THINGS TO KNOW

SAINT-ÉTIENNE, RANKED 25th OUT OF 44 FRENCH CITIES WHERE IT’S GOOD TO LIVE AND STUDY (awarded by L’Etudiant magazine)

SAINT-ÉTIENNE METROPOLITAN AREA:
400,000 residents

CITY OF SAINT-ÉTIENNE:
170,000 residents

AUVERGNE RHÔNE-ALPES REGION, 2nd FRENCH REGION in terms of hosting foreign students (42,000 international students)

Université Jean-Monnet de Saint-Étienne:
20,000 students,
including 3,200 international students,
6 doctorate-awarding schools,
33 research units

SAINT-ÉTIENNE, SEAT OF THE LOIRE DEPARTMENT, one of 12 departments which make up the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Region, and the 2nd largest city in the Region, after Lyon and before Grenoble

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EXPLORING MY CITY

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

WELCOME TO
SAINT-ÉTIENNE

CAMPUS FRANCE AUVERGNE RHÔNE-ALPES
35 rue Raulin (Bureau 304) 69007 Lyon
By appointment only, Monday to Friday, 9am to 12pm and 2pm to 5pm
Contact: 04 81 88 00 40

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**ARIVING IN SAINT-ÉTIENNE /**

- One-stop Desk, the Students Welcome Desk

**From end August to end October, a Students Welcome Desk is open for international students to provide different services:**
- one-stop for residence permits with the Prefecture services (1st time applications and renewals).
- assistance in putting together the administrative files.
- housing assistance.

**Address:** Espace Info Jeunes, 6 rue de la Résistance, 42100 Saint-Étienne.
**Hours:** end August to end October, Monday to Friday, 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm.

- A Mission for Welcoming International Audiences

**In Saint-Étienne, at Jean-Monnet University, the Mission d’Accueil des Publics Internationaux (MAPI), or the project for making international students welcome, is open year-round, and also has the task of helping and supporting foreign audiences (students, doctoral students, and researchers) when they arrive in Saint-Étienne.**

**Address:** Direction de l’International, 2nd floor, 21 rue Denis Papin, 42100 Saint-Étienne.
**Hours:** Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 5pm, and Fridays, 8:30am to 12pm.
**Contact:** 04 77 43 79 70 or accueil-international@univ-st-etienne.fr

**Learn more:**

**HOUSING IN SAINT-ÉTIENNE /**

**In Saint-Étienne, there are numerous solutions for finding lodging:**
- the housing park reserved for students and managed by 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.

- **Jean-Monnet University** gives advice and tips for finding housing: [https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr](https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr) > international > etudiant international > vie pratique > logement
- The CRIJ, Centre Régional d’Information Jeunesse, Info-Jeunes, the regional youth information center for Auvergne Rhône-Alpes, publishes classified ads: [https://www.info-jeunes.fr](https://www.info-jeunes.fr)

**A FEW TIPS**

- For short-term lodging
  - The Centre International de Séjour André Wogenscky, a youth hostel located in the heart of the city center.
  - Address: 14 bis rue de Roubaix, 42000 Saint-Étienne.
  - Contact: 04 77 45 54 72.
  - Site: [https://www.cis-st-etienne.com/](https://www.cis-st-etienne.com/)
  - Other types of residences: use the Saint-Étienne Visitor Center site’s search engine which has a listing of all housing types: [https://www.Saint-Étienne-hors-cadre.fr](https://www.Saint-Étienne-hors-cadre.fr) > s’organiser > dormir

- Long-term housing
  - CLOUS student housing, the Saint-Étienne Centre Local des Œuvres Universitaires, the Regional Center for University Services, is a local branch of the Lyon CROUS.
  - Address: 11 rue Tréfilerie, 42000 Saint-Étienne.
  - Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.
  - Contact: 04 77 81 85 50.
  - The Lyon CROUS site: [http://www.crous-lyon.fr](http://www.crous-lyon.fr)
  - On campus, the CROUS is also responsible for all low-cost food services (university restaurants, cafeterias, food-trucks, etc.)

- Private Housing Platforms
  - [www.studapart.com](http://www.studapart.com): A platform listing private accommodations which work with a Saint-Étienne establishment.
  - Find other private housing by visiting, for example, the following sites:
    - [https://www.adele.org/](https://www.adele.org/)
    - [https://www.location-etudiant.fr/](https://www.location-etudiant.fr/)
    - [https://www.immojeune.com/](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 accomodations 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) > s’organiser > logement

- 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 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](http://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).

Jean-Monnet University in Saint-Étienne has put in place an Disabilities Welcome Bureau which is available and attentive to students with special needs: [https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr](https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr) > vie etudiante > études et handicap

**GETTING AROUND SAINT-ÉTIENNE /**

**To get to Saint-Étienne, Châteaucreux train station, you can take a direct train from Paris (3 hours): [https://www.oui.sncf/](https://www.oui.sncf/)**

**You can also arrive directly at Lyon Saint-Exupéry International Airport, and then take the Ouibus shuttle from the airport.**

**To get to Jean-Monnet University campus from the train station, take Tramway T3 Châteaucreux - Bellevue and stop at: Campus Tréfilerie.**

**For getting around the city and suburbs, use the public transportation (trams, bus, network managed by Stas: [https://www.reseau-stas.fr](https://www.reseau-stas.fr)**

**There are Auvergne Rhône-Alpes regional trains for getting around the region (reductions possible): [https://www.ter.sncf.com/auvergne-rhone-alpes](https://www.ter.sncf.com/auvergne-rhone-alpes)**

**Coaches are also an option for low-cost travel: [https://fr.ouibus.com](https://fr.ouibus.com) or [https://www.flexibus.fr](https://www.flexibus.fr)**

**For car-pooling, refer to the collaborative websites:**
- local site: [https://movici.auvergnerhonealpes.fr](https://movici.auvergnerhonealpes.fr)
- national website: [https://www.blablacar.fr](https://www.blablacar.fr)

**For greater independence, use the Saint-Étienne Metropolitan area VéliVert network and bike-share system: [https://www.velibvert.fr](https://www.velibvert.fr)**
ENROLLMENT IN YOUR INSTITUTION

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 120 bank agencies located in Saint-Étienne.

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

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, nurses and social workers who can give personalized advice about health and prevention.

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.

Learn more:
www.smerra.fr
www.assistance-etudiants.com
www.assurances-etudiants.com

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

Find more: https://www.campusfrance.org > s’organiser > Santé

FINDING A JOB OR AN INTERNSHIP

3 addresses:

• Internships: Jean-Monnet University presents a very complete list of useful links to help you find an internship: https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr > formation > orientation/insertion > insertion professionnelle

• Jobs: the Saint-Étienne CRU (Info Jeunes Auvergne Rhône-Alpes, the regional youth information center) has a list of job postings available: https://www.info-jeunes.fr/ > Emploi/Job

• Student jobs: find a student job that’s compatible with your studies on the CROUS Jobaviz site: http://www.jobaviz.fr/

PLAYING A SPORT

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

• At Jean-Monnet University, the SUAPS is the university service charged with organizing physical and sporting activities for students: https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr/fr/suaps.html

• In Saint-Étienne which develops sports for everyone, available for everyone, you will also find numerous activities offered by the city: http://www.Saint-Etienne.fr/ > découvrir et sortir > sports

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.

Learn more:
- contact your school (Campus Life Bureau) for information.
- visit the pages reserved for campus associations on the Jean-Monnet University site, which counts over 50 associations in different domains: https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr > vie étudiante > associations
- consult the national sites: www.animafac.net or www.letudiant.fr
GAINING CULTURE AND PARTYING

• Saint-Étienne offers many ways to cultivate yourself or party. Theaters, movie theaters, concerts, museums, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students: http://www.Saint-Etienne.fr/talents

• In Saint-Étienne, www.saintetypass.fr is an Internet site which inventories all the best deals for young people! It allows you to take advantage of free cultural and sporting activities: Movie theaters, concerts, theaters, operas, sports matches, exhibitions, festivals, museums.

This service is for young people up to age 25. It is offered by the City of Saint-Étienne in partnership with 80 cultural and sports establishments.

• At Jean-Monnet University, you have the advantage of a Carnet Culture, a culture notebook composed of coupons which can be used in 60 partner cultural sites in the Saint-Étienne Metropolitan area (book stores, theaters, performance centers, movie theaters, and museums): https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr > vie étudiante > culture et loisirs

• For entertainment or to pick up some culture, in Saint-Étienne, there are:
  - 4 movie theaters with multiple screens (student rates, rewards program), including 1 art-house cinema, Le Méliès, and the municipal Film Library.
  - 5 important museums (reduced student rates) including the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, with an important collection of contemporary works, and the Cité du Design. Saint-Étienne is the French city designated “Creative city for design” by UNESCO: https://www.citedudesign.com//fr/home/
  - around ten performance halls, theaters, opera, and a Center for Scientific, Technical, and Industrial Culture, the Rotonda, installed within the Saint-Étienne École Nationale Supérieure des Mines (School of Mines).
  - 6 convenient media libraries, a network organized around the central media library: http://mediatheques.Saint-Etienne.fr/exploitation/
  - In Saint-Étienne, for going out or staying abreast of events, read the leading regional daily paper, Le Progrès, available in newstands or on the Internet: https://www.leprogres.fr/loire-42-actualite

You can also check the very comprehensive agenda on the Saint-Étienne Métropole Visitor Center website: http://Saint-Étiennetourisme.com/

MUST-SEE PLACES /

In 2000, Saint-Étienne was the first French city to be awarded the label Ville d’art et d’histoire (Town of Art and History) for its industrial heritage.

• The Art and Industry Museum, to plunge into the industrial and social context of the Saint-Étienne region (reduced rates).
• The Cité du Design, located in the former Saint-Étienne Arms Manufacture (student rates).
• The Couriot Shaft, the Mining park museum, a former mining shaft transformed into an industrial and mining museum with recreation of the mine galleries.
• Geoffroy-Guichard stadium: this stadium is a legend in France! Visit the Verts Museum and you’ll learn why.
• Square Jean-Jaurès, a tree-lined and floral square with its basin and music gazebo which comes alive during the summer.
• Saint-Étienne Planetarium, with an exceptional astronomical simulation video apparatus (reduced rates).
• Le Corbusier site in Firminy, at 15 km from Saint-Étienne, the largest building complex in France and Europe created by the famous architect.

Learn (and see) more: http://Saint-Étiennetourisme.com/

IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

FEBRUARY
• Festival of Burlesque Arts, the largest gathering for humor in France (reduced rates).

MARCH
• International Design Biennial, a major design event in France
• Festival des Curieux Voyageurs, the festival for curious travelers, a film festival for travelers and explorers with multiple events (reduced rates).

MAY
• Fest’U, the city’s unavoidable must-see university cultural event.
• European Night of Museums: another to way to discover museums, and for free.

JUNE
• Fête de la musique: music everywhere in town (free concerts).
• Trax, a dance festival for hip-hop in all its forms and styles.

JULY - AUGUST
• The Couriot Before, in the park located at the base of the Mining Museum. An open-air dance hall ambiance and musical events.
• Festival des 7 Collines, the 7 Hills multi-disciplinary festival centered on dance and the contemporary circus.

SEPTEMBER
• European Researchers Night: researchers meet the general public.
• Journées du patrimoine (Heritage days), free visits of cultural venues.

OCTOBER
• Science Festival, in numerous venues throughout the city.
• Science Village, in the Saint-Étienne Rotonda, a space for playful exploration (events, exhibitions, performances).

NOVEMBER
• the SaintéLyon, a night race between Saint Etienne and Lyon, the most important nature raid in France.

DECEMBER
• Saint Barbara Festival, a Saint-Étienne tradition with parade and fireworks (the Mining Museum has free visits on this occasion).


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.

EXCHANGE & SHARE