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

**WELCOME TO
STRASBOURG**





YOUR ARRIVAL IN STRASBOURG /

The University of Strasbourg and the Eurometropolis of Strasbourg will guide and accompany you upon your arrival in Strasbourg by organizing the **Agora de Rentrée**, a one stop welcome desk for all your administrative procedures.

In September, a start of the year agora bringing together all students is organised at Université de Strasbourg by the university's Service de la vie universitaire (University Life Office).

At the same time, a multi-service welcome desk is available to help you deal with all your administrative procedures (open from 2 to 13 September 2024, from 9am to 6pm, on the central campus).

The university's various departments will also be available to answer all your questions.

To find out more, please visit:

- <https://bienvenue.unistra.fr> > les événements
- <https://bienvenue.unistra.fr> > le guichet multi-services

If you require information or an interlocutor during the academic year, please do not hesitate to contact the Campus Life Service Welcome Office.

Contact: svu-accueil@unistra.fr

♦ The Maison Universitaire Internationale

Launched in 2016, the International University House (MUI) is the emblematic place of reception of international students. The strong support of local authorities in this project shows the territory's commitment for the international visibility of the University of Strasbourg.

The MUI brings together the various central services that cater to the university's international population:

- the Mobility and Welcome to France departments of the Direction des relations internationales ;
- the Euraxess Centre;
- the Campus Life Service Welcome Office for international students;
- the Welcome Office for refugees.

Address: 11 Presqu'île André-Malraux, 67100 Strasbourg

Contact: mui-info@unistra.fr

Website: <https://www.unistra.fr> > étudiant/chercheur étrangers > la Maison universitaire internationale

♦ International Relations Department Direction

Address: Maison universitaire internationale, rez-de-chaussée du bâtiment, 11 presqu'île André Malraux, 67100 Strasbourg.
Contact : dri-contact@unistra.fr

For more information on the welcome service of the university

- download the international students' Welcome guide (available in English and French). It contains essential information to prepare your arrival in Strasbourg
<https://www.unistra.fr/guide-welcome>

♦ Buddy System

Other devices:

- Buddy System: <https://strasbourg.esnfrance.org/>
- Club of Young Ambassadors of Alsace, if you are foreign master's students of the Programme Grande Ecole (ENA, ITIRI, EM, ENGEES, HEAR, INSA, ENSAS, ECPM, IEP, Telecom Physique and Alliance Française):

<http://www.jeunesambassadeurs-alsace.com>

Information and registration at the International Relations Department of your establishment.

♦ Welcome and Orientation in other institutions

If you are enrolled 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:**

<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>



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.

Learn more:

- go to the Logement de Université de Strasbourg section which has several sections about accommodations for international students: <https://www.unistra.fr> > vie des campus > hébergement
- contact info-logement@unistra.fr to receive the housing guide for international students, Guide du Logement des Étudiants Internationaux, and receive preferential rates.
- please refer to the Strasbourg aime ses étudiants website, which offers a **map of student accommodation in the area**: <https://www.strasbourgaimesesetudiants.eu/logement>

A FEW TIPS

♦ Short-term housing

- **The Auberge de jeunesse Strasbourg - 2 Rives** youth hostel on the banks of the Rhin.
Address and phone number: 9 Rue des Cavaliers, 67000 Strasbourg, 03 88 45 54 20.
<https://www.hifrance.org>
- **Le Ciarus**, youth hostel in the city center.
Address and phone number: 7 Rue Finkmatt, 67000 Strasbourg, 03 88 15 27 88.
Site: <http://www.ciarus.com/fr/>
- **Le Stift**, student residence in the historical city center.
Address and phone number: 1bis quai St-Thomas, 67000 Strasbourg, 03 88 25 90 25 / 26.
Site: <http://www.lestift.org/>
- **Hotels and apart-hotels**: See the Strasbourg Visitor Center Tourist Office website: <http://www.otstrasbourg.fr> > séjourner > se loger

♦ Long-term housing

- **The Strasbourg CROUS (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires - Regional Center for University Services) for student housing.**
Address: 1 quai du Maire Dietrich, 67000 Strasbourg.
Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm.
Contact: 03 88 21 28 00.
Site: <http://www.crous-strasbourg.fr/>

The website *Trouver un logement*:
<https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr/>

• The University's Student Accommodation:

- For students

The International University House hall of residence offers 170 studio flats that are reserved for international students:

<https://www.amitel.eu> > Our Properties > International University House

- For doctoral students

The European Doctoral College hall of residence offers 100 studio flats that are reserved in priority for doctoral students who are members of the European Doctoral College and doctoral students, and then for post-doctoral and visiting researchers: <https://www.unistra.fr> > Campus Life > Accommodation > I am a PhD student

- For professors, researchers or post-doctoral students
The Villa Arconati Visconti, where accommodation can be booked via individual research units, research



GETTING AROUND STRASBOURG



If you arrive at Strasbourg-Entzheim international airport, take the shuttle from the airport to Strasbourg train station (7 minutes). Then take one of the three tram lines from the station.



In town and the surrounding areas, use the Compagnie des Transports Strasbourgeois public transportation network (bus and tramway), day and night:
<https://www.cts-strasbourg.eu/fr/>



For travel within the region:

- use the regular bus service on lines 67 and 45 between all the cities in the department: <https://www.vialsace.eu> > réseaux > réseau67
- take regional trains: <https://www.ter.sncf.com/grand-est>
- to travel greater distances, don't forget the bus for low-cost travel: <https://fr.ouibus.com/> or <https://www.flixbus.fr/>



For ride-sharing, refer to the collaborative websites:

- local: <https://www.covoiturage67-68.fr/>
- national: <https://www.blablacar.fr>

Strasbourg is the best city in France for cyclists! Use one of the 6,000 bikes in the



Vel'Hop network: <https://velhop.strasbourg.eu/>

laboratories, or research institutes: <https://www.unistra.fr> > vie des campus > hébergement > post-doctorants et enseignants-chercheurs

• Private Housing Platforms:

Some of the private institutions in Strasbourg are members of **Studapart**, a private housing platform: <https://www.studapart.com/fr>

Also see the following sites:

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

Strasbourg has many **privately managed student residences**, often close to campuses, such as:

- MGEL Logement: <https://www.mgellogement.fr> > nos résidences étudiantes
- Estudines: <https://www.estudines.com>
- Amitel: <https://www.amitel.eu/>

• 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 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

♦ 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: 32 30 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 Strasbourg, the Service de la Vie Universitaire - Mission handicap assists students with special needs (welcome, advice, and adapted study programs): <https://www.unistra.fr> > vie des campus > accompagnement du handicap > mission handicap

The CROUS, at your service everywhere

Do you need any help and/or advice, somewhere to eat or to live, a job - or do you just want to find out all there is to know about student life? Then the CROUS is what you need!



The CROUS (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires - Regional Centre of University and School Services) has branches in all major French university towns.

It manages university halls of residence and canteens, allows you to meet social workers, and offers cultural activities and job opportunities.



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.

- 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 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 *prefecture* 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/#/>

The following tutorial can help you with this procedure: <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/tutorials-to-help-international-students-in-their-application-process>

- 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 Strasbourg.**

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)

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'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 at Université de Strasbourg which has a Service de Santé étudiante (SSE), or Student Health Service.

Address: 6 rue de Palerme, 67000 Strasbourg.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:30pm.

Contact: 03 68 85 50 24

or sante.etudiants@unistra.fr

Site: <http://sante.unistra.fr/html/>

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.

You can sign up for housing insurance called "garantie risques locatifs" - rental risk guarantee - at your bank or a private insurance company. Online subscription is 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:
<https://ecolesdete.campusfrance.org/#/main>
- 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, 3 addresses:

- **CRIJ d'Alsace** (Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse), the youth information center, provides a platform for job offers and internships:
<http://www.crij-alsace.fr/>

- **Service de la Vie Universitaire - Université de Strasbourg** has postings for student jobs, civic and volunteer services on its site:

unistra.fr > [vie des campus](#) > [jobs étudiants](#)

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



THINGS TO DO IN STRASBOURG /

TAKE UP A SPORT

- Contact your institution's Service des Sports or visit the website of Université de Strasbourg which offers 60 activities: <https://sport.unistra.fr/>

Strasbourg also has a large range of local public sports facilities and recreational activities:

<https://www.strasbourg.eu> > [pratique](#) > [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. For more information, first ask at the Service de la

vie universitaire – Mission vie étudiante of Université de Strasbourg:

<https://www.unistra.fr> > [vie des campus](#) > [vie universitaire](#)
visit the national sites: www.animafac.net or www.letudiant.fr

In Strasbourg, the ESN (Erasmus Student Network) association offers numerous activities to welcome international students and help them settle in:
<https://strasbourg.esnfrance.org/>

CULTURE AND NIGHTLIFE

Strasbourg offers many ways to cultivate yourself or party. Movie theaters, concerts, theaters, museums, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students:

<https://www.strasbourg.eu/culture>

If you are a student at Université de Strasbourg, at ENGÈES, l'ENSAS, l'HEAR, l'INSA or enrolled in a preparatory class for a graduate school, download the **Carte Culture** on your Pass Campus: free admission in 23 museums and student discounts in movie theaters and partner venues.

<https://www.carte-culture.org/fr/>

The **Pass Campus** offers other services (CROUS food services, libraries, sports activities):

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

The city of Strasbourg created the program "**Strasbourg aime ses étudiants**" created to organize free events to promote the city:

<https://www.strasbourgaimesesetudiants.eu> > [étudier](#) > [strasbourg aime ses étudiants](#)

For entertainment or to pick up some culture, in Strasbourg, there are:

- 5 large movie theaters in the city center including 3 arthouse theaters: Odyssée, a historical movie theater built in 1913 and the 2 Cinémas Stars.
- 10 museums: <https://www.musees.strasbourg.eu/>
- 15 venues for shows, theater and dance, concerts.
- about 30 bookshops including 3 institutions: Oberlin which has just celebrated their 200th birthday, the international Kléber bookshop and Gallimard du Monde Entier, specialized in books published in the original language.
- a network of 33 public libraries/media libraries in Strasbourg and the surrounding area with a collection of over a million documents:
<https://www.strasbourg.eu> > [culture](#) > [bibliothèques et médiathèques](#)

In Strasbourg, for going out or staying abreast of events, read **the two regional daily newspapers, L'Alsace and Dernières Nouvelles d'Alsace (DNA)**, available in newsstands or on the Internet:
<https://www.dna.fr/> and <https://www.lalsace.fr/>

Also see:

- the Tourist Office agenda:

<http://www.otstrasbourg.fr/fr/> > agenda

- the calendar of cultural activities, often free, program by the Service de l'Action Culturelle at Université de Strasbourg: <https://www.unistra.fr> > vie des campus > culture > structures culturelles > service de l'action culturelle



TOP ATTRACTIONS /

Strasbourg has been labelled a Ville d'art et d'histoire for its art and history since 2013.

- Place Kléber, Strasbourg's largest public square.
- Notre-Dame cathedral, with a Gothic spire and astronomic clock, is one of the most visited in France (free admission).
- Petite France, the historical district, with canals and traditional homes and the Neustadt district, listed as UNESCO world heritage.
- Rohan palace, the former princely home currently houses three museums including the fine arts museum.
- Musée Historique de Strasbourg with innovative museography.
- The Vauban dam with a panoramic view.
- Orangerie park - the largest and oldest park in the city.
- Follow the Parcours Europe for the European institutions: European Parliament, Council of Europe, European Court of Human Rights.
- The park and the footbridge between the two banks. The park lies between Strasbourg and Kehl.

For more information, consult the Strasbourg Tourist Office website:

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



IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

JANUARY

- The Sacrées Journées de Strasbourg with concerts featuring religious music from all cultures.

FEBRUARY

- Strasbourg Mon Amour, the 10-day Saint-Valentin festival: A poetic, cultural and off-beat festival!

MARCH

- The Carnaval de Strasbourg with floats, dances and music in the street.

MAY

- Fête de l'Europe, cultural and sports events and open day at the European parliament.
- The European Night of Museums when all the museums in Strasbourg are open all night (free admission).

JUNE

- Fête de la Musique: Music everywhere in town (free concerts).

SEPTEMBER

- **Agora de Rentrée:** At the start of the academic year, Université de Strasbourg organizes welcome and orientation activities with all useful services and departments on the central campus, in particular a Campus Life Village and a Solidarity and Sustainability Campus Village.
- **European Researchers Night:** researchers meet the general public.
- Journées du Patrimoine, French heritage days when admission is free to cultural monuments, some of which are only open to the public at this time.

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

- **World Students Night (Nuit des étudiants du monde - NEM), THE PLACE TO BE for international students.**
- **Fête de la Science** in the University laboratories.

DECEMBER

- The Christmas market - the oldest and most famous in France.



**& 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

STRASBOURG IS THE CAPITAL OF THE BAS-RHIN department and the Grand Est region which has 10 departments in total


STRASBOURG
IS ONE OF THE TWO
EUROPEAN CAPITALS
and headquarters of
the European
Parliament and Council
of Europe

**GRAND-EST
REGION,**
4th FRENCH
REGION in terms of
hosting foreign
students
(32,000 international
students)

STRASBOURG, A EUROPEAN METROPOLIS

505,000 residents
including **290,000** in the city of Strasbourg

Université de Strasbourg:

57,000 students 
including **11,500** international students
of 156 different nationalities

UNIVERSITÉ DE STRASBOURG,

10 doctoral schools,
2,200 doctoral students, of which half are
international students,
and **5** Nobel Prizes still active

**STRASBOURG, 2nd (OUT OF 46) AMONG FRENCH CITIES AS A
GREAT PLACE 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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