THINGS TO KNOW

Grand Reims:
300,000 residents

Reims:
190,000 residents

2nd CITY IN THE REGION

31,000 students

REIMS, the largest city in the Marne department, one of the 10 departments of the Grand Est region

University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne:
21,000 students on the Reims campus
including 10% international students

University of Reims
4 doctoral schools, 480 PhD students
including 200 foreign students

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

REIMS IS ONE OF THE BEST CITIES IN FRANCE FOR STUDENT LIFE (ranking of L’Étudiant magazine)

WELCOME TO REIMS

EXPLORING MY CITY

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

CAMPUS FRANCE
28 rue de la Grange aux Belles, 75010 PARIS - 01 40 40 58 58 - www.campusfrance.org
For many years, the City Council of the Grand Reims and the CROUS of Reims have set up a Guichet Unique (centralized reception desk) to assist you in completing the formalities required.

The Guichet Unique - Espace Reims Campus, which is open from the end of August to the end of September, is the one-stop shop for making an initial contact with all student services, including the CROUS, the University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne, the CAF and the Prefecture.

Address: Guichet Unique - Espace Reims Campus, 31 rue du Général Sarrail, 51100 Reims.

Access: Boulingrin and Gare Centre bus/tram stops.

Hours: - from end August to end September, Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.
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Contact: 03 26 91 19 19 or www.messervices.etudiant.gouv.fr

For more information:
- consult the international pages on the bilingual website of the University of Reims: https://www.univ-reims.fr > International
- consult the CROUS website: http://www.crous-reims.fr/
- consult the Student Guide: https://www.univ-reims.fr > International > Mobilité des Enseignants-Chercheurs
- contact: 09.69.36.19.19 or Contact: 03 26 40 52 60.

The University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne (URCA) is a member of the Euraxess network, which organizes greeting of PhD students and foreign researchers.

Address and phone number: 9 boulevard de la Paix, 51000 Reims, 03 26 91 84 28.

- National Services
  - students: www.etudiant.gouv.fr
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A FEW TIPS

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  - The Auberge de Jeunesse de Reims (Reims youth hostel), which is located in a park.
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  - Contact: 03 26 40 52 60.
  - Site: https://www.cis-reims.com
  - For other low price accommodations, use the search engine on the Reims Visitor Center’s (multilingual) website: https://www.reims-tourisme.com > Hébergements

For more information about the sponsors:
https://www.univ-reims.fr > International > Mobilité des étudiants > Venir étudier à l’URCA > Buddy system

- Your Higher Learning Institution

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• Private Housing Platforms:
  - Other offers for student lodging, managed by private organisms, are also available in Reims:
    - For example, visit: the Studapart site, a university private housing platform to which a business school of Reims is affiliated: https://www.studapart.com > Rechercher par ville > Reims
    - other specialist sites:
      - https://www.adele.org/
      - https://www.immojeune.com/
      - https://www.location-etudiant.fr/
      - 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/
    - Shared Leases: consult La Carte des Colocis, a national site for shared leases that’s free and simple to use: https://www.lacartedescolocis.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: 08.10.29.29.29 or www.caf.fr
  - Long-term housing
    - CROUS (Centre Régional des Établissements Universitaires et Scolaires) student housing for Reims
      - Address: Espace Étudiant Reims Campus, 31 rue du Général Sarrail, 51100 Reims.
      - Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 12 noon and 1pm to 5pm.
      - Contact: 03 26 36 19.19
      - Site: http://www.crous-reims.fr/
    - CROUS Student Guide:
      - On campus, the CROUS is also responsible for all low-cost food services (university restaurant, cafeterias, food-trucks, etc.).

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- Sponsors
You can be assisted by a sponsor in Reims! Thanks to the Buddy System, the mentoring scheme which puts you in contact with a student of the URCA, your installation will be made easier during the first few weeks.
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.
  - 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 validate your enrollment with the institution’s Service de la Scolarité (Admissions) as soon as you arrive.

RESIDENCE PERMIT

- Information
  - At the Guichet Unique of the Espace Reims Campus.
    At the start of the academic year (end of August to the end of September), the international students are welcomed at the Guichet Unique to put together a resident permit application or renewal file with the relevant departments of the Prefecture.
    Address: Guichet Unique - Espace Reims Campus 31 rue du Général Sarrail, 51100 Reims.
    Important page to read: https://www.univ-reims.fr > Formation > Scolarité > Toutes les démarches de scolarité > Renouvellement de titre de séjour > Service chargé de l’accueil des étudiants, scolarité > Renouvellement de titre de séjour.
    Contact: 03 26 91 38 80.
    Hours: Monday to Friday, from 8:30am to 5:30pm (5pm on Fridays).
  - The Sub-Prefecture of the Marne (Reims), 51100 Reims.
    Address: Service chargé de l’accueil des étudiants, scolarité > Renouvellement de titre de séjour.
    Contact: 03 26 86 71 00.
    Place Royale, 51100 Reims.

Take note: to renew your residence permit, you must apply within two months prior to its expiry.

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 110 bank agencies located in Reims.

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.

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

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

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Address: Service chargé de l’accueil des étudiants, scolarité > Renouvellement de titre de séjour.
Contact: 03 26 86 71 00.
Site: http://www.marnes.gouv.fr > Démarches administratives > Etrangers > Titre de séjour

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://ecoledesete.campusfrance.org
- by asking in your institution, at city hall, or in your host city’s Maison des Associations - community centers.

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The “garantie risques locatifs” - rental risk guarantee - is housing insurance which you can subscribe with your bank or a private insurance company.

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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.

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FINDING A JOB OR AN INTERNSHIP

2 addresses:
- Jobs and courses: the Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne has created a special page for jobs and internships: https://www.univ-reims.fr > Orientation et Insertion > Stages et Emplois > Étudiants
- Student jobs: find a student job that’s compatible with your studies on the CROUS Jobaviz site: https://www.jobaviz.fr/

Playing a Sport

- Your school or university provides special access to sporting activities. Contact your institution’s Sports department.

At the University of Reims, the University Department of Physical and Sports Activities (SUAPS) offers 40 supervised and unsupervised activities: https://www.univ-reims.fr > Vie des Campus > Sport > Le Service Universitaire des Activités Physique et Sportives (SUAPS)
- The Ville de Reims and the Grand Reims also offer sports facilities accessible to all throughout the year: https://www.reims.fr > Sports et loisirs > Sport en accès libre

Being 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.
Make enquiries at your school (Student Life Service) or visit the national websites:

The University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne:
- brings together various international associations: https://www.univ-reims.fr > Vie des Campus > Vie étudiante > les Associations étudiantes > Associations internationales
- organizes many activities for international students: https://www.univ-reims.fr > International > Mobilité des étudiants > Venir étudier à l’URCA > Activités pour les étudiants > Activités pour les étudiants internationaux

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.

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GAINING CULTURE AND PARTYING

- Reims offers many ways to cultivate yourself or party. Movie theaters, theaters, operas, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students: https://www.reims.fr > Culture et patrimoine
- You can also consult the activities offered by the University Department of Cultural Action (SUAC) of the University of Reims: https://www.univ-reims.fr > Vie des Campus > Culture > Culture

For entertainment or to pick up some culture, in Reims, there are:
- 2 large cinemas (in and around the city), including the Cinema-Opera, which has a particular focus on art-house movies (student rates, rewards program in both screens).
- 9 major museums, including the Planetarium of Reims to go on a journey of discovery under the stars: https://www.reims.fr > Culture et patrimoine > Les structures et actions culturelles > Le Planétarium
- a dozen auditoriums, including the Manège, which is a listed historic monument site and national theatre stage.
- a dozen bookstores, one of which has become an institution, namely the Guerlin bookstore.
- a network of 8 municipal libraries: https://www.bm-reims.fr/

- In Reims, for going out or staying abreast of events, read the leading regional daily paper, L'Union, available in newsstands or on the Internet: http://www.lunion.fr/
- You can also consult:
  - the agenda of the Reims Visitor Center website: https://www.reims-tourisme.com/agenda
  - the Trésor, a municipal website of culture in Reims: http://www.infoculture-reims.fr/

For more information, consult the Visitor Centre website: https://www.reims-tourisme.com > L’essentiel de Reims

MUST-SEE PLACES /

Reims, the city where the Kings of France were crowned, has been a listed City of Art and History since 1987.
- The cathedral of Notre-Dame de Reims, the coronation site, is one of the most beautiful Gothic cathedrals of France and a listed World Heritage site by UNESCO.
- The Palais du Tau, which was the palace of the archbishops where the kings of France stayed during their coronation.
- The Place Royale, with its classical Louis XVI architecture.
- The Museum of Fine Arts, with its beautiful collections ranging from the Renaissance to the present day.
- The chapel of Our Lady of Peace or the Foujita chapel, which is an amazing construction entirely designed by the eponymous Japanese artist.
- The Carnegie Library, an Art Deco masterpiece.
- The cellars of the major champagne houses of Reims, more than 100km of galleries to be explored (and champagne to be tasted in moderation!).
- The Champagne Park, 54 acres of parkland south of the city.

For more information, consult the Visitor Centre website: https://www.reims-tourisme.com > L’essentiel de Reims

EXCHANGE & SHARE

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IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

JANUARY
- Reims Scènes d'Europe, each year a European country is given pride of place with a variety of different artforms (theater, dance, music), concessions.

MARCH
- Printemps de la Recherche (Spring Research Festival), to discover the research laboratories of the University and to have conversations with the researchers.

MAY
- Nuit Européenne des Musées (European Night of the Museums), for free access to all museums in Reims.

JUNE
- Fête de la musique: music everywhere in town (free concerts).
- The Johannine Festivals, revisiting Joan of Arc and her era in Reims (permanent and itinerant events).

JULY
- The Flâneries Musicales, 100 concerts performed by celebrated classical music and jazz musicians, located in prestigious or unusual venues and most of which are free.

SEPTEMBER
- European Night of Research at the University of Reims.
- Journées du patrimoine (Heritage days), free visits of cultural venues.

OCTOBER
- World Student Night, a big festive evening for international students, in partnership with the City Council, the CROUS, the University and the ESN association.
- I Love Reims Campus: the City Council and the CROUS organize two weeks of sporting and artistic challenges.
- Fête de la science in the University laboratories.
- Run in Reims, run while exploring the city.

For more information, see the City of Reims website: https://www.reims-tourisme.com > L’Essentiel de Reims > Incontournables > Grands événements

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