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

WELCOME TO NANCY
Your Arrival in Nancy

The International Welcome Desk (Accueil International) is open year-round for Université de Lorraine students.

At Université de Lorraine on the Nancy site, the International Welcome Desk (Accueil International) is a one-stop information desk. You will find information on day-to-day life and administrative procedures before, during, and at the end of your stay.

It is the place to go for carrying out many of the required administrative procedures, which can be completed on the spot. These include applications for residence permits, in partnership with the Prefecture of Meurthe-et-Moselle.

From September to October, these services are completed by the Welcome Desk which can assist you with online procedures (CVEC, validating your visa, signing up for French social security, CAF, and more).

Address: Direction des relations internationales, 91 avenue de la Libération, 54000 Nancy.
Hours: Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm.
Contact: 03 72 74 05 04 or drie-accueil-nancy@univ-lorraine.fr
To make an appointment: https://rdv.univ-lorraine.fr/international/
To find out more, please visit the Université de Lorraine's dedicated website: http://welcome.univ-lorraine.fr in French, English and German, which includes a wide range of practical information regarding administrative formalities and student events.

Welcome and orientation for researchers and doctoral students

At Université de Lorraine, researchers and doctoral students can use the Euraxess network.

Website: http://welcome.univ-lorraine.fr > accueil des étudiants et chercheurs internationaux > accueil des chercheurs internationaux
For all your practical questions, contact: drie-euraxess-contact@univ-lorraine.fr or 03 72 74 05 01.
Maison du Doctorat in Nancy offers international doctoral students a personalized welcome. It centralizes all the information you will need for your academic studies: http://doctorat.univ-lorraine.fr/fr/international/votre-accueil-lul

Buddy System

You can be assisted by a local student in Nancy! Thanks to the ESN Nancy (Erasmus Student Network) association and the Buddy System, you can be welcomed by a student who will help you and accompany you during your stay.

For more information: https://buddysystem.eu/en/

Welcome services at other institutions

If you are registered in another institution, please consult the Campus France website which presents a series of Information Sheets covering the different higher learning institutions in France: 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

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 Université de Lorraine website offers you: - information and tips for finding accommodations in Nancy: http://welcome.univ-lorraine.fr > accueil des étudiants et chercheurs internationaux > accueil des étudiants internationaux > préparer son séjour> Logement
- a list of student housing:
  [Welcome Univ-Lorraine](http://welcome.univ-lorraine.fr) > accueil des étudiants et chercheurs internationaux > accueil des étudiants internationaux > préparer son séjour > Logement > à Nancy
- The Ville de Nancy has included a student accommodations section on its website:
  [https://www.nancy.fr](https://www.nancy.fr) > utile > logement > je cherche un logement étudiant
- The Lorraine CRIJ (Centre Régional d’Information Jeunesse), Jeunes en Grand Est, provides a guide and listings on its website:

### A FEW TIPS

#### Short-term housing
The city of Nancy does not currently have a youth hostel, see:
- Within the Résidences Habitat Jeunes, there is the Foyer Maraé hall of residence:
- Within a social housing association, there are the Adali halls of residences: [http://www.Adali-Habitat.fr](http://www.Adali-Habitat.fr) > Adali Logement > Les FJT
- For other types of temporary residences, use the search engine on the Nancy Visitor Center website:
  [https://www.nancy-tourisme.fr](https://www.nancy-tourisme.fr) > Menu > préparer son séjour > séjourner à Nancy

#### Long-term housing
The Lorraine CROUS (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires - Regional Center for University Services) for student housing.
Address: Accueil des étudiants de nationalité étrangère, 75 rue de Laxou, 54000 Nancy.
Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 12:00pm and 1pm to 4:30pm. Contact: 03 83 91 89 38.
Site Trouver un logement: [https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr/](https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr/)
- Private Housing Platforms
  Three higher education institutions in Nancy, including Université de Lorraine, are members of Studapart, a private housing platform: [https://www.studapart.com](https://www.studapart.com)
  - Université de Lorraine also subscribes to Housing Anywhere: [https://housinganywhere.com/fr/Nancy-France/universite-de-lorraine/sign-up](https://housinganywhere.com/fr/Nancy-France/universite-de-lorraine/sign-up)
  Other offers for student lodging, managed by private organisms, are also available in Nancy.
  For example, visit:
  - https://www.adele.org
  - https://www.immojeune.com
  - [https://housinganywhere.com](https://housinganywhere.com)

- There is also a site managed by the CROUS, Lokaviz, which includes a listing of student accommodations in private homes: [https://www.lokaviz.fr](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/](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)
- 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)

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### GETTING AROUND IN NANCY

The easiest way to get from Paris to Nancy is to take the train (1½ hrs by the TGV high-speed train). To get to the International Welcome Desk (Accueil International) from the Nancy train station, take the Corol-C2 bus towards Plateau de Haye and get off at the Cavalier stop.

For getting around the city and suburbs, use the public transportation (bus and tramway) network, managed by Stan for transportation in Nancy:
[http://www.reseau-stan.com](http://www.reseau-stan.com)

There are Grand-Est regional trains for getting around the region: [https://www.ter.sncf.com/grand-est](https://www.ter.sncf.com/grand-est)
Buses are also an option for low-cost travel: [https://fr.ouibus.com/](https://fr.ouibus.com/) or [https://www.flixbus.fr/](https://www.flixbus.fr/)

For ride-sharing, refer to the collaborative websites
- national website: [https://www.blablacar.fr](https://www.blablacar.fr)
- regional website: [https://www.tedicov.fr/](https://www.tedicov.fr/)

For greater independence, rent a bike with VéloStan’lib, the Grand Nancy bike-share system
[http://www.velostanlib.fr](http://www.velostanlib.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).
At Université de Lorraine, there is a special system for accompanying students with disabilities, regardless of their type of disability, with training and places of study: https://www.univ-lorraine.fr > étudier à l’UL > études et handicap

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/#

Please refer to the following tutorial for help with this procedure: 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

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.
- 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 confirm your enrollment with your institution’s Service de la Scolarité (Admissions) as soon as you arrive.
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 Nancy.

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 for Université of Lorraine which has a health and prevention service: Service Universitaire de Médecine Préventive et de Promotion de la Santé (SUMPPS):
- SUMPPS-Nancy Vélodrome Rond-point du Vélodrome, 6 Rue Jacques Callot, 54500 Vandœuvre-lès-Nancy. Contact: 03 72 74 05 51.
- SUMPPS-Nancy Campus Lettres et Sciences Humaines Maison de l’étudiant, Pôle Santé, 23 boulevard Albert 1er, 54000 Nancy. Contact: 03 72 74 05 71. Site: http://www.univ-lorraine.fr > vie des campus > Health and social services

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

In France, housing insurance is mandatory. The "garantie risques locatifs" - rental risk guarantee - is housing insurance which you can you 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 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://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 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, 3 addresses:

- the Platine portal of Université de Lorraine gives advice and tools for finding a job or internships: http://platine.univ-lorraine.fr
- the Centre Régional d’Information Jeunesse de Lorraine (Jeunes en Grand Est) has a site with classified ads: http://www.jeunesenlorraine.org > offres de jobs
- 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 NANCY /

TAKE UP A SPORT

In your institution, contact the Service des Sports for free access to sports facilities.

At Université de Lorraine, the Sports Service (SUAPS) offers 70 supervised activities: http://sport.univ-lorraine.fr > suaps: le sport pour tous > informations générales

At Nancy, you can also find an activity among the 80 sports disciplines provided by the City Council: https://www.nancy.fr > utile > sport

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

- The Maison de l’Étudiant

At Université de Lorraine, the Maison de l’Étudiant (student union) is a place for meeting up with other students and where the student associations are located: https://www.univ-lorraine.fr > vie de campus > Maison de l’étudiant de Nancy

CULTURE AND NIGHTLIFE

- Nancy 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.nancy.fr > culturelle > culture à Nancy

- In the area of culture, the Ville de Nancy has set up a system of subscriptions and discounts, a Carte Jeunes Nancy Culture (Nancy culture youth card) and free offers that are available to everyone: https://www.nancy.fr > culturelle > culture à Nancy > tarifs et bons plans

- At Université de Lorraine, the Direction de la vie universitaire et de la culture, the university student life and culture department, develops an ambitious cultural strategy for all students: https://www.univ-lorraine.fr > culture-s

- For entertainment or to pick up some culture, you can choose from:
  - 6 movie theaters, with multiple screens (student rates, rewards card), including 2 arthouse movie theaters, the Cameo Commanderie and the San Sebastián.
  - 10 major museums, including two that are jointly managed by Université de Lorraine and the Métropole du Grand Nancy (Greater Nancy council): the Botanical Garden and the Museum-Aquarium http://www.jardinbotaniquedenancy.eu
  - a dozen auditoriums, including the National Opera of Lorraine, one of the five French national opera houses, and a more contemporary room for modern music, the Autre Canal.
  - about fifteen bookshops, including a historic institution, Hall du Livre, founded in 1925.
  - a municipal network of 4 book-media libraries and 2 online libraries: https://www.nancy.fr > culturelle > bibliothèques/ Médiathèques

- In Nancy, for going out or staying abreast of events, read the leading regional daily paper, l’Est Républicain, available in newsstands or on the Internet: https://www.estrepublicain.fr > Nancy ville

You can also check out the cultural agenda of the Nancy Visitor Center: https://www.nancy-tourisme.fr > Menu > à voir, à faire > Agenda et grands évènements > Agenda

TOP ATTRACTIONS /

Three major architectural complexes in Nancy have been listed as World Heritage sites by UNESCO since 1983.

- Place Stanislas, a majestic square with its wrought iron and gilded gates.
- Place de la Carrière, a long piazza formerly used for equestrian tournaments and games.
- The Museum of Fine Arts, on Stanislas Square, with an exceptional collection of Daum crystal exhibits.
The Renaissance styled Ducal Palace, which houses the historical museum of Lorraine.

The museum of the School of Nancy, which offers an overview of the decorative arts (Art Nouveau) movement that grew in Nancy at the end of the 19th century.

The Villa Majorelle, the architectural jewel of the Art Nouveau movement.

The Parc de la Pépinière, the largest park in the city

The recently created water garden on the banks of the Meurthe

Learn (and see) more: http://www.nancy-tourisme.fr > Menu > Découvrir Nancy

IMPORTANT
ANNUAL EVENTS /

APRIL

- Journées des Arts et de la Culture (JACES), the Festival of Art and Culture, promoting cultural and artistic achievements in higher education and student night at the museums (free admissions): https://www.univ-lorraine.fr > culture-s > Culture – Arts > JACES 2019

- Bienneal Nancy international image show, with photography-related events.

MAY

- Pint of Science, a European initiative for learning about research in atypical venues.

- The Nuit Européenne des Musées (European Museum Night), an occasion to visit museums differently (and for free).

- Nancy Voix du Monde, an international gathering of choral singing performances.

JUNE

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

JULY - AUGUST

- The rendez-vous Place Stanislas, provides a sound, image and light show on the royal square (free show, every night).

SEPTEMBER

- Welcome Days for international students (organised at the start of each semester in Nancy and in Metz).

- Préambule, the University of Lorraine Freshers’ Festival.

- Nocturnes étudiantes (student nightlife festival), free events and concerts.

- The Journées du Patrimoine (heritage days), offering free admissions to sites of cultural heritage, some of which are only open to the public for this event.

- The Livre sur la Place (book on the piazza), a major national show celebrating the literature at the start of the University year (exhibitions, literary cafes, meetings).

OCTOBER

- Fête de la Science in the University laboratories.

- Nancy Jazz Pulsations, a jazz festival of contemporary music and world music.

NOVEMBER

- Faim d’Échanges (Hungry for Dialogue) is a friendly rendezvous organized by CROUS de Lorraine to share a meal with residents of Nancy or the surrounding area: https://www.crous-lorraine.fr > International > Faim d’échanges-Nancy

DECEMBER

- The Feast of Saint-Nicolas, an important traditional festival of Lorraine with events, street performances, parades, markets, etc.

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.
Métropole du Grand Nancy
(GREATER NANCY METROPOLITAN AREA):
260,000 residents
55,000 students

City of Nancy:
105,000 residents
2nd LARGEST TOWN IN THE GRAND EST REGION

Université de Lorraine in Nancy:
38,500 students
including 15% international students

NANCY, RANKED 6TH OUT OF 46 FRENCH CITIES WHERE IT’S GOOD 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/grand-est-551

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