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**Addresses and contacts:**
- **in Dunkerque:** Services Centraux, 1 place de l’Yser, 59375 Dunkerque Cedex 1, 03 23 73 28 or international@univ-littoral.fr
- **in Calais:** Centre Universitaire Mi-Voix - rue Ferdinand Buisson, BP 653, 62228 Calais Cedex, 03 28 23 73 28 or incoming.cl@univ-littoral.fr
- **in Boulogne-sur-Mer:** Centre Universitaire Saint-Louis 1, 21 rue St Louis, BP 774, 62327 Boulogne-sur-Mer Cedex, 03 21 99 41 40 or incoming.cl@univ-littoral.fr
- **in Saint-Omer:** Centre Universitaire Descartes, Avenue Descartes, BP 99, 62968 23 73 28 or international@univ-littoral.fr

**Learn more:**
- full list of contacts: [https://www.univ-littoral.fr](https://www.univ-littoral.fr) > International > Joindre les relations internationales
- see the dedicated pages for more information: [https://www.univ-littoral.fr/international/](https://www.univ-littoral.fr/international/)

**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](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](http://www.etudiant.gouv.fr)
- doctoral students, researchers: [http://www.euraxess.fr/fr](http://www.euraxess.fr/fr)

**HOUSING IN DUNKERQUE / AND ON THE CÔTE D’OPALE**

There are numerous solutions for housing in Dunkerque, Calais, Boulogne-sur-Mer and Saint-Omer even if it’s not always easy. Student-only accommodations managed by CROUS, student housing and private residences, and rooms in private homes.

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

**SOME IDEAS**

- See the Logement page for information about accommodation for international students who are not on an exchange program: [https://www.univ-littoral.fr](https://www.univ-littoral.fr) > International > Venir à l’ULCO > Pour étudier > En tant que candidat individuel

Address and phone: Bureau Information Jeunesse de Dunkerque, Entreprendre Ensemble, 66 rue des chantiers de France, 03 28 22 64 66.

**A FEW TIPS**

**Short-term housing**

in Dunkerque:
- Auberge de jeunesse L’Escale (youth hostel), quartier du Grand Large, 351 avenue des Bancs de Flandres, 59000 Dunkerque.
  Contact: 03 28 63 36 34 and accueil@escale-dunkerque.com
  Site: [http://www.escale-dunkerque.com](http://www.escale-dunkerque.com/)
- Other types of accommodation on the Dunkerque Tourist Office website: [https://www.dunkerque-tourisme.fr](https://www.dunkerque-tourisme.fr) > Où dormir / où manger > Hébergements

In Calais:
- the Centre de Séjour Européen (youth hostel), rue De Lattre De Tassigny, 62100 Calais
  Contact: 03 21 34 70 20 and contact@cescalais.com
  Site: [www.auberge-jeunesse-calais.com](http://www.auberge-jeunesse-calais.com)
other types of accommodation on the Calais Tourist Office site:
https://www.calais-cotedopale.com > Où dormir in Boulogne-sur-Mer:
- 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
Site: https://www.hifrance.org/centre-auberge-france
other types of accommodation on the Boulogne Tourist Office site: https://www.boulonnaisautop.com/ > Séjourner > Dormir in Saint-Omer:
See the Saint-Omer Tourist Office website for information about temporary accommodations: https://www.tourisme-saintomer.com
Long-term housing:
- Student accommodation run by the CROUS (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires) in Lille Nord - Pas-de-Calais, which includes all the ULCO cities. Contact: crous@crous-lille.fr or 03 20 88 66 00
Site: http://www.crous-lille.fr/
Site Trouver un logement: https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr/
On campus, the CROUS also manages all low-cost food services (university restaurants, 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
- see the City of Calais website: https://www.calais.fr > Vivre à Calais > Logement et urbanisme > Logement étudiant
Private Housing Platforms:
All the cities on the Côte d’Opale have student residences managed by private companies. Consult the specialised sites:
- https://www.adele.org/
- https://www.immojeune.com/
- https://www.location-etudiant.fr/
- https://housinganywhere.com/
- http://www.campusvert.com/
- There is also Lokaviz, a site managed by CROUS, which includes a listing of student accommodations in private homes: https://www.lokaviz.fr/
- Classified ads: Consult the Hauts-de-France CRIJ (Centre Régional d’Information Jeunesse, or regional youth information center):
http://www.j-annonces.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: https://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 apply for the APL (Aide Personnalisée au Logement - personalized housing aid)
CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales) can check your eligibility: 08.10.29.29.29 or www.caf.fr
- For accommodation adapted to your special needs,
Contact the CROUS Service Social which will work with your host institution.
The ULCO supports disabled students during their time at the university through Handicap’ULCO:
https://www.univ-littoral.fr > Campus > Etudes et handicap
GETTING AROUND
THE REGION
Getting to Dunkerque, Calais, Boulogne-sur-Mer or Saint-Omer from the Lille airport: take the shuttle to Lille-Europe or Lille-Flandres train stations where there are regular trains: https://www.oui.sncf/
Public transport (bus):
- Dunkerque, DK’Bus free transport service: https://www.dkbus.com
- Calais, Sitac network: http://www.sitac-calais-opale-bus.fr/
- Boulogne, Marinéo network: https://www.marineo.fr
- Saint-Omer, Mouvéo network: http://mouveo.ca-pso.fr/
For travel within the region:
- regional trains: https://www.ter.sncf.com/hauts-de-france
- low-cost buses: https://fr.ouibus.com/ or https://www.flixbus.fr/
For ride-sharing, refer to the collaborative websites, for example:
- local: https://www.passpasscovoiturage.fr/
- national: https://www.blablacar.fr
For greater independence, rent a bike:
- Dunkerque, DK Vélo: https://www.dkbus.com > Se déplacer > Me déplacer en vélo
- Calais, Vel’In: https://www.vel-in.fr/
- Saint-Omer, Mouvélo: http://mouveo.ca-pso.fr/
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.
On the other campuses contact the Service de la Scolarité (Admissions).

◆ Physical Exam
To finalize your ULCO enrollment, contact the university’s health and preventive health 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
You will need to show the email which confirms your appointment when you enroll at ULCO.

RESIDENCE PERMIT (TITRE DE SÉJOUR)

GOOD TO KNOW
• If you have arrived in France with a VLS-TS long-term student visa: you must validate it online upon your arrival and imperatively within the first three months of your stay (in France) on the ANEF (Administration numérique pour les étrangers en France) website: https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr
• If you are an Algerian national or a student with a “Concours” (tests) visa or a visa with the indication “Carte à solliciter dans les deux mois” (Residency permit is to be requested within 2 months of entry): your residency permit application has to be made at the Prefecture.
• If you hold a “mineur scolarisé” (enrolled minor) visa and you attained the age of majority, you have to request for a “Titre de séjour” online on the ANEF website or at the prefecture where you live within 2 months following your majority. https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr

Take note: To renew your student residency permit “Titre de séjour” (VLS-TS), your request must be done during the 3rd month before the expiration date of your current “Titre de séjour” (permit) on the website: https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr

This tutorial will help you: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_suMJ3fliw&list=PLpm2evF1qaJe_oq0a-LMIKujAhwAtVEy&index=16

• To find out more about rights and obligations: The reception services of your establishment can guide you in the event of difficulties. www.service-public.fr > Etranger > Titre de séjour et document de circulation (Foreigners > Resident Card and Travel Document)

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 several 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

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

Login to the site: https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr site to register, to understand your eligibility and benefits, and to take the necessary steps.

Further information: 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 the Université Littoral - Côte d’Opale in Dunkerque which has a Service Universitaire de Médecine Préventive et de Promotion de la Santé (SUMPPS), a health and preventive health center. Your health is their priority: On arrival at the university, you will meet with SUMPPS health professionals before being able to enroll. Beyond this mandatory health 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

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE
You can also sign up for top-up insurance which will cover all health expenses not covered by the free and compulsory health insurance. Take note: The plans and coverage levels differ from one company to another. To choose a top-up insurance policy which meets your needs and your budget, you can compare student health insurance plans on the Internet.

HOUSING INSURANCE
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.

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 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 Maison des Associations - community centers.

FINDING A JOB OR AN INTERNSHIP
• Jobs and internships:
  - the ULCO Service Universitaire d’Accueil, Information, Orientation et Insertion Professionnelle has a Facebook page where you will find ads for jobs and internships: Facebook > Bureau insertion professionnelle ULCO
  - ULCO also offers jobs for students at the beginning of the academic year to help other students: coursework, tutoring, mentoring: https://recrutements-etudiants.extranet.univ-littoral.fr > Voir les offres
  - the Centre Régional d’Information Jeunesse (CRIJ)
  - Hauts-de-France, the regional youth information center provides a platform for job offers and internships: http://www.crij-hdf.fr/
• the Jobaviz website, run by the CROUS, can help you find a student job compatible with your studies: http://www.jobaviz.fr/

THINGS TO DO IN DUNKERQUE / AND ON THE CÔTE D’OPALE
TAKE UP A SPORT
• For access to the special free sports program, see the ULCO website: https://www.univ-littoral.fr > campus > sport
• The local towns on the Côte d’Opale, propose a range of activities including water sports:
  - Dunkerque: https://www.ville-dunkerque.fr > Menu > Découvrir, sortir, bouger > Sports
  - Calais: https://www.calais.fr > Envie de bouger > Se divertir > Sports
  - Boulogne: https://www.ville-boulogne-sur-mer.fr > Découvrir et sortir > Sport > Salles-et-equipements
  - Saint-Omer: https://www.ville-saint-omer.fr > Dynamique > Associations

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:
  - See the list of ULCO student associations: https://www.univ-littoral.fr > Campus > Bureau de la Vie Etudiante
  - Consult the national sites: www.animafac.net or www.letudiant.fr
  - Go to the Bureau de la Vie Étudiante, BVE in your institution.
• You can also contact the **town hall** in each of the Côte d’Opale’s main cities. Each provides lists of the associations and their sector of activity:
  - Dunkerque: https://www.ville-dunkerque.fr > Menu > Découvrir, sortir, bouger > Culture et relations internationales
  - Calais: https://www.calais.fr > Ville à Calais > Associatif
  - Boulogne-sur-Mer: https://www.ville-boulogne-sur-mer.fr > Découvrir et sortir > Annuaire des associations
  - Saint-Omer: https://www.ville-saint-omer.fr > Dynamique > Associations

**GAINING CULTURE AND PARTYING**

• Dunkerque, Calais, Boulogne-sur-Mer and Saint-Omer propose many cultural experiences and places to go out. Movie theaters, concerts, theaters, operas, museums, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students.

You’ll find more information on the Côte d’Opale city sites:
  - Dunkerque: https://www.ville-dunkerque.fr > Menu > Découvrir, sortir, bouger > Culture et relations internationales
  - Calais: https://www.calais.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 > Dynamique > Culture

• Also see the agenda of cultural events organized by the ULCO which offers a pass for 1 euro which gives access to all the cultural events organized by the university.

ULCO has also signed agreements with local cultural venues for reduced rates:
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 art house theater, Studio 43 in Dunkerque and Alhambra in Calais
  - major museums (student discounts), including:
    . LAAC (Lieu d’Art et d’Action Contemporaine), the contemporary art museum in Dunkerque
    . the fine arts museum and Cité de la Dentelle et de la Mode in Calais,
    . the castle museum in Boulogne-sur-Mer,
    . the Hôtel Sandelin museum in Saint-Omer.

More information on the museums:
http://www.cote-dopale.com

- performance centers including **La Piscine**, part of the Université Littoral - Côte d’Opale: https://atelierculture.univ-littoral.fr/
- major bookshops including < 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 (Les Balises in Dunkerque) and the BULCO, the Université Littoral - Côte d’Opale library, which is open to all: https://www.bulco.univ-littoral.fr/
- For for going out or staying abreast of events on the Côte d’Opale, check out:
  - **La Voix du Nord**, the majore regional daily, available in newsstands, on-line and for free at ULCO: https://www.lavoixdunord.fr > Ma Commune > Dunkerque

You can also check the Côte d’Opale Tourist Office website which lists all events and entertainment by geographic area:
http://www.cote-dopale.com > Agenda

**TOP ATTRACTIONS /**

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 and former keep.
- 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.
For more information, consult the Côte d’Opale Tourist Office website:
http://www.cote-dopale.com > Tourisme

IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

JANUARY: Givrés de Nouvel An - the first swim of the year in Dunkerque!

FEBRUARY - APRIL: Carnaval de Dunkerque, famous around the world with giants, costumes and brass bands.

MARCH: FIGRA, a news documentary festival in Saint-Omer.

MAY: La Ronde des Vents - thousands of aircraft in the sky over Bray-Dunes near Dunkerque. La Nuit Européenne des Musées (European Museum Night) in the towns along the coast. The 4 Jours de Dunkerque - a major cyclist competition. La Sablaisienne - a race on the beach in Calais.

JUNE: The Fête de la Musique with free concerts in all the towns. “Bonne Aventure” Festival in Dunkerque. Deux Jours sur les Flots, a festive musical event in Calais.

JULY - AUGUST: Fête de la Mer in Boulogne. Le Village d’Été de Calais - a summer festival with free activities facing the sea. The fireworks in Dunkerque-Flandre Côte d’Opale.

SEPTEMBER: - Journées du Patrimoine (heritage days), when all the cultural and heritage monuments on the Côte d’Opale are open to the public free of charge. The Boucles Dunkerquoises - the region’s largest free running race. Fête du Parc Naturel Régional des Caps et Marais d’Opale - a festive event on the Boulogne coast.


NOVEMBER: The Fête du Hareng, pays tribute to herrings in Calais and Boulogne-sur-Mer. Les Rêves de Notre-Dame, with concerts and entertainment in the Calais cathedral.

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.

& SHARE
PARTICIPATE
**THINGS TO KNOW**

- **Dunkerque**: 88,000 residents
- **Calais**: 75,000 residents
- **Boulogne-sur-Mer**: 42,000 residents
- **Saint-Omer**: 14,000 residents

**UNIVERSITÉ DU LITTORAL CÔTE D’OPALE:**
- 4 campuses (Dunkerque, Calais, Boulogne-sur-Mer and Saint-Omer)
- 14 research centers
- 6 doctoral schools

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3rd region for higher education with 200,000 students

**5th** French region in terms of hosting foreign students (21,000 international students)

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**HAUTS-DE-FRANCE REGION: THE 3RD MOST DENSELY POPULATED REGION IN FRANCE AND THE REGION WITH THE YOUNGEST POPULATION.**

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/hauts-de-france-555

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