Campus France will guide you through your first steps in France and exploring Nancy, your new home.
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, 9am to 12pm and 1:15pm to 4pm.
Contact: 03 72 74 05 04 or drie-accueil-nancy-contact@univ-lorraine.fr
Learn more from the trilingual Welcome to Lorraine Guide which you can download here: https://welcome.univ-lorraine.fr/fr > Accueil des étudiants et chercheurs internationaux > Accueil des étudiants internationaux

◆ 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
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: http://nancy.ixesn.fr > buddy system

◆ 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

HOUSING IN NANCY /

There are numerous solutions for housing in Nancy: 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.
◆ 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: 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 > utile > logement > je cherche un logement étudiant

The CRIJ (Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse, the regional youth information center) of Lorraine and Jeunes en Grand Est, for youth in the Grand Est region provide the following services:
- classified ads on its site: http://www.jeunesenlorraine.org > Me loger > accès aux offres
- Guide Logement, a very comprehensive accommodations guide to download: http://www.jeunesenlorraine.org > Me loger > guide trouver un logement 2019 > Pour le télécharger c'est par ici

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: http://www.residence-marae.fr/
- Within a social housing association, there are the Adali halls of residences: 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 > 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: http://www.crous-lorraine.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.).

◆ 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
- Université de Lorraine also subscribes to Housing Anywhere: https://housinganywhere.com/fr/Nancy-

France/université-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://www.location-etudiant.fr
https://housinganywhere.com

◆ 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

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

There are Grand-Est regional trains for getting around the region: https://www.ter.sncf.com/grand-est

Buses are also an option for low-cost travel: https://fr.ouibus.com/ or https://www.flixbus.fr/

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

For greater independence, rent a bike with VélOstan’lib, the Grand Nancy bike-share system: http://www.velostanlib.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: 08.10.29.29.29 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).

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

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.

RESIDENCE PERMIT (TITRE DE SÉJOUR)

Information

- At the International Welcome Desk (Accueil international) for university students. For residence permits, you can contact the International Welcome Desk (Accueil International) throughout the year.
  Address: Direction des relations internationales, 91 avenue de la Libération, 54000 Nancy.
  Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 12pm and 1:15pm to 4pm.

For more information:
- on the first applications for a temporary residence permit: http://welcome.univ-lorraine.fr > accueil des étudiants et chercheurs internationaux > accueil des étudiants internationaux > Arriver en Lorraine > Première demande de Titre de Séjour Temporaire
  - At the Préfecture de la Meurthe-et-Moselle, by appointment only.
  Address: 6 rue Sainte-Catherine, 54000 Nancy.
  Contact: 03 83 34 26 26 (switchboard).
  Site: http://www.meurthe-et-moselle.gouv.fr > Démarches administratives > Étrangers
  - 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 or a student with a “concours” (tests) visa or a “mineur scolarisé” (enrolled minor) visa or a visa with the indication “carte à solliciter dans les deux mois” (residence permit to be requested within 2 months of entry): 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 expiration date.
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 100 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)

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

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

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 a comparison site.

INSURE 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.

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 AN INTERNSHIP
3 addresses:
• the Platine portal of Université de Lorraine gives advice and tools for finding a job or internships:
• 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

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

GAINING CULTURE AND PARTYING

• 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

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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
• Biannual 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**
• 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.

![Participate & Share](image-url)
THINGS TO KNOW

Métropole du Grand Nancy
(GREATER NANCY METROPOLITAN AREA):
500,000 residents
51,000 students

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

NANCY, THE CAPITAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MEURTHE-ET-MOSELLE, one of the 10 departments of the Grand Est region

GRAND-EST REGION,
4th FRENCH REGION
region in terms of hosting foreign students (28,000 international students)

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

NANCY, RANKED 13TH OUT OF 44 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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