Campus France will guide you through your first steps in France and exploring Pointe-à-Pitre and Guadeloupe, your new home.

WELCOME TO

POINTE-À-PITRE AND GUADELOUPE
◆ Student Welcome at the University of the Antilles

The Guadeloupe Campus (Pôle Guadeloupe) of the University of the Antilles is a human-scale university. Your main point of contact is the International Relations Office (BRI).

The International Relations Office oversees administrative and mobility services for international students. Educational support is provided by teaching representatives who oversee students’ international mobility within their faculty or department.

In September, a Village Campus Service, bringing together different organisations, is provided on campus to welcome new students.

Address: Université des Antilles, Pôle Guadeloupe, Fouillole Campus, General Administration Building, 97110 Pointe-à-Pitre.

Hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am - midday and Mondays & Thursdays, 2.00pm - 4.00pm. A student facilitator is also present on site at certain times of day, depending on the week (see notice board at the BRI, International Relations Office).

General point of contact: bri@univ-antilles.fr
Personalized point of contact: agnes.aglas@univ-antilles.fr or +33 (0)5 90 48 32 27. magali.favard@univ-antilles.fr

The Guadeloupe Campus of the University of the Antilles is also located in the town of St-Claude, on the Camp Jacob site.

This site hosts the Multidisciplinary Department of Arts & Humanities (DPLSH) and the IUT, as well as CROUS services (university restaurant, student halls).

Address: 166 rue des Officiers, 97120 Saint-Claude.

Contact: the International Relations Office is next to the Department of Employment, Work Placements and Careers (DOSIP). A student facilitator is present on a weekly basis (see timetable displayed). The International Relations team travels to the site once a month to assist students.

To learn more, consult notably:
- pages for international students, whether exchange students or free-movers (non-exchange students), on the University website: http://www.univ-ag.fr > International > Bienvenue à l’Université des Antilles.
- the Facebook page run by International Relations Office: https://www.facebook.com/driUAntilles/
- For doctoral candidates and researchers

At the Guadeloupe Campus of the University of the Antilles, researchers and PhD students should also contact the International Relations Service (see above).

◆ Your Higher Learning Institution

Depending on the institution, two information services are available:
- International Relations Department (welcome and orientation office).
- the Admissions Department (enrollment and administrative procedures office).

◆ National Services

- Students: www.etudiant.gouv.fr
- doctoral students, researchers: http://www.euraxess.fr/fr

Solutions for finding accommodation in Pointe-à-Pitre and elsewhere in Guadeloupe: the housing park reserved for students and managed by the 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.

- The Departmental Accommodation Information Agency (ADIL) in Guadeloupe provides advice on accommodation for young people: https://www.adil971.org > Votre question > Mon logement, profil Locataire > (colonne de droite) : Jeunes - trouvez votre logement.
- The CLLAJ (local committee for independent accommodation for young people) in Guadeloupe, whose role is to help young people find accommodation, publishes classified ads on its website: http://www.asso-accors.org/
- St-Claude town council also offers student accommodation: https://www.ville-saintclaude.fr/

A FEW TIPS

◆ For short-term lodging

- For all types of short-term accommodation, please use the search engine on the website set up by the Tourist Office for the Islands of Guadeloupe: http://www.lesilesdeguadeloupe.com > Réserver > Hébergements.
Long-term housing

- The Antilles et Guyane CROUS (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires - Regional Center for University Services) for student housing.
  Address: Campus de Fouillole ou site de Bergevin, 97110 Pointe-à-Pitre.
  Hours: Monday to Friday, 8am to 12pm.
  Contact: +33 (0)5 90 89 46 60.
  Site: http://www.crous-antillesguyane.fr/

On campus, the CROUS is also responsible for all low-cost food services (university restaurant, cafeterias, food-trucks, etc).

- Private Housing Platforms
  Other offers for student lodging, managed by private organisms, are also available in Guadeloupe.
  Try these sites:
  - https://www.cap-logement-etudiant.com
  - https://www.immojeune.com
  - https://housinganywhere.com
  Don’t forget to check websites that republish ads from local estate agents, for example:
    https://www.97immo.com

- There is also a site managed by the CROUS, Lokaviz, which includes a listing of student accomodations in private homes:
  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/

- Other solutions available on the Campus France site: www.campusfrance.org > s’organiser > logement.

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)
The CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales - family allowances fund) is available to assess your rights:
+33 (0)8 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 special-needs students (housing assistance and also transportation and tuition).

At the Guadeloupe Campus of the University of the Antilles, a Relais Handicap accompanies newly enrolled disabled students, upon their arrival at the university: http://www.univ-antilles.fr > Formation > Choisir l’Université des Antilles > Les études en situation de handicap.

GETTING AROUND IN GUADALOUPE

When travelling to Guadeloupe, depending on where you’re travelling from (Americas, Europe, Caribbean), you are likely to fly in directly to Guadeloupe-Pôle Caraïbes international airport (Pointe-à-Pitre): http://www.guadeloupe.aeroport.fr/

Two different bus lines take you to Pointe-à-Pitre.

You can travel to the Jacob campus in St-Claude by bus in around one hour (around 40 miles from the main campus).

The KARU’LIS network of buses runs between a number of different towns (32 lines) on the island: https://www.karulis.com/
The KARU’Campus card allows students to travel at a reduced rate.

For longer distances, you’ll need to go to one of the 3 bus stations in Pointe-à-Pitre to catch a coach or bus (private companies). There are also shared taxis and ferry services to the other islands in the archipelago.
Further travel information can be found on the Tourist Office website:

For car pooling see the collaborative site: https://www.blablacar.fr/
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 enroll in your institution.
- Log in at: 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.

RESIDENCE PERMIT

◆ Information
- Students at the Guadeloupe Campus of the University of the Antilles, should get in touch with the International Relations Office, their main point of contact.
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  Magali.favard@univ-antilles.fr
- Students attending other establishments should contact Student Services or International Relations.
  At the Sous-préfecture for Guadeloupe in Pointe-à-Pitre, which handles administrative procedures for foreign students.
  Address: Place de la Victoire, 97110 Pointe-à-Pitre.
  Hours: Monday to Friday, 8am to 12pm.
  Contact: +33 (0)5 90 82 68 68.
  Site: http://www.guadeloupe.gouv.fr/
  Students based at St-Claude can contact the Préfecture for Guadeloupe on Basse-Terre which is just 3 miles away from the Jacob site.
  Address: rue Lardenoy, 97100 Basse-Terre.
  Contact: +33 (0)5 90 99 39 00.
- 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.

EVERYDAY LIFE /

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 15 bank agencies located in Pointe-à-Pitre.
In France, opening a bank account is a right: www.service-public.fr > Argent > Comptes bancaires (Droit au compte).
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.

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

As a student, you can also take advantage of the university medical services. In these health services where consultations are free, you’ll be greeted by a team of doctors, nurses, and social workers who can give personalized advice in terms of health and prevention.

This is the case for the University’s Guadeloupe Campus which has its own Preventive Medicine & Health Service (SUMPPS) on the Fouillole site: http://www.univ-ag.fr > Vie des campus > Santé. Contact: +33 (0)5 90 48 33 11.

Students enrolled at other establishments in Guadeloupe, should contact their place of study.

TOP-UP INSURANCE

Because France’s compulsory healthcare insurance (free) does not always cover all healthcare expenses top-up insurance can be taken out to cover all expenses.

For more information see the websites of the student or general insurances, notably:
- the EMEVIA network: http://www.emevia.com/, including the SMERAG, which is very popular in the Caribbean: http://www.smerag.fr/
- the LMDE network: https://www.lmde.fr/
- specialised insurance: https://heyme.care/fr/
  https://www.mgel.fr/
  www.assistance-etudiants.com
  www.assurances-etudiants.com

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: 15 Emergency Medical Services
Police emergency: 17 in the event of violence, theft, robbery.

Fire Department: 18, in the event of fire, gas leak, water damage, natural catastrophe, or traffic accident.

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

FINDING A JOB OR AN INTERNSHIP

Useful websites:
- The University of the Antilles has set up a careers and employment platform PARI. It can be used to find temporary work or placements: http://pari.univ-ag.fr/
- The Jobaviz website, run by the CROUS, can help you find a student job that’s compatible with your studies: https://www.jobaviz.fr/

PLAYING A SPORT

In your school, you may also have free access to sports facilities. Contact your Sports Department.

The University Service for Physical and Sports Activities (SUAPS) at the University of the Antilles in Guadeloupe offers around twenty different sporting activities for students, irrespective of ability: http://www.univ-ag.fr > Vie des campus > Sport. Contact: +33 (0)5 90 48 32 95.

There is also a branch of the SUAPS service at the St-Claude site
Pointe-à-Pitre town council offers a number of sports centres and facilities: https://pointeapitre.fr > Sortir et découvrir > Sport.

The Guadeloupe Region supports all sports activities and organizes a number of events: https://www.regionguadeloupe.fr > Les actions régionales > Culture, sport et patrimoine.

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

At the University of the Antilles in Guadeloupe, student associations ensure that campus life is never dull: http://www.univ-ag.fr > Vie des campus > Vie associative.

GAINING CULTURE AND PARTYING

Movie theaters, concerts, theatres, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students. Check the Guadeloupe Region website for further information: https://www.regionguadeloupe.fr > Agenda.

The Cultural Service at the University of the Antilles in Guadeloupe contributes to artistic education and promoting culture among the student population: http://www.univ-antilles.fr > Vie des campus > Culture.

Entertainment and cultural options in Pointe-à-Pitre and elsewhere in Guadeloupe:
- 6 multi-screen cinemas in Guadeloupe (student rates, loyalty-card) and an arthouse cinema, the Ciné-théâtre de Lamentin: http://villelamentin971.fr > Culture > Ciné-théâtre.
- around ten museums including a science museum, the Edgar-Clerc archaeological museum (free entry). Contact: +33 (0)5 90 23 57 57.
- around 15 theatre and concert venues, including the Centre des Arts et de la Culture in Pointe-à-Pitre, a major concert hall and venue (currently being renovated).
- around 15 bookshops in Guadeloupe, including Librairie Générale Jasor and Librairie Antillaise.
- a network of libraries and multimedia libraries throughout the island and a digital multimedia library: https://guadeloupe.mediatheques.fr/, as well as the University Libraries run by the University of the Antilles: http://bumartinique.univ-antilles.fr/

For going out and the latest news in Guadeloupe, see:
- check France-Antilles Guadeloupe, the island's daily regional newspaper, available from newsagents or online: https://www.guadeloupe.franceantilles.fr/
- watch the Guadeloupe 1ère TV channel and listen to Radio Caraïbe Internationale (RCI);
- You can also check out the visitor centre agenda: http://www.lesilesdeguadeloupe.com > Infos pratiques > Sur nos îles > Agenda.

MUST-SEE PLACES /

In Guadeloupe, the towns of Basse-Terre and Pointe-à-Pitre have been recognized as “Towns of Art and History”, in 1995 and 2003.

- Pointe-à-Pitre old town, between Boulevard Chanzy and the sea.
- Mémorial ACTe, Caribbean centre dedicated to the memory and history of slavery and the slave trade, from the earliest traces until the present day.
- St-John Perse Museum in Pointe-à-Pitre explores the life of St-John Perse, a diplomat, poet and Nobel prize-winner who was born in Guadeloupe. The museum is housed in a 19th century creole interior.
- Fort Delgrès in Basse-Terre, a key site in the fight against slavery.
- Grande-Anse Beach, Guadeloupe's most iconic beach (pale sand, turquoise sea and palm trees!).
- Carbet Waterfalls, which were described by Christopher Columbus back in the day!
- Maison du Café, at La Grivelière plantation, an 18th century coffee estate.
- Maison de la Banane in Trois-Rivières, housed in a former planter’s house, with comprehensive information about bananas.
- Beauport, Pays de la Canne in Port Louis to learn the history of cane sugar.
- Rum Distilleries (Bologne, Damoiseau, for example), to be enjoyed with moderation.
- La Soufrière, an active volcano at the southern end of the island, should not be missed, keen walkers will enjoy climbing the volcano on foot.
- The Cousteau Reserve in the Parc National de Guadeloupe, an ideal diving spot.
- Marie-Galante island, to the East of Guadeloupe, lovely beaches and peaceful villages.
Les Saintes, a small archipelago of 9 islands, with Fort Napoléon and the Botanic Gardens on Terre-de-Haut.

To find out more (and see more!) check out the Tourist Office website for the Islands of Guadeloupe: http://www.lesilesdeguadeloupe.com/

IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

JANUARY OR FEBRUARY (depending on the year)
• Guadeloupe Carnival, very popular, this major traditional celebration lasts two months in Pointe-à-Pitre and other towns on the island.

FEBRUARY
• Prix de Court Festival, a festival of short films from Guadeloupe, Martinique and Guyane to promote and share local culture.

MARCH
• Terra festival, a festival of documentary films on the environment and sustainable development, with conferences and debates.

APRIL
• Musiciennes en Guadeloupe festival, very popular festival of classical and Caribbean music.
• Guadarun Raid Aventure, covering around 100 miles on 6 different islands in the Guadeloupe archipelago.

MAY
• La Nuit européenne des Musées (European Night of Museums) offers an opportunity to discover museums and other cultural sites all over the island in a new light!
• Abolition of Slavery Day in Guadeloupe, numerous events throughout the archipelago.

JUNE
• Fête de la musique: music everywhere in town (free concerts).
• Terre de Blues Festival, blues, zouk and reggae concerts in Marie-Galante, with musicians from the Caribbean and Africa.

JULY - AUGUST
• Festival de la Guadeloupe, from July 1 to August 31, a major annual event. The programme: gastronomy, music, walks, traditional celebrations...
• Festival de Gwo-ka (a creole tam-tam), major percussion festival in Ste-Anne.
• Fête Victor-Schoelcher in Guadeloupe, July 21, paying tribute to Victor Schoelcher, under-secretary of state for Guadeloupe and his key role in the abolition of slavery.
• Fête de la St-Barthélemy (24 August), celebrated in all the islands of Guadeloupe with water-based activities, traditional celebrations and gastronomy.

SEPTEMBER
• Les journées du patrimoine (Heritage days), free visits of cultural venues.

OCTOBER
• Volcano Trail, a major international trail run around La Soufrière.

NOVEMBER
• Science Festival, in science villages set up on the University campus.

DECEMBER
• Christmas celebrations in Guadeloupe, with the “Chanté Nwel”, evenings of traditional Caribbean Christmas songs in churches and village squares, etc.

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.
GUadeloupe, archipelago of West Indian islands in the Caribbean Sea, one of France’s overseas departments (DROM) and one of the outermost regions (ORs) of the European Union.

The University of the Antilles is a multidisciplinary university with two distinct campuses or “pôles” in Guadeloupe and Martinique.

Guadeloupe Campus at the University of the Antilles: 6,000 students including 5% international students.

University of the French Antilles (Martinique & Guadeloupe): 25 research structures, 2 Doctoral schools, 300 PhD students, including 10% foreign students.

Pointe-À-Pitre ranked among French cities where it’s good to live and study (awarded by L’Etudiant magazine).

Pointe-À-Pitre

16,000 residents

The island’s most populated city, sous-préfecture for Guadeloupe.

Guadeloupe

395,000 residents

9,500 students