, Boulogne-sur-Mer or Saint-Omer from Lille airport:
- Take the shuttle to Lille-Europe or Lille-Lesquin stations where there are regular trains:
  - [https://www.oui.sncf/](https://www.oui.sncf/)

#### Public transport (bus):
- Dunkerque, DK’Bus free transport service:
  - [https://www.dkbus.com](https://www.dkbus.com)
- Calais, Sitac network:
- Boulogne, Marinéo network:
  - [https://www.marineo.fr](https://www.marineo.fr)
- Saint-Omer, Mouvélo network:

#### For travel within the region:
- Regional trains:
  - [https://www.ter.sncf.com/hauts-de-france](https://www.ter.sncf.com/hauts-de-france)
  - Local coaches:
    - [https://fr.ouibus.com/](https://fr.ouibus.com/)
    - [https://www.flixbus.fr](https://www.flixbus.fr)

#### For carpooling, refer to the collaborative websites, for example:
- Local: [https://www.passpasscovoiturage.fr/](https://www.passpasscovoiturage.fr/)
- National: [https://www.bilablarac.fr](https://www.bilablarac.fr)

#### For more autonomy, use the bike-hire service (discount rates):
- Dunkerque: [DK Vélo](https://www.dk-velo.fr/)
- Calais: [Vel’in](https://www.vel’in.fr/)
- Saint-Omer, Mouvélo:

### If you need a guarantor to secure your lodging
- Visale is a new and free guarantor system:
  - [www.visale.fr](http://www.visale.fr)

### If you want to apply for the APL
- (Aide Personnalisée au Logement-personalized housing aid)
- The CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales - family allowances fund) is available to assess your rights:
  - [08.10.29.29.29 or www.caf.fr](http://www.caf.fr)

### If you need housing adapted to your special needs
- Contact the CROUS Social Services which will take action with your institution. The ULCO supports disabled students throughout their time at the university through handicap’ULCO:
  - [https://www.univ-littoral.fr > campus > Etudes et handicap](https://www.univ-littoral.fr > campus > Etudes et handicap)
ENROLLMENT IN YOUR INSTITUTION

◆ CVEC
It is mandatory that you download proof of payment of the Contribution Vie Etudiante et de Campus (CVEC) – the student and campus life contribution fee before you can enrol in your institution.
- Connect to https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/
- For additional information and special cases: https://www.campusfrance.org > s’organiser > CVEC

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

◆ Health check-up
To activate your ULCO enrolment, contact the university’s health and prevention service (Service Universitaire de Médecine Préventive et de Promotion de la Santé (SUMPPS)) for a check-up.
To make an appointment, send an email to santecampus@univ-littoral.fr.
Present the response showing the date of your check-up when you enrol at the ULCO.

RESIDENCE PERMIT
For residence permits (first request or renewal), first ask for information at the Université Littoral - Côte d’Opale, then the Préfecture for your area.

◆ Students enrolled at the ULCO
- Students at Dunkerque
  The Direction des Relations Internationales (DRI) helps you prepare your application. You then need to go to the Préfecture in Arras.
  Take note: You must make an appointment to lodge your residence permit once your are officially enrolled (ULCO login details required).
  Addreses:
  - in Calais, Centre de Gestion Universitaire, Rue Ferdinand Buisson, 50 Calais, incoming.cl@univ-littoral.fr
  - in Boulogne-sur-Mer, Centre Universitaire Saint-Louis 2, 21 rue St Louis, 62200 Boulogne-sur-Mer, 03 21 99 41 40 or incoming.cl@univ-littoral.fr
  - in Saint-Omer, Centre Universitaire Descartes, avenue Descartes, 62219 Longuenesse, incoming.cl@univ-littoral.fr.
  - At the Préfecture for Pas-de-Calais (in Arras), appointments must be made in advance:
    Address: rue Ferdinand Buisson, 62000 Arras. Contact: 03 21 21 20 00.
    Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 4:30pm.
    Site (to make an appointment):
  - Students not enrolled at the ULCO
    For students not enrolled at the ULCO, contact the Service des Relations Internationales in your school before you leave.
    - Learn more about your rights and obligations: www.service-public.fr > Etranger > Titre de séjour et document de circulation

GOOD TO KNOW

◆ If you arrive in France with a VLS-TS long-term student visa: you must validate it online within three months of arrival: https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr
◆ If you are an Algerian national: depending on your campus, your residence permit application is made at the Préfecture or with the Service des Relations Internationales at your campus.
  Take note: to renew your residence permit, you must apply within two months prior to its expiry.

Sous-Préfecture de Dunkerque:

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OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

If you stay in France for more than three months, it will be much easier day-to-day if you open a bank account, online or in one of the 100 bank agencies located in Dunkerque, Calais, Boulogne-sur-Mer and Saint-Omer.
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)

HEALTH CARE

In France, receiving medical treatment is practically free but you must be insured. As a result, signing up for medical insurance is mandatory.

Connect to the site: https://etudiant-étranger.ameli.fr site to register, to understand your rights, and to take the necessary steps.

Learn more:
https://www.campusfrance.org > S’organiser > Santé

As a student, you can also take advantage of the university medical services. These are interprofessional practices and consultations are free.
This is the case at the Université Littoral - Côte d’Opale in Dunkerque with a health and prevention service (Universitaire de Médecine Préventive et de Promotion de la Santé (SUMPPS)). Your health is their priority: on your arrival at the university, you will meet SUMPPS health practitioners before being able to enroll.
After this first compulsory check-up, the SUMPPS is open to all students on each site.
Contact: 03 28 23 71 61 or santecampus@univ-littoral.fr
Site: https://www.univ-littoral.fr > campus > santé

ENSURE YOUR HOME

In France, housing insurance is mandatory. The “garantie risques locatifs” - rental risk guarantee - is housing insurance which you can subscribe with your bank or a private insurance company. Online subscription is also often possible.

LEARNING FRENCH

Learning French is an opportunity to be seized! 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.
http://ecolesdete.campusfrance.org
- by asking in your institution, at city hall, or in your host city’s Maisons des Associations - community centers.

FINDING A JOB OR AN INTERNSHIP

◆ Jobs and internships:
  - the Service Universitaire d’Accueil, Information, Orientation et Insertion Professionnelle de l’ULCO has a Facebook page where you will find ads for jobs and internships: https://www.facebook.com/Bureau-Insertion-Professionnelle-ULCO-418771944884144/
  - ULCO also proposes jobs for students at the beginning of the academic year to help other students: course guidance, tutoring, mentoring:
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  - the youth information network CRIJ of Hauts-de-France (Centre Régional d’Information Jeunesse) provides a platform for job offers and internships: http://www.crij-hdf.fr
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  https://www.jobaviz.fr

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Police emergency: 17 in the event of violence, theft, robbery.
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For more information see the websites of the Côte d'Opale cities:
- Dunkerque: https://www.Ville-Dunkerque.fr > Menu > Découvrir, Sortir, Bouger > Culture
- Calais: https://www.calaiss.fr > envie de bouger > se divertir
- Boulogne: https://www.ville-boulogne-sur-mer.fr > Découvrir et sortir > culture > la saison culturelle
- Saint-Omer: https://www.ville-saint-omer.fr > Découvrir Saint-Omer

Also see the agenda of cultural events organized by the ULCO which proposes a pass for 1 euro which gives access to all the cultural events organized by the university.
ULCO also has agreements with local cultural venues for students discounts: https://www.univ-littoral.fr > Campus > Culture

For going out or cultural outings on the Côte d'Opale:
- 2 major movie theaters in Dunkerque, 2 in Calais, 1 in Boulogne, 1 in Saint-Omer (student discounts, rewards cards), including an arthouse cinema, Studio 45 in Dunkerque.
- A wide range of major museums (student discounts), including:
  - The fine arts museum and the LAAC contemporary art museum in Dunkerque.
  - The fine arts museum in and the museum for lace and fashion in Calais.
  - The castle museum in Boulogne-sur-Mer,
  - The Hôtel Sandelin museum in Saint-Omer.
For more information: http://www.Cote-Dopale.com > Tourisme
- Theaters including La Piscine, part of the Université Littoral - Côte d'Opale.
- Many bookshops including the Furet du Nord in Dunkerque, part of a chain of bookshops in the Hauts-de-France and many independent bookshops.
- Municipal multimedia libraries in all the cities and the BULCO, the library of the Université Littoral - Côte d'Opale, which is open to all: https://www.bulco.univ-littoral.fr/
- For the latest news and more information about going out on the Côte d'Opale, check out:
  - The major regional daily, La Voix du Nord, is available in stores, on-line and for free at ULCO: https://www.lavoixdunord.fr > Ma Commune > Dunkerque.
- You can also check the Côte d'Opale Visitor Center which lists all events and entertainment by geographic area:
  http://www.cote-dopale.com > Agenda

In Dunkerque:
- Visit the historical sites of the World War I Dynamo operation with walking, bus and boat tours.
- Place Jean Bart, a large shopping square with the statue of the legendary Dunkerque native, Jean Bart, famous for defending France under Louis XIV.
- The beaches around Dunkerque (Malo-les-Bains and Dunes de Flandre).

In Calais:
- Rodin's Burghers of Calais bronze statue represents six Calais residents who sacrificed themselves for the city's residents in 1347.
- The town hall, built with Flemish architecture has an impressive belfry (listed as world heritage by UNESCO).
- The beach and pier with the promenade and traditional bathing boxes.

In Boulogne-sur-Mer, recognized for its art and history since 1986:
- The fortified city with ramparts and a lively atmosphere in summer.
- The belfry, a 13th century Gothic monument, former jail.
- Learn all about marine life at Nausicaa, Europe's largest aquarium.

In Saint-Omer, recognized for its art and history since 1997:
- The Gothic Cathédrale Notre-Dame, the most beautiful religious monument in the region.
- Quai des Salines and Quai du Commerce lined with lovely Flemish houses.

To stay informed, actively listen to others and the world, and share and dialogue with students, follow social media where Campus France has an especially strong presence! Remember to sign up on the France alumni network to take part in discussion groups on various subjects, take advantage of cultural outings, and consult job and internship offers.