Campus France will guide you through your first steps in France and exploring Lyon, your new home.
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- Connect to https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/
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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/N1110

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 Lyon.

In France, opening a bank account is a right: 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 will be greeted by a team of doctors and nurses who can give personalized advice about health and prevention.

That’s the case in Lyon where the universities have a Service Universitaire de Médecine Préventive et de Promotion de la Santé (SUMPPS), inter-university health services, set up in each learning institution.

- Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1
  Address: 6 rue de l’Émetteur, 69100 Villeurbanne.
  Contact: 04 27 46 57 57 or ssu@univ-lyon1.fr

- Université Lumière Lyon 2
  Address: Bâtiment L,
  5 avenue Pierre Mendès-France, 69500 Bron.
  Contact: 04 78 77 43 10 or mmu@univ-lyon2.fr

- Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3
  Address: 18 rue Rollet, Espace rue sud, 69008 Lyon.
  Contact: 04 78 78 79 83 or secretariat.smpps@univ-lyon3.fr

Learn more: https://www.universite-lyon.fr > Vie des Campus > Santé des étudiants

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.

INSURE YOUR HOME

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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 an 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 “minure 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_yG0N4

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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.

You can find your contact information on the institution’s website or contact the CROUS Service Social which will work with your host institution.

Some institutions have specialized services for special-needs students (housing assistance and also transportation and tuition).

Université de Lyon is one of the first in France to welcome and support special needs students. Learn more: https://www.universite-lyon.fr > Vie des Campus > Handicap et accessibilité

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.

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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: http://eclesedete.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 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
In 1998, several sites in Lyon were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

- Vieux-Lyon, old-town, with its Renaissance-period houses and the renown traboules, hidden passages which connect the buildings.
- Fourvière hill with its Roman theaters, the Gallo-Roman museum, and the Fourvière basilica which overlooks Lyon.
- The Presqu’île neighborhood, surrounded by the Saône and the Rhône, the heart of Lyon.
- Place des Terreaux, with its fountain designed by Bartholdi, and City Hall. This is also a neighborhood of ‘bouchons’, typical Lyon restaurants.
- The Lyon Musée des Beaux Arts (Fine Arts Museum) completely renovated and one of the most beautiful in France.
- Saint Jean-Baptist cathedral, a Gothic building with four towers.
- Croix-Rousse, the former working neighborhood for the canuts, the silk workers.
- The modern Confluence neighborhood, with its parks and stroll along the Saône.

Learn (and see) more: https://www.lyon-campus.com > Je découvre Lyon > Sites et Monuments

April

- Journées des Arts et de la Culture (JACES), Art and Culture Daysto highlight cultural and artistic accomplishments in higher learning.
- Quais du Polars, an international mystery film and book festival.

May

- Pint of Science, a European initiative for learning about research in atypical venues.
- Nuits Sonores, an electric music festival which takes place in symbolic venues throughout the city.
- The Nuit Européenne des Musées (European Museum Night), an occasion to visit museums differently (and for free).

June

- Fête de la Musique: Music everywhere in town (free concerts).
- Nuits de Fourvière, a multi-disciplinary festival (music, theater, dance, and film) throughout the summer in the Fourvière antique theater.

September

- Les Journées du Patrimoine (heritage days), free visits of cultural venues.
- Dance Biennial, a contemporary dance festival with numerous events (performances, meetings, workshops, and theater).
- Contemporary Art Biennial, discovery and experimentation in art, in all its forms, in emblematic venues.

October

- La Nuit des Étudiants du Monde - Students of the World Night, a high point in Lyon student life, to wish international students welcome.
- Fête de la Science in the University laboratories.
- Lumière Film Festival, programming centered on classic movies with retrospectives of old movies (reduced rates).

December

- La Fête des Lumières, the Festival of Lights, an inescapable moment, free and open to all: illuminations and creations by light designers throughout the city.
- Learn more: https://www.grandlyon.com

In Lyon, a city of more than 400,000 inhabitants, you will find a rich cultural and sporting life. Take the time to participate in the many events throughout the year.

- The city’s cultural pass for students, you get:[480px]
- A digital information portal, POP Sciences, was also created to inventory scientific cultural activities in the region: https://www.popsciences.universite-lyon.fr/
- For entertainment or to pick up some culture, you can choose from:
  - 40 multiplex movie theaters in Lyon and its suburbs, (student rates, rewards program) including six art-house theaters among which the Lumière Institute. Thanks to the Lumière Brothers, the authors of the first film in 1895, Lyon is the historic capital of film.
  - over 30 museums, including the Musées des Confluences with its futurist architecture, a museum which is at the crossroads of knowledge (sciences, techniques, and society).
  - around forty performance halls (Lyon and suburbs) including the Opera and the Celestins Theater, two beautiful historical buildings.
  - numerous bookstores including twenty-some independent book merchants and the Gibert Librairie for buying and selling used books.
  - a network of 16 municipal libraries: https://www.bmr-lyon.fr/
  - In Lyon, for going out or staying abreast of events, read the leading regional daily paper, Le Progrès, available in newsstands or on the Internet: https://www.leprogres.fr/
  - You can also check out the cultural agenda of the Lyon Tourist Office: https://www.lyon-france.com > L’Agenda > Spectacles
LYON, SEAT OF THE RHÔNE DEPARTMENT, one of 12 departments which make up the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Region, the region’s largest city and its capital.

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LYON, 2ND AMONG FRENCH CITIES AS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND STUDY (awarded by L’Étudiant magazine)

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13% international students
13,300 researchers in the area
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AUVERGNE RHÔNE-ALPES REGION, 2nd FRENCH REGION in terms of hosting foreign students (48,000 international students)

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/auvergne-rhone-alpes-553

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