



DISCOVER YOUR CITY



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

WELCOME TO SAINT-ÉTIENNE





YOUR ARRIVAL IN SAINT-ÉTIENNE /

◆ A mutualized one-stop, the *Students Welcome Desk*

In September and October, the Students Welcome Desk will be available to guide you as soon as you arrive in Saint-Etienne, to advise you and support you with your administrative procedures and with settling in.

Both French and English-speaking staff will be on call to inform, guide and support international students with questions related to healthcare, accommodation, daily life, residence permits, etc.

The Students Welcome Desk will be available at la Comète from 28 August to 13 October 2023, on Tuesdays from 9 am to 1 pm and on Thursdays from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Address: Espace Info Jeunes, La Comète,
7 Avenue du Président Emile Loubet,
42000 Saint-Etienne.

Contact: 04 77 48 63 33.

We also plan to provide a Students Welcome Desk in our partner institutions involved in the programme. Please contact your host institution for more information on this subject.

Hours: outside of walk-in hours, a hotline is available from 10 am to 1:30 pm and from 3:30 pm to 5 pm at 04 37 37 43 00 or welcome-student@univ-st-etienne.fr

To find out more, please visit the pages for international students:

<https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr> > International > Etudiant international

◆ Reception at the University Jean Monnet

At Jean-Monnet University in Saint-Etienne, the Bureau des Mobilités internationales (International Mobility Office) supports international students throughout the year.

Address: Direction de l'International, Entrance 1, 2nd floor, 21 rue Denis Papin, 42100 Saint-Étienne.

Hours: Monday to Friday, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and from 1:30 pm to 5 pm, closed on Thursday afternoon.

Contact: welcome-student@univ-st-etienne.fr

Some faculties, schools and components offer a specific welcome service: Telecom Saint-Etienne, IUT de Saint-Etienne, IUT de Roanne, IAE de Saint-Etienne.

Learn more:

- See the web pages of the **Bureau des Mobilités internationales**: <https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr/fr/international-1/etudiants-internationaux-incoming-students.html>

- See also the "Welcome to UJM" pages: <https://bienvenuealujm.univ-st-etienne.fr/fr/index.html>

◆ Hosting International Scientists

Every institution has set up a specific hosting programme for foreign doctoral students and researchers and their families. This programme ensures they receive support with all the procedures related to preparing their stay and ensuring it goes well (accommodation, residence permit, healthcare, exploring the city activities in English...). The programme also includes regular meet-ups to promote social integration. Université Jean Monnet has the Euraxess centre label.

Address: Espace Euraxess-Université Jean Monnet, Direction de l'International, 2^e étage, 21 rue Denis Papin, 42 100 Saint-Etienne.

Contact: research-mob@univ-st-etienne.fr

◆ Welcome and orientation in other institutions

If you are registered in another institution, please consult the Campus France website for orientation. The site presents a series of Information Sheets covering the different higher learning institutions in France: <https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/recherche/categorie/auvergne-rhone-alpes-553>

If you cannot find your school in this list, then go directly to their website.

◆ Buddy System

You can be assisted by a local student in Saint-Étienne!

- Some schools offer a student buddy system. Please contact your institution's international relations office.

- If you are studying for a masters degree at Saint-Etienne, you may want to become a young Ambassador. This is a programme offering international students mentorship by company heads and members of local communities and institutions to help them discover the city and its activities, and to develop a project connecting Saint-Etienne to the student's home country.

Information and registration: <https://www.jeunes-ambassadeurs.com/>

- In addition, Université Jean-Monnet offers two types of sponsorship (you may combine all three programmes):

• the Buddy System, sponsorship between students throughout your stay, to provide in-depth support and promote cultural exchanges.

Information and registration:
<https://buddysystem.eu/fr/>

. The UJM GREETERS programme to meet members (students and staff) of Université Jean Monnet during a visit of the city, a coffee, a meal, a sporting or cultural activity, to share a little of one's culture and country, and in exchange discover Saint-Etienne and its residents.

Information and registration:

<https://forms.gle/WnStel2PX8es22VE>

♦ National Services

Students: www.etudiant.gouv.fr

Doctoral students and researchers:

<http://www.euraxess.fr/fr>

• **Other types of residences:** Use the Saint-Étienne Tourist Office site's search engine which has a listing of all housing types:

<https://www.Saint-Étienne-hors-cadre.fr> > s'organiser > dormir

♦ Long-term housing

• **CROUS student housing** (Centre Local des Œuvres Universitaires) Lyon - Saint-Étienne.

Address: 11 rue Tréfilerie, 42000 Saint-Étienne.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Contact: 04 77 81 85 50.

The Lyon CROUS site: <http://www.crous-lyon.fr/>

Trouver un logement site:

<https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr/>



Making you feel at home is a major concern for all French higher education institutions! The **Welcome to France label** is awarded to institutions that fulfil exacting criteria in the way they take care of their international students.



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.

Please ask your host institution for advice and tips on where to find accommodation.

See also the CRIJ, Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse, Info-Jeunes Auvergne Rhône-Alpes, which has a classified ads service:

<https://www.info-jeunes.fr/>

A FEW TIPS

♦ Short-term housing:

• **The Centre International de Séjour André**

Wogenscky, a youth hostel located in 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/>



GETTING AROUND SAINT-ÉTIENNE



To get to Saint-Étienne, Châteaureux train station, you can take a direct train from Paris (3 hours) or from another location.



You can also arrive directly at Lyon Saint-Exupéry International Airport, and then take the Blablacar Bus shuttle from the airport or the Rhône Express shuttle and then the train leaving from Part Dieu station.



From the train station to Tréfilerie - Université Jean-Monnet campus, take Tramway T3 towards Hôpital nord-Bellevue and get out at the Campus Tréfilerie stop.



For getting around the city and surrounding area, use the public transportation (bus and tramway) network managed by Stas: <https://www.reseau-stas.fr/>
Public transport passes cost 10 €/month for students.



There are Auvergne Rhône-Alpes regional trains for getting around the region (reductions possible): <https://www.ter.sncf.com/auvergne-rhone-alpes>
Buses are also an option for low-cost travel: <https://www.blablacar.fr/bus>



For ride-sharing, refer to the collaborative websites:
- local site <https://movici.auvergnerhonealpes.fr/>
- national website: <https://www.blablacar.fr>



For greater independence, use the Saint-Étienne Metropolitan area **VéliVert** network and bike-share system: <https://www.velivert.fr/>

• Private Housing Platforms

- www.studapart.com: a platform for private housing which Saint-Étienne learning institutions subscribe to. Find other private housing by visiting, for example, the following sites:

- <https://www.adele.org/>
- <https://www.location-etudiant.fr/>
- <https://www.immojeune.com/>
- <https://housinganywhere.com/fr/>

• There is also **Lokaviz**, a site managed by CROUS, which includes a listing of student accommodations 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 > Getting Organized > Accommodation

♦ Accommodation for international researchers

Résidence des Arts – Maison internationale
11 rue Gambetta - 42 000 Saint-Etienne
Information:

<https://www.crous-lyon.fr/logement/residence-des-arts-maison-internationale/>

Contact and booking: residencecesarts@crous-lyon.fr

♦ If you need a guarantor to help you secure accommodation

Visale is a new, free guarantee service: www.visale.fr

♦ If you want to file an application for APL funds (Aide Personnalised au Logement, or personalized housing aid)

CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales) can check your eligibility: 32 30 or www.caf.fr

♦ Should you have special needs or require specific accommodation

Contact the CROUS Service Social and they will coordinate with your host institution.

Higher learning institutions have named specific contact persons or created handicap offices which are available to special-needs students. Don't hesitate to contact them.



FIRST STEPS /

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> > Getting Organized > CVEC

♦ Confirm Registration

Take note! Even if you have a pre-registration letter, you are not officially enrolled. You must confirm your enrollment with the institution's Service de la Scolarité (Admissions) as soon as you arrive.

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>



PRACTICAL INFORMATION /

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 Saint-Étienne.**

In France, opening a bank account is a right:
www.service-public.fr > Argent > Comptes bancaires > Droit au compte

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

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.

HOUSING INSURANCE

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 Service d'Aide Médicale Urgente - 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, useful sites:

- **Espace Info Jeunes - Saint-Etienne**, the youth information service posts job offers:
<https://www.info-jeunes.fr/> > Emploi/Job

- **the Jobaviz website, run by the CROUS**, can help you find a student job that's compatible with your studies: <http://www.jobaviz.fr/>

- **Université Jean-Monnet** 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



THINGS TO DO IN SAINT-ÉTIENNE /

TAKE UP A SPORT

- In your institution, contact the Service des Sports for free access to sports facilities.
- **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
- **At Université Jean-Monnet, the SUAPS** is the university service charged with organizing physical and sporting activities for students: <https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr/fr/suaps.html>

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 institution (Service de la vie étudiante) for information.
 - please refer to the pages regarding student societies on the Université Jean-Monnet website, which includes over 60 societies in different domains: <https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr> > vie étudiante > associations
 - go to the Espace Info Jeunes in Saint-Etienne. Address and contact: La Comète, 7 avenue du Président Emile Loubet, 04 77 48 63 33.
 - consult the national sites: www.animafac.net or www.letudiant.fr

CULTURE AND NIGHTLIFE

- 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-Étienne.fr/talents>
- **In Saint Etienne**, www.saintepass.fr is a site which lists 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 institutions.
- **At Université Jean-Monnet**, you have the advantage of a **Carnet Culture**, a culture notebook containing 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): You can also access various cultural offers throughout the year. For more information: <https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr> > vie étudiante > culture et loisirs

• **With the CROUS**, take part in in-person or online activities and events offered as part of the Fil'Free programme throughout the year on the university's various campuses and in town: www.crous-lyon.fr > Vie de Campus > Fil'Free

• **In Saint-Étienne for entertainment or to pick up some culture**, you can choose from:

- 4 large movie theaters with multiple screens including one art house theater, Le Méliès, and the municipal Cinémathèque (student rates, rewards cards, free with the Saintépass: www.saintepass.fr).
- 5 major 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).
- a dozen book stores, including an institution, Librairie de Paris, opened in 1961.
- 6 convenient multi media libraries, a network organized around the central media library: <http://mediatheques.Saint-Étienne.fr/exploitation/>
- In Saint-Étienne, for going out you can also consult the very complete **agenda** found on the Saint-Étienne Métropole Tourism Office: <https://www.saint-etienne-hors-cadre.fr>

TOP ATTRACTIONS /

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).
- Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, an international institution in the field of modern and contemporary art with over 20,000 works.
- 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 architecture.
- La boucle verte: a 30 km walk around the town and its surroundings.
- The beaches of Saint-Victor-sur-Loire (a watersports centre), a 30-minute bus ride from the centre of town.
- The snowy slopes of Chalmazel (a ski station an hour away from Saint-Etienne).

Learn (and see) more:

<https://www.saint-etienne-hors-cadre.fr>



IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

FEBRUARY

- Festival Arkomik, 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).

APRIL

- **Printemps Etudiant du Développement Durable**, in your institution, on the university's campuses and beyond: a whole programme aimed at taking action in favour of the ecological transition.

MAY

- **Fest'U, the city's must-see university cultural event.**
- European Museum Night, another way to discover museums, and for free.
- Festival Paroles et Musiques, to (re)discover French *chanson*.

JUNE

- Fête de la Musique: Music everywhere in town (free concerts).
- Trax, a dance festival for hip-hop in all its forms and styles.
- Festival Paroles et Musiques, a festival of French music which has taken place in Saint-Étienne since 1992.

JULY - AUGUST

- Le festival des Roches celtiques, Celtic music.
- 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

- **SASE, Saint-Etienne Accueille Ses Etudiants**, a celebratory and cultural event marking the start of the academic year.
- **The FEST'IVE**, an afternoon to find out all there is to know about student life at the university, in partnership with the CROUS.
- **European Researchers Night: Researchers meet the general public.**
- Journées du Patrimoine (heritage days), free visits of cultural venues.

OCTOBER

- **Nuit des étudiants du monde.**
- **Fête de la science**, in numerous locations across town, including the Village des Sciences, with playful spaces for discovery (activities, exhibitions, shows).

NOVEMBER

- The Festival Positive education, five days of electronic music.
- Festival Face-à-Face, an LGBT+ film festival in Saint-Etienne.

DECEMBER

- Marché de Noël (Christmas market) and Sainte-Barbe Festival, a Saint-Étienne tradition with parade and fireworks (the Mining Museum has free visits on this occasion).

Learn more: <http://www.Saint-Étienne.fr/> (rubrique culture/festivals).



**& SHARE
PARTICIPATE**

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.



THINGS TO KNOW

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

SAINT-ÉTIENNE METROPOLITAN AREA:

405,000 residents

28,500 students

CITY OF SAINT-ÉTIENNE:

174,000 residents

AUVERGNE RHÔNE-ALPES REGION,

2nd FRENCH
REGION in terms of
hosting foreign
students
(over 48,000
international
students)

Université Jean Monnet of Saint-Etienne:

20,200 students,

including **2,100** international students,

370 doctoral students, **6** doctoral schools,

24 research units



SAINT-ÉTIENNE, RANKED AMONG THE TOP 46 FRENCH CITIES WHERE IT'S GOOD TO LIVE AND WORK (awarded by L'Etudiant 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/auvergne-rhone-alpes-553>

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