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.

- Reception agora at the University of Strasbourg organized by the University of Strasbourg University Life Service
  
  **Targeted audience:** all students of Strasbourg’s university
  
  **Dates and hours:** September 1 to 23, 2021
  
  **Consult the services offered on**
  https://bienvenueunistra.fr/bienvenue/les-evenements et https://bienvenueunistra.fr/bienvenue/le-guichetmulti-services
  
  During the year, do not hesitate to look for information or a contact at the university’s Mission Accueil service.
  
  **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 various central services that welcome international students to the university:
  - The International Relations Department’s “Mobility” and “Welcome to France” services
  - The Euraxess Center of the Research Department and valuation;
  - The Office of the cooperation group international (EGTC) of the trinational alliance “EUCOR - The European Campus”;
  - The Student Life service’ reception desk for international students
  - the migrant reception office.

  **Adresse:** 11 Presqu’île André-Malraux, 67100 Strasbourg
  
  **Contact:** mui-info@unistra.fr

- The International Relations Department Direction

  **Adresse:** 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

- Events organized by the International Relations Department of the University of Strasbourg

  **The international students’ welcome day**
  
  **Date and time:** Friday September 3, 2021 from 9am
  
  **Address:** Le Patio building, Allée René-Descartes, Esplanade central campus, 67000 Strasbourg

  The program for this day will be communicated to the international students by email.

  **The welcome stand in the hall of the Strasbourg’s SNCF train station**
  
  **Date and time:** August 30 to September 10 from 9am to 5pm
  
  **Address:** Main station hall, Place de la Gare, 67000 Strasbourg
  
  **Contact:** dri-contact@unistra.fr

- International Buddy System

  To facilitate the integration of international students the International Relations department of the University set up a buddy system program.

  **To inform you and register for the device:**
  
  https://www.unistra.fr/international/venir-astrasbourg/international-sponsorship/-international-sponsoring-program

  **Email address:** dri-contact@unistra.fr

- Buddy System

  **Other devices:**
  - Buddy System: https://strasbourg.ixesn.fr/buddysystem
  - Club of Young Ambassadors of Alsace, if you are foreign master’s studentsof 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.

- National Services

  **- students:** www.etudiant.gouv.fr
  
  **- doctoral students, researchers:**
  
  http://www.euraxess.fr/fr
There are numerous solutions for housing in Strasbourg: Student-only accommodations managed by CROUS, student housing and private residences, and rooms in private homes. What's most important is to take care of this as early as possible, before your arrival.

Learn more:
- go to the Logement de Université de Strasbourg section which has several sections about accommodations for international students: http://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.

A FEW TIPS

◆ Short-term housing
  - 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/
  - Hotels and aparthotels: 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/
On campus, the CROUS also manages all low-cost food services (university restaurants, cafeterias, food-trucks, etc.).

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/

• At the University:
  - For students
The Maison Universitaire Internationale residence has 170 studios reserved for international students: https://www.amitel.eu > nos logements > maison universitaire internationale
(See page 4 for more information about accommodation)

• The university residence park:
  - For doctoral students
The Collège Doctoral Européen residence has 100 studios. Priority is given to doctoral students who are members of the European Doctoral College, then guest doctoral and post-doctoral students: https://www.unistra.fr > vie des campus > hébergement > doctorants
  - For professor-researchers, researchers and post-doctoral students
Résidence Arconati Visconti: Housing bookings are made by university research units, research laboratories and research institutions:
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
- 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: 08 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 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

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 PERMIT (TITRE DE SÉJOUR)

If you have arrived in France with a VLS-TS long-term student visa: you must validate it online upon your arrival and imperatively within the first three months of your stay (in France) on the ANEF (Administration numérique pour les étrangers en France) website: https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr

If you are an Algerian national or a student with a “Concours” (tests) visa or a visa with the indication “Carte à solliciter dans les deux mois” (Residency permit is to be requested within 2 months of entry): your residency permit application has to be made at the Prefecture.

If you hold a “mineur scolarisé” (enrolled minor) visa and you attained the age of majority, you have to request for a “Titre de séjour” online on the ANEF website or at the prefecture where you live within 2 months following your majority.

Take note: To renew your student residency permit “Titre de séjour” (VLS-TS), your request must be done during the 3rd month before the expiration date of your current “Titre de séjour” (permit) on the website: https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr

This tutorial will help you:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_suMZ3fiwi&list=PLpm2evF1qaJe_0q0a-LMIKujAhwATVEy&index=16
To find out more about rights and obligations:
The reception services of your establishment can
guide you in the event of difficulties.
www.service-public.fr > Etranger > Titre de séjour et document de circulation (Foreigners > Resident Card and Travel Document)

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 190 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)

HEALTHCARE
In France, receiving medical treatment is practically free but you must be insured. Accordingly, signing up for medical insurance is mandatory.

SIGN UP FOR ADDITIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE
You can also sign up for top-up insurance which will cover all health expenses not covered by the free and compulsory health insurance.
Take note: The plans and coverage levels differ from one company to another. To choose a top-up insurance policy which meets your needs and your budget, you can compare student health insurance plans on the Internet.

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:
  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 AN INTERNSHIP
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/

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 health center, the Service de Santé Universitaire (SSU).
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/

Login to the https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr site to register, to understand your eligibility and benefits, and to take the necessary steps.
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 proposes a numerous activities to welcome international students and help them settle in: https://strasbourg.ixesn.fr/

GAINING CULTURE AND PARTYING
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 ENGEES, 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: Odyssee, 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 astronomical 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.
• 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.

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 (29,000 international students)

STRASBOURG, A EUROPEAN METROPOLIS

505,000 residents
including 284,000 in the city of Strasbourg

Université de Strasbourg:

56,000 students
including 11,000 international students

UNIVERSITÉ DE STRASBOURG,

10 doctoral schools, 2,157 doctoral students among which almost half of the international students

2,000 cooperative agreements with
95 countries and 4 Nobel Prizes still active

STRASBOURG, 8th (OUT OF 44) 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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