I study at

L’Université
de Strasbourg
What is the weather like in Strasbourg?

The climate of the Alsace plain is semi-continental. Temperature differences are very high from one season to the next.

**WINTER**
Between 0 and 5°C on average. Sometimes as low as -12°C.

**SUMMER**
Between 14 and 26°C on average. Sometimes up to 38°C.

How to get around?
By bicycle thanks to its numerous cycle paths, on foot, or via the bus and tram network.
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This guide is a very practical tool to help you prepare your arrival and stay in Strasbourg. In it, you will not only find administrative information but also more practical information about Unistra (University of Strasbourg). Whether you are coming as part of an international mobility, regular admission, to participate in a short term programme or internship, everything you need to know and the steps to follow are in here!

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I wish you a pleasant arrival in Strasbourg.

The French terms and expressions specific to each chapter are explained in this tab. Further information can be found on the linked websites.

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What kind of student am I?

I am...

from a foreign university and I am part of an international mobility at the University of Strasbourg

Part of an international mobility programme
You are part of an international mobility programme at the University of Strasbourg, for at least one semester, as part of a host or exchange programme (Erasmus+ or cooperation agreement between the University of Strasbourg and your home institution or a university network agreement such as Eucor - The European Campus).

Part of a multiple degree programme
You are part of an international mobility programme at the University of Strasbourg enabling you to obtain several degrees (your home university degree and a Unistra degree).

I am...

an independent international student and I am enrolling in a course at the University of Strasbourg

You are coming from abroad to settle in and continue your studies at the University of Strasbourg in an initial training course.

I am...

an international student doing an internship or a short term programme at the University of Strasbourg

You are coming to follow a specific training or a short internship in a laboratory, in a department or within a faculty/school/institute of the university.

To do before my arrival
Check that my French is good enough

Most of the courses are held in French. You will generally be required to have a **B2 level**.

The language level required may be different for students in the international mobility programme.

Please contact your **CORI** (Correspondent for International Relations) at the University of Strasbourg.

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**BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL:**

**VIA THE PLATFORM IN USE**

- If you are an independent international student: remember to confirm your admission before your arrival via the platform in use (‘eCandidate’, ‘Études en France’) or in some cases by email or post.

- You are an international mobility student: your application is generally submitted on the Moveon platform (or another platform depending on the organisation of your school/faculty/institute), and ‘Études en France’ for non-European students from the countries concerned.

**AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE: AT YOUR HOST INSTITUTION**

Even if you have a pre-registration letter, you are not yet truly registered. You must then confirm your registration with the administration as soon as you arrive.

**TO CONFIRM YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTRATION, YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY:**

- **CVEC**: Student and Campus Life Contribution
  - The CVEC is a membership fee that gives you access to university health services, sports, art and culture. Amount for 2021-2022: €92.

**Language levels**

According to the **CEFR** (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

**B2** Effective Operational Proficiency

**B1** Vantage

**A2** Threshold

**A1** Waystage

**INDEPENDENT User**

**PROFICIENT user**

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**CVEC**

Student and Campus Life Contribution

2022-2023: they are the same for all students.

- **‘Pass campus’**

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**Important**

If you are part of an international mobility programme (Erasmus+, Hors Erasmus+ or Eucor - The European Campus), you will pay neither the registration fee nor the CVEC.

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**Contact:**

uni-stras.fr → Formation → Admission, inscription et scolarité → Inscription à l’Université → Droits d’inscription

Contact: mui-info@unistra.fr

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**Amounts of registration fees:**

uni-stras.fr → Formation → Admission, inscription et scolarité → Inscription à l’Université → Droits d’inscription

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**To do before my arrival**

- Confirm my admission via the platform in use ('eCandidate', 'Études en France') or in some cases by email or post.
- Check that my French is good enough.
- Improve your French:
  - “Improve my French”, page 49

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**Contact:**

mui-info@unistra.fr
Apply for a visa

To do before my arrival

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important

Ask for the right visa as you will not be able to modify it after your arrival in France.

Remember to get a personal health insurance before your arrival as you will not be able to benefit from French health insurance.

You need a visa to study in France if:

you are an international student and you come from a country outside the EEA (European Economic Area) and Switzerland;

you do not already live in France and you do not yet have a residence permit.

Steps

If you have registered at the university via the ‘Études en France’ platform, your visa application will be transmitted automatically.

Otherwise, you will have to apply for a visa at the French embassy or consulate at your place of residence.

Different types of visas

Your visa will depend on the length of your stay in France:

If you stay less than 3 months in France:

SHORT STAY STUDENT VISA

Your visa may be marked:

→ ‘court séjour pour études’ (short stay for studies) or
→ ‘étudiant concours’ (student-in-competition) depending on the nature of your stay.

If you will be staying from 4 months to 1 year in France:

LONG-STAY STUDENT VISA

Your visa will either be a:

◆ ‘Visa long séjour valant titre de séjour - VLS-TS’
   (long-stay visa valid as a residence permit)

The VLS-TS can be marked:

→ ‘étudiant pour des études au niveau licence, master et doctorat’
   (student for studies at Bachelor, Master and Doctorate level);
→ ‘passeport talent’ (talent passport) for certain doctoral students;
→ ‘mention stagiaire’ (trainee mention).

or a:

◆ ‘Visa long séjour temporaire - VLS-T’
   (temporary long-stay visa)

The VLS-T mainly concerns students coming for a short training period (in particular in the framework of exchanges) and professional trainees. It is not renewable and does not give the same rights as a VLS-TS.

If you need a visa to come to France, you will have to prove that you have a minimum of €615/month.

You will be able to prove this with:

a scholarship certificate;

a standing order from your bank;

a proof of coverage by a guarantor in France.

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**Look for accommodation**

**Accommodation offers**

Housing is one of the great challenges of student life, so it is best to start early! Find your accommodation among the solutions best suited to students.

- ‘Campus France’ video on Youtube: → « Se loger pendant ses études »
- And on the University of Strasbourg website: → unistra.fr → Vie des campus → Hébergement → Étudiants

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**UNIVERSITY HOUSING:**

**You are a student part of an international mobility:**

You can apply for accommodation in a Crous hall of residence or university residence, at the International Relations Department when you apply online at the University of Strasbourg.

**You are a scholarship student (from the French government or from your government through ‘Campus France’):**

The allocation of accommodation is made directly through ‘Campus France’.

**For the other students:**

There may be accommodation available for students (scholarship holders or not, French and internationals) arriving outside the September start period.

- How? To download the DSE guide (Dossier social étudiant): → étudiant.gouv.fr → Bourses et logement: constituez votre dossier social étudiant (DSE)
- Crous accommodation available for booking: → trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr or on → bedandcrous.com
- Crous is a public organisation. Its role is to improve students’ living conditions (social aid, housing, catering, reception of foreign students, etc.). The Crous handles university residences and housing estates in France.

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**PRACTICAL TOOLS TO FACILITATE YOUR SEARCH**

- **Housing Guide - International students**
  → unistra.fr → Vie des campus → Logement

- **Housing Counsellor**
  You can get advice and help with your housing search from a housing advisor.
  - **Contact:** info-logement@unistra.fr
  - Maison universitaire internationale – Bureau N°4 11, presqu’île André Malraux, 67100 Strasbourg

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**Find a guarantor**

To apply for accommodation, you must have a guarantor. There are several solutions:

- **Garantie Visale (proposed by ‘Action logement’):**
  If you live in a private accommodation and have no one to turn to, and depending on the eligibility criteria, you can benefit from the Visale guarantee for free.
  To do so, you must submit your application before signing the lease and have a valid residence permit.
  - **Visale Procedure:**
    → campusfrance.org → Étudiants → S’organiser → Logement → Trouver un garant → Dispositif Visale
  - I test my eligibility: → visale.fr → Je teste mon éligibilité
  - To submit a request: → visale.fr → Je demande Visale

- **LOCA-PASS (offered by ‘Action logement’):**
  a free service that offers you an advance payment or payment of the security deposit.
  - **Contact:** Action logement
    2, avenue de la Forêt-Noire 67000 Strasbourg
    03 69 73 86 60 / actionlogement.fr
  - → locapass.actionlogement.fr

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**Important**

Do not pay out any money before you have visited the accommodation or signed a rental agreement. For legal advice or assistance in housing matters, you can contact the ADIL (Agence départementale pour l’information sur le logement).

→ adil67.org

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The Crous accommodation is intended for students with a small budget. Space is therefore limited.
To do before my arrival

As a tenant, you will have to pay two taxes: the housing tax and the audiovisual contribution. These taxes are annual and have to be paid at the same time. The audiovisual contribution, also known as the television licence fee, only has to be paid if you declare that you own a television.

In 2020, the ‘taxe d’habitation’ was abolished for 80% of homes. Check whether you qualify for a partial or total exemption from this tax using the online simulator.

In order to be covered by Civil Liability insurance, make sure it is included in your multi-risk home insurance policy.

You can take out insurance with your bank or a private insurer. The cost is between €20 and €80 per year, depending on the additional cover chosen.

In France, it is compulsory to insure your accommodation. This insurance allows you to be covered in the event of damage in your home (water damage, theft, fire, etc.).

Open my bank account

If you stay in France for more than three months, it is advisable or mandatory in some cases to open a bank account to enable you to:

- receive your scholarship, salaries, Housing Benefit and reimbursement of medical expenses.
- open a credit card (used for most procedures and fee payments).
- obtain a ‘relevé d’identité bancaire’ – RIB (bank details) to pay your rent, bills or to be paid by bank transfer.

To open a bank account, you will need 3 documents:

- an identity document;
- proof of address (telephone or electricity bill, etc.);
- a school certificate.

You will be able to open a bank account in any bank in France. In order to facilitate your steps, we invite you to:

→ Ask your bank in your country of origin if it is associated with a French network;
→ Find out about the different online banks (free bank card);
→ Contact the ‘Maison universitaire internationale’ for a list of banks located near the Esplanade campus (main campus).

Opening an account is generally free of charge but some services may be subject to a fee.

More information:
- etudiant.gouv.fr/cid132966/assurer-son-logement-quelles-obligations-legales.html
- mgef.fr/assurances
  - assistance-etudiants.com
  - assurances-etudiants.com

Examples of insurance:
-Argent assurance
- Assurance habitation
- Comparateur assurance habitation

Insurance Comparator:
- quechoisir.org
- Argent assurance
- Assurance habitation
- Comparateur assurance habitation

Multi-risk home insurance

Responsabilité civile (RC) (Civil Liability)

Is the obligation to repair the damage caused to one or more people. It can be covered by insurance.

More information:
- etudiant.gouv.fr/cid132966/assurer-son-logement-quelles-obligations-legales.html

Be careful before opening a bank account. Read the conditions in order to choose the offer that suits you best.
Finance my mobility

In order to study in favourable conditions, you must have financial resources adapted to the cost of living in Alsace.

How much does it cost?

The first month after your arrival is always the most expensive. This budget allows you to estimate the amount you need to plan for your stay:

**MAIN EXPENSES FOR THE FIRST MONTH**

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<td>Multi-risk home insurance</td>
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<td>University tuition fees (excluding students on international mobility): between €113 and €601</td>
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<td>Other costs related to the university (supplies, books, etc.): about €50</td>
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**DAILY LIVING EXPENSES**

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<td>Baguette (typical long shaped French bread)</td>
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<td>A meal at the university restaurant</td>
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<td>Coffee</td>
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<td>Small beer</td>
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<td>Tarte flambée (local speciality)</td>
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<td>Cinema</td>
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<td>Admission to the museum</td>
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<td>Laundromat</td>
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<td>General medical consultation</td>
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**I am a working student**

You will be able to work in France outside of your studies up to 60% of the legal working time (964 hours/year) if:

- you are a student from an EEA country (European Economic Area);
- You have a valid student residence permit or a visa worthy of a residence permit (VLS-TS) bearing the words ‘autorisé à travailler’ (authorised to work).

Doctoral students with a VLS-TS mentioning ‘passeport talent pour un doctorat’ (passport talent for a doctorate) are not allowed to have a side job.

Algerian students will be able to work in France up to 50% of the legal working time.

**Important**

With the ‘Pass campus’ (student card), you can benefit from student discounts in certain shops and businesses.
To find out whether you can benefit from financial aid for housing (APL or ALS) paid by the CAF ('Caisse d’allocations familiales') and how much, make a simulation:

This request is to be made online, as soon as you find an accommodation. The amount may vary according to the price of your rent, your resources, etc.

You must have a rental contract in your name, have opened a bank account and, if necessary, have a valid residence permit or VLS-TS (Visa de long séjour valant titre de séjour).

Contact:
CAF du Bas-Rhin
22, route de l’hôpital,
67092 Strasbourg CEDEX

Contact:
dri-bourses@unistra.fr

Contact:
International relations department of your institution
informations :
→ crous-strasbourg.fr
→ Bourses

Contact:
Cellule Eucor - Le Campus européen,
Institut Le Bel Campus Esplanade
campus-europeen@unistra.fr
To do as soon as I arrive
Participate in short term programmes

Short programmes organised by the International Relations Department (DRI)

The International Relations Department organises short term programmes as part of various international partnerships.

These programmes, often in English, are tailor-made to meet the demands of our partners and can cover different themes in several fields:

- **ART, LITERATURE, LANGUAGES**
- **HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**
- **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**
- **HEALTH**
- **LAW, ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

A linguistic and cultural programme is also offered in addition to the courses: introduction to the French language, introduction to the Alsatian language, discovery of the city, the region or the European institutions.

Contact: dri-contact@unistra.fr

Short term FLE programmes

French as a Foreign Language

**Individual French language course**

For students part of an international mobility who start their academic year in September.

This programme is offered in the framework of ‘Bienvenue en France’.

To take part in this programme, you must have a B1 level

Contact: dri-contact@unistra.fr

→ unistra.fr
→ International
→ Venir à Strasbourg
→ Étudiants en programme court
→ Programmes courts organisés par la DRI
To do as soon as I arrive

On arrival in Strasbourg, you will have to register administratively and academically. These registrations are carried out at your faculty/school/institute.

If you are continuing your studies at the University of Strasbourg afterwards, you will have to renew your registration at the beginning of each year.

Contact: mui-info@unistra.fr

Learning agreement

If you are part of an international mobility, you must finalise your registration at the University of Strasbourg by completing your academic registration (on the basis of the mobility contract and any modifications). Do not miss this compulsory step in order to be able to take part in your courses and exams.

Please contact your faculty/school/institute to find out when and how to complete your academic registration.

Digital access: activate your Unistra account

Your administrative registration entitles you to access the university’s digital services via your Unistra account.

You must activate your Unistra account at ernest.unistra.fr

Click on ‘Activation du compte’ and follow the instructions, you will get the login and choose a password: it’s quick but requires the registration information (certificate of schooling or ‘Pass campus’).
Get my ‘Pass campus’ (Student card)

The ‘Pass campus’ is the student card of the University of Strasbourg. You will receive it on arrival by picking it up at your tuition’s office.

Your ‘Pass campus’ includes contactless payment, recharges online and includes the following services:

- payment for meals at the Crous restaurants and cafeterias;
- access to various Campus buildings;
- borrowing books from all the libraries of the Alsatian region universities;
- printing/scanning/photocopying;
- access to university health care;
- access to university life;
- access to sports activities;
- access to the ‘Carte culture’ (culture card) package.

Your ‘Pass campus’ will have a sticker on it to prove its validity for the current year and grants your access to sports, cultural, health and university life activities.

If you are an internship student, you will need to apply to the Human Resources Manager of your faculty/school/institute for a ‘Pass campus’. (Free of charge).

Familiarise myself with the campus

Map of the University of Strasbourg

Check out the interactive campus map to help you find your way around the campus and find the resources you need. To simplify your travels, use the search function.

Maison universitaire internationale

The ‘Maison universitaire internationale’ (MUI: International University House) is the emblematic place for the international welcome of the University of Strasbourg. Today, the MUI brings together the various central services of the university which welcome international visitors:

- the Erasmus+ Mobility centre, the non-Erasmus+ Mobility centre and the international Relations department’s ‘Bienvenue en France’ centre;
- the Euraxess Centre of the Research and Development Department;
- the Office for the reception of international students of the University of Strasbourg and the migrant welcoming office;
- the cross-border university grouping office ‘Eucor – The European Campus’.

International University House – University of Strasbourg
11, presqu’île André Malraux 67100 Strasbourg
(Ground floor of the building)
03 68 85 66 49 / mui-info@unistra.fr

→ plans.unistra.fr

The ‘Map of Strasbourg’, page 2, will also give you an overview of student life in the heart of Strasbourg (university restaurants, libraries, campus, etc.).

→ unistra.fr
→ international
→ Vos interlocuteurs
→ La Maison universitaire internationale

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First application for a residence permit / validate your visa

→ Most frequent case: you have a visa for a duration of 4 months to 1 year with the mention ‘Étudiant’ (Student) or ‘Passeport Talent’ (Talent Passport).
→ If your visa has a duration of 3 months (Algerian students): you will have 2 months to apply for your residence permit at the ‘Préfecture’, as soon as you arrive in France.
→ If you were a minor when you applied for your visa (mention ‘mineur-scolarisé’ school-going minor): you will have to apply for your residence permit 2 months before your majority, at the ‘Préfecture’.
→ If your visa bears the mention ‘dispense de carte de séjour’: you do not need to do anything.

You must confirm your ‘visa long séjour valant titre de séjour - VLS-TS’ (long-stay visa valid as a residence permit) online within 3 months of your arrival in France.

Website of the General Directorate for Foreigners in France:

administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr

You will need your passport, a permanent address in France and a credit card to pay the tax stamp. To complete the validation, you will also have to pay an issuing fee which can be paid online:

timbres.impots.gouv.fr or at a tobacconist’s (electronic tax stamp, ‘Titre pour étrangers’).

Remember to keep the confirmation sent to you in PDF format following your validation. You may be asked for this document during your administrative procedures.

Renewing your residence permit

The application to renew your residence permit is now paperless.

→ Most frequent case: you have a visa for a duration of 4 months to 1 year with the mention ‘Étudiant’ (Student) or ‘Passeport Talent’ (Talent Passport).
→ If your visa has a duration of 3 months (Algerian students): you will have 2 months to apply for your residence permit at the ‘Préfecture’, as soon as you arrive in France.
→ If you were a minor when you applied for your visa (mention ‘mineur-scolarisé’ school-going minor): you will have to apply for your residence permit 2 months before your majority, at the ‘Préfecture’.
→ If your visa bears the mention ‘dispense de carte de séjour’: you do not need to do anything.

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timbres.impots.gouv.fr or at a tobacconist’s (electronic tax stamp, ‘Titre pour étrangers’).

Remember to keep the confirmation sent to you in PDF format following your validation. You may be asked for this document during your administrative procedures.

3 months before the end of the validity of your VLS-TS (long-stay visa valid as a residence permit) or your residence permit, you must submit your application directly online:

http://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/

Thanks to this procedure:

→ You no longer have to make an appointment at the prefecture or travel to ensure that your application is submitted;
→ You can submit your renewal application from your smartphone, iPad or computer;
→ You can check the status of your application at any time from your online account;
→ You will only have to go to the prefecture in person when you receive your residence permit.

Please note that if you apply for the renewal of your residence permit after the deadline, you will have to pay a fee of €180 (except in cases of force majeure or presentation of a valid visa).

Contacts:

University of Strasbourg:

mui-info@unistra.fr or dri-contact@unistra.fr
Take care of my health

In France, there are two organisations that complement each other to cover the majority of your health expenses:

One is free and compulsory: health insurance

At your expense

The other you have to pay for and is optional: the complementary health insurance

Health insurance

Subscription to health insurance (social security) is compulsory and free and can be applied for online at: etudiant-etrangercameli.fr. You must have finalised your registration at the university to register.

You will have to advance your medical expenses for the first few months. Don’t panic, refunds are retroactive to your date of registration at the university.

If you are a student from an EEA (European Economic Area) country or Switzerland:

you do not have to register for health insurance and must apply for the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) from the social protection body in your home country.

Consult the period of validity by country of issue:

→ cleiss.fr
→ Venir en France → Etudes

Important:

If you are doing an internship:

you will not be able to register for health insurance since you will not be registered at university. The same applies to students over the age of 28. You will then have to take out personal insurance.

Complementary health insurance

Subscription to a complementary health insurance company is not mandatory but will enable you to be reimbursed for the rest of the costs not covered by the health insurance. You will have to pay for this subscription.

You can choose the complementary health insurance of the CPAM (Caisse primaire d’assurance maladie) or a student complementary health insurance (LMDE, SMEREP, MGEL, etc.).

University Health Service (SSU)

As an international student, you will benefit from the university’s health services free of charge:

Anonymous screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infections

Prescribing and carrying out vaccinations

Workshops on stress management, relaxation/sophrology, reflexology

First aid training

University Health Service (SSU):

sante.etudiants@unistra.fr
6, rue de Palerme 67000 Strasbourg
Make an appointment at: 03 88 52 15 24
ou sur Doctolib: → doctolib.fr → SSU Strasbourg
Autres campus: → sante.unistra.fr

CAMUS (UNIVERSITY MEDICAL-PSYCHOLOGICAL RECEPTION CENTRE IN STRASBOURG)

You will also have the possibility to consult psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers present at the Camus by appointment. These consultations are individual, confidential and free of charge.

CAMUS (UNIVERSITY MEDICAL-PSYCHOLOGICAL RECEPTION CENTRE IN STRASBOURG)

Contact: Le Camus
6, rue de Palerme, 67000 Strasbourg
camus@unistra.fr / 03 88 52 15 11

How to register with the French Social Security?

→ Health insurance tutorial

If you are a student from Québec and you are part of an international mobility:

you will not have to register for health insurance if you present forms SE 401-Q-102 bis or SE 401-Q-106 when you register at the university.
Integrate into student life

To do as soon as I arrive

My information...
Benefit from the university’s service offer

Digital and wi-fi access

You will be able to access the main digital services via Ernest, the digital and social working environment.

- Student e-mail address: partage.unistra.fr
- Moodle Platform: moodle.unistra.fr or on ernest.unistra.fr
- Examination results: ernest.unistra.fr Mes études Scolarité Résultats d'examens or on ernest.unistra.fr Lanceur d'applications Moodle
- Online schedule: ernest.unistra.fr Lanceur d'applications Mon emploi du temps
- Virtual Library: bu.unistra.fr or on ernest.unistra.fr Lanceur d'applications Bibliothèques
- Computer rooms: services-numeriques.unistra.fr catalogue des services pédagogie
- Educational resources: ernest.unistra.fr Ressources Numériques
- Impressions online: ernest.unistra.fr Ressources Pratiques Gérer ses impressions
- Seafile, to share and store your documents: seafile.unistra.fr or on ernest.unistra.fr Lanceur d'applications Seafile
- Lise, for your certificates, school records and anonymity number: lise.unistra.fr or on ernest.unistra.fr Lanceur d'applications Lise
- POD, a platform for the distribution of videos made for your academic activities: pod.unistra.fr or on ernest.unistra.fr Lanceur d'applications POD
- To activate your Unistra account: "Register and choose my courses", page 27
- Contact: Online helpdesk for any questions or problems regarding digital services support.unistra.fr 03 68 85 43 21

Libraries

The University’s 24 libraries, located on all campuses, offer you access to reliable and relevant documentation and a great number of online resources on all areas of teaching and research. In the BU, you benefit from an atmosphere conducive to study and numerous services: reservation of group work rooms, training in information research, interlibrary loans, etc.

The libraries are open continuously from Monday to Friday. Some are open until 11 pm and even on weekends.

The National and University Library of Strasbourg (BNU) is also open to students.

Thanks to Eucor - The European Campus, you will also have access to the libraries of the universities of Basel, Freiburg, Haute Alsace and the Karlsruher Institut für Technologie.

'Carte culture' (Culture card) package

This package is integrated into your ‘Pass campus’. You can then benefit from preferential rates at more than 80 cultural partners in Alsace

- shows, concerts, festivals: €6;
- cinemas: €3, €4 ou €5;
- museums: free entrance.

You will also be able to attend cultural events: visits, meetings, performances on campus or participate in artistic activities, the ‘Ateliers à la Carte’, which are open to all students.

Contact:
- ateliers.alacarte@unistra.fr
- Contact:
- Online helpdesk for any questions or problems regarding digital services support.unistra.fr 03 68 85 43 21

More general information request:
- Infos@carte-culture.org

Download the complete guide to digital services:
- services-numeriques.unistra.fr
- Documentations Guide numérique du nouvel arrivant
- Download in the table the document [Digital services booklet EN ]
- This guide can also be downloaded from the DNum presentation on ernest.unistra.fr and on the unistra website.
**Student Associations**

There are many student associations at the university that regularly organise meetings, cultural events, parties and conferences.

- List of student associations:
  - unistra.fr
  - Vie des Campus
  - Vie universitaire
  - Annuaire des associations étudiantes du site Alsace

Contact your faculty/school/institute to find out about their student associations. Don’t hesitate to contact them; they will be able to help and accompany you on your arrival and throughout the year.

**Online training courses**

The online course and conference platforms will be open to you. Here is a selection of them:

- **Moodle**, the university’s course platform:
  - moodle.unistra.fr

- **FUN-MOOC**, online training courses for everyone proposed by ‘France Université Numérique’:
  - fun-mooc.fr/cours

- **CanalC2**, the university’s web television on scientific symposia and conferences:
  - www.canalc2.tv

- **France Culture Plus**, the student webmedia offering courses and conferences from universities and grandes écoles:
  - plus.franceculture.fr

- **UNT** (Universités numériques thématiques) offer a wide range of multimedia content, by teaching area. These resources are in most cases free of charge. Access the resources made available by the “FUN-ressources” catalogue:
  - fun-ressources.fr

- **The Unistra YouTube channel**
  Discover the diversity of the university, from research news to campus life, on the University of Strasbourg’s official YouTube channel:
  - http://youtube.com/unistra
1st semester: starts at the beginning of September and ends at the end of January
2nd semester: begins at the end of January and ends at the beginning of June

University calendar:
- Beginning of September: welcome event
- Late October - early November: All Saints’ Day holidays
- Mid-December - mid-January: exams semester 1
- Late December - early January: Christmas holidays
- Mid-February: deadline jury semester 1

Welcome and integration events

AGORA WELCOME EVENTS
In September
Esplanade Central Campus

- It consists of a welcome counter (from 5th to 16th of September and events to get your stay off to a good start and get to know your new environment: housing (CAF, ‘Action logement’, Crous), health insurance, transport, the city, institutions, university services (‘Pass campus’, ‘Carte culture’, digital services, library, sport, etc.).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME DAYS (JAI)
Early September
Esplanade Central Campus

The International Relations Department welcomes newly arrived international students at the beginning of each semester. This is an opportunity to discover the university and to meet other international students. An event not to be missed!

BACK TO SCHOOL CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

Alternative Campus
Early September
Campus central de l’Esplanade

Escape Game Culturel
Mid-September
Campus central de l’Esplanade

La Guinguette culturelle
September
Resto’U Paul Appell

Concert - Orchestre philharmonique de Strasbourg
21st of October
Palais Universitaire

EVENT PROGRAMMING OF ‘STRASBOURG AIME SES ÉTUDIANTS’ (STRASBOURG LOVES ITS STUDENTS)

‘Strasbourg aime ses étudiants’ organises several free events including ‘La Nuit des Etudiants du Monde’, a welcome evening for international students. You will also be able to take part in visits (discovery of the city, European institutions) as well as evening visits to the museum.

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Contact:
svu-accueil@unistra.fr
strasbourgaimesesetudiants@strasbourg.eu
Join the ‘DRI team’ and take part in the animation of our events whilst being paid!

Contact: dri-evenements@unistra.fr

MUI Cultural Programming

Throughout the academic year, the international University House MUI offers cultural visits, shows, thematic afterworks and excursions in France, Germany and Switzerland.

Contact: SUAC (Service de l’action culturelle) ateliers.culturels@unistra.fr

Student Associations

Student associations organise back-to-school days in conjunction with your faculty/school/institute.

Contact: ateliers.alacarte@unistra.fr

Alumni Relations Department

Join the Alumni network to participate in virtual (webinars) and real (afterworks) events on professional topics.

Contact: contact@alumni.unistra.fr

Cultural workshops

If you are studying in the second or third year of your Bachelor’s degree, you will then be able to discover or deepen an artistic/cultural practice and validate 3 ECTS credits in the framework of the free EU (teaching unit). You can only validate 3 ECTS credits per academic year (either during the first semester or during the second).

There are also artistic and cultural workshops (À la carte workshop) open to all students without validation of ECTS credits.

Contact: ateliers.alacarte@unistra.fr

International Sponsorship Programme

If you are an international student and would like to meet students at the University of Strasbourg during your stay, you can take part in the “International Sponsorship” programme. Your sponsor will be able to help you upon your arrival: integration into student life, introduction to the regional culture, help with administrative procedures, etc.

This programme was set up with the support of the Bienvenue en France label, which recognises the University of Strasbourg’s commitment to welcoming international students.

Other events and meetings will also take place throughout the year to facilitate your integration in our university. We will keep in touch with you to inform you about them.

Contact: contact@alumni.unistra.fr

Ask for support from a sponsor

Practical information and registration form:
→ culture.unistra.fr

Contact: SUAC (Service de l’action culturelle)
ateliers.culturels@unistra.fr

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Contact: ateliers.alacarte@unistra.fr

Upcoming events:
→ unistra.fr → International → Venir à Strasbourg → Étudiants
→ La Maison universitaire internationale → Inscrivez-vous aux évènements de la Maison universitaire internationale

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Agenda of events:
→ alumni.unistra.fr/agenda

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Just fill in the online form:
→ unistra.fr
→ International
→ Venir à Strasbourg
→ Parrainage international

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Succeed in my academic year
Courses and evaluation

Organisation of the courses

Courses are organised by semesters and modules called ‘Unités d’Enseignement – UE’ (Teaching Units). You will have to obtain 30 ECTS credits of courses per semester, i.e. 60 ECTS credits for one year. These credits are associated with obtaining a UE.

ECTS credits

The term ECTS means European Credits Transfer System in English, or ‘Système européen de transfert et d’accumulation de crédits’ in French.

For more information on equivalences between French and foreign diplomas:

→ campusfrance.org → Étudiants → Étudier → Les diplômes, crédits et équivalences

Important

Besides a few exceptions, no ECTS credits are awarded by French universities at doctoral level.

Grading system

→ Students are graded out of 20 points: 0/20 is the worst grade, and 20/20 is the best. The minimum grade to pass an exam is 10/20.

→ If you have less than 10/20, you can do a retake.

You can be assessed continuously throughout the year and/or in final exams (at the end of each semester).

To find out about your evaluation system, please refer to the examination rules (MECC) published by your faculty/school/institute. In general, Bachelor’s courses evaluate you continuously throughout the year and Master’s courses in final exams.

If you have a valid excuse, you may be allowed to participate in substitute examinations, which are usually held several weeks after the end of the semester.

The information in the ‘Résultats d’examens’ section, (Examination results) accessible on your Ernest digital work environment, is displayed for information purposes only. Only the transcripts sent by the school’s tuition department are authentic.

Don’t get lost in translation

CM or ‘cours magistraux’ (lectures)

They take place in the amphitheatres known more simply as ‘amphi’. Interaction with the teacher is limited. You must mostly take notes.

TD or ‘travaux dirigés’ (tutorials) and

TP or ‘travaux pratiques’ (practical work)

These are small group classes that take place in classrooms or laboratories. You apply the concepts covered in CM.

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→ ernest.unistra.fr → Scolarité → Mes examens → Résultats d’examens

→ unistra.fr → International → L’International à l’Université de Strasbourg → Recensement des enseignements disciplinaires en langues étrangères et des enseignements de langue étrangère

Academic career

There are 3 levels in French higher education:

- DOCTORATE (PhD): 6 semesters
- MASTER’S DEGREE: 4 semesters or 120 ECTS credits
- BACHELOR’S DEGREE: 6 semesters or 180 ECTS credits

Important

You will be able to have EUs with courses in several languages. Some courses are not open to international students. Ask your faculty/school/institute or check in the online catalogue:
To help you improve your French, the university offers FLE (French as a Foreign Language) courses throughout the academic year:

### LanSAD center of the Faculté des Langues

**FREE OFFERS**
- Provision of resources for learning French at the PANGLOSS Planguage centre or online on the RELAIS website:
  - [relais.unistra.fr](http://relais.unistra.fr)
- TANDEM to practice your French with French-speaking students:
  - Registration: [lansadmin.unistra.fr](http://lansadmin.unistra.fr)
- If you are studying for a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in one of the faculties of the University of Strasbourg (excluding the Faculty of Law, schools and institutes), you can take a UE (teaching unit) of FLE to validate 3 ECTS credits. The minimum level required is B1 (already acquired) up to C1/C2.

**PAID OFFERS REQUIRING IIEF REGISTRATION**
- University diplomas from levels A1 to C2
  - Registration fees semester 1 or 2 = €1500
  - Registration fees semesters 1 and 2 = €2500
- Examination centre for the DELF B2 and DALF C1/C2 National Diplomas

### Important

- FEU: Do you want to easily meet other students? Place your ad on [feu.unistra.fr](http://feu.unistra.fr) to exchange with other students in a language, organise a cinema outing or ask for support in maths. Whether your query is about academics, a project, languages or leisure, offer your help, ask for help and simply share with other students.
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### Tools to avoid plagiarism

Plagiarism is sanctioned by the University of Strasbourg. In order to avoid it and to help you to correctly use the ideas of authors and the words available on the Internet in your homework, dissertations or theses, the university provides practical advice:

- [info-plagiat.unistra.fr](http://info-plagiat.unistra.fr)
- [infosphere.uqam.ca](http://infosphere.uqam.ca)
- [Rediger un travail](http://Rediger un travail)
- [Éviter le plagiat](http://Éviter le plagiat)

### Tools for Unistra student success

- **Support for my success on Ernest:** Find information, articles and a catalogue of educational resources to help you in your training.
  - [ernest.unistra.fr](http://ernest.unistra.fr)
  - [Mes Études](http://Mes Études)
  - [Soutien à ma réussite](http://Soutien à ma réussite)

- **MoodleAIR:** Self-training modules to learn how to work more efficiently and specialise yourself, as well as advice to help you discover Unistra.
  - [aidealareussite.unistra.fr](http://aidealareussite.unistra.fr)

- **Professional missions:** To carry out a project from A to Z for a sponsor, as a group, in order to get a foot in the world of work today and develop new skills.
  - [missionspro.unistra.fr](http://missionspro.unistra.fr)

- **FEU!:** Do you want to easily meet other students? Place your ad on [feu.unistra.fr](http://feu.unistra.fr) to exchange with other students in a language, organise a cinema outing or ask for support in maths. Whether your query is about academics, a project, languages or leisure, offer your help, ask for help and simply share with other students.

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**Contact:**
- Pangloss language center
  - [PANGLOSS building- 3rd floor](http://PANGLOSS building- 3rd floor)
  - 2, allée René Capitant, 67000 Strasbourg
  - [lansad-fle@unistra.fr](mailto:lansad-fle@unistra.fr)
  - [lansad.unistra.fr](http://lansad.unistra.fr)

**Contact:**
- [delfdalf@unistra.fr](mailto:delfdalf@unistra.fr)

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**Find the 10 tips for a successful academic year at:**
- [ernest.unistra.fr](http://ernest.unistra.fr)
- [Mes Études](http://Mes Études)
- [Soutien à ma réussite](http://Soutien à ma réussite)

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**Registration:**
- [lansadmin.unistra.fr](http://lansadmin.unistra.fr)
- [iief.unistra.fr](http://iief.unistra.fr)
- [S’inscrire](http://S’inscrire)

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PAID OFFER

→ FLE courses from levels A1 to B2-C1, given by the IIEF. The cost is €70 per session. This offer is renewed every semester.

Page d’inscription des activités de la MUI:
→ mui-inscriptions.u-strasbg.fr

Contact:
→ mui-info@unistra.fr

Alliance Française
→ afstrasbourg.eu

Université Populaire Européenne
→ upe-alsace.fr

Association ESN and its ‘café des langues’
→ @esn.strasbourg
→ événements

Centre International d’Études en Langues
→ www.ciel-strasbourg.org

And also . . .

Statut étudiant-artiste (Student-artist status)

If you wish, you can apply for the student-artist status to pursue both your studies and your artistic career:

→ one year of study in two years;
→ examination arrangements;
→ authorisation to be absent for training courses, performances, competitions, etc.;
→ priority choice for the TP and TD groups;
→ punctual access to workrooms.

You will thus have to apply in year N for year N+1.

Information and application:
→ culture.unistra.fr
→ Statut étudiant-artiste

Internships and jobs

To help you in your search for an internship, job or apprenticeship, you can contact:

◆ Espace Avenir
Guidance and Career Integration Service, to guide you in your choice of studies and your search for an internship or a job.

Contact:
→ espace-avenir@unistra.fr

◆ Alumni Relations Service
The Alumni Network is the professional social network for graduates, staff and doctoral students of the university. You will be able to apply for job offers online.

Job offers:
→ alumni.unistra.fr → Étudiants et personnels Unistra (identifiants Unistra)

Contact:
→ contact@alumni.unistra.fr

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The 'Maison universitaire internationale' (MUI: International University House) is the emblematic place for the international welcome of the University of Strasbourg. Today, the MUI brings together the various central services of the university which welcome international visitors: the Erasmus+ Mobility centre, the non-Erasmus+ Mobility centre and the International Relations department’s ‘Bienvenue en France’ centre; the Office for the reception of international students of the University of Strasbourg and the migrant welcoming office; the Euraxess Centre of the Research and Development Department; the office of the cross-border university grouping ‘Eucor - The European Campus’.

The DRI is leading the ‘Bienvenue en France’ strategy, which aims to strengthen Unistra’s international attractiveness and to improve reception conditions for internationals.

In July 2019, obtaining the ‘Bienvenue en France’ label with 3 stars for the quality of reception at the University of Strasbourg was a first step. Various projects have been launched, including this guide, which is also a concrete achievement!

The ‘SVU-Mission handicap’ offers a specific reception and support system so that students with disabilities can continue their studies in the best possible conditions. It organises the necessary aids or accommodations in conjunction with the ‘Service de santé universitaire’ - SSU (University Health Service) and provides the necessary advice to students to carry out their study and professional projects. Solutions are also put in place with the University’s digital services to meet the needs of everyone.

The ‘SVU-Mission vie étudiante’ offers a specific welcoming and support system for student associations (creation, follow-up, advice, etc.), supports student projects and student commitment, and publishes offers of student jobs within and outside Unistra.

SVU aims to welcome, promote and develop student life at the University of Strasbourg.

It includes, among other things:

◆ STUDENT RECEPTION DESK

The ‘SVU-Mission accueil’ will inform you about the practical life of the university and student news. You will also get help to find your way on campus and will be able to renew your ‘Pass campus’.

◆ STUDENT LIFE

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France, Germany and Switzerland. Cross-border cooperation project between and administrative staff in any mobility or doctoral students, teacher-researchers. Strasbourg belongs. The team assists students, university grouping to which the University of Eucor - The European Campus is a cross-border cooperation project between France, Germany and Switzerland. Psychiatry and social workers.

The Camus offers individual, confidential consultations free of charge and by appointment with psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers.

You will have free access to the various consultations offered by the SSU. You will also be able to request a ‘health check-up’ during your schooling.

Center d’accueil médico-psychologique universitaire de Strasbourg (university medical-psychological reception centre in Strasbourg)

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The ‘Direction des études et de la scolarité’ manages, organises and coordinates the schooling of students.

France-Japan University House

The France-Japan House facilitates the integration and reception of Japanese students, teachers and researchers. You will find a library with books in French and Japanese, as well as work spaces with computers with Japanese keyboards.

Service de santé universitaire - SSU (University Health Service)

You will have free access to the various consultations offered by the SSU. You will also be able to request a ‘health check-up’ during your schooling.

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Institut International d’Études Françaises - IIEF (International Institute of French Studies)

The University of Strasbourg provides paid courses in French as a foreign language within the framework of a joint service called ‘Institut International d’Études Françaises – IIEF’, for non-French-speaking students, teachers or trainees: courses for semester or year from beginner to advanced levels (levels A1 to C2).
Other structures outside the university

Pôle LanSAD (Languages for Specialists in Other Disciplines)
The LanSAD Centre of the Faculty of Languages brings together several language centres. Its training offer is aimed at all students of the University of Strasbourg and those of partner institutions.

Service Relations Alumni (Alumni Relations Department)
This service gives you access to the Alumni Network, the professional social network of graduates, staff and doctoral students of the University of Strasbourg. The Alumni site allows you to ask for advice to alumni from all disciplines via the directory and the sponsorship programme, register for monthly events related to professional life (online webinars and afterworks), apply for job offers, read inspiring portraits, etc.

Espace Avenir (Study, internship and career centre)
Guidance and professional integration service of the University of Strasbourg. ‘Espace Avenir’ is the essential service to support you in your choice of studies, your job search and your internship.

Conseil à la réussite universitaire (Academic Success Tips)
To help you integrate and familiarise yourself more easily with university life, you can meet up with a University Success Advisor.

Other structures outside the university

Préfecture du Bas-Rhin
The services of the Préfecture are present during the ‘Agora de rentrée’ from September to November.

Campus France
‘Campus France’ is a public institution in charge of promoting French higher education abroad and welcoming international students and researchers to France. It encourages international mobility, manages scholarship programmes and runs the alumni network.

Strasbourg aime ses étudiants (Strasbourg loves its students)
Reception, information and networking facility provided by the ‘Ville et Eurométropole de Strasbourg’. It facilitates your integration and helps you discover the assets of this European capital through free events at the beginning of the school year and information relays throughout the year on services, infrastructures, actors, events, etc.

ADIL du Bas-Rhin
The mission of ‘ADIL du Bas-Rhin’, a housing specialist, is to provide qualified advice on the legal, financial and tax aspects of your home.

CAF du Bas-Rhin
The CAF (Caisse d’allocations familiales) is a public organisation responsible for the payment of family financial aid such as housing allowance.

Crou’s de Strasbourg / accommodation
The ‘Crou’s offers you its services, essential for your housing, scholarship or catering questions.

Action Logement (Housing)
‘Action logement’ is financed by companies to facilitate access to home loans or rentals, via Loca-Pass aid and the VISALE guarantee.
### Departure checklist

#### THE ESSENTIALS TO HAVE BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

- identity document (identity card, passport with valid visa);
- proof of civil status (birth certificate, etc.);
- learning agreement (for students part of an international mobility);
- recent passport photographs;
- vaccination record.

#### TO BE KEPT WITH YOU ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR PROCEDURES:

- student card ('Pass campus') or school certificate;
- proof of professional status;
- Bank Statement (RIB);
- proof of social security cover;
- social security number given by the health insurance company;
- proof of residence in your name less than 3 months old (rent receipt, electricity bill, certificate of election of residence, certificate on the honour of the host, etc.);
- proof of your valid residence permit;
- proof of taxation (income tax notice N-1 or N-2, or non-taxation notice N-1 or N-2 or tax attachment);
- proof of resources.

#### OTHER USEFUL DOCUMENTS:

- proof of resources.

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**Important:** Don't forget to make photocopies. Some official documents will have to be provided in French by a professional translator in France.
Academic registration
It must be done by all international students (part of a mobility or not part of a mobility) and French students at Unistra, in the faculties/schools/ institutes. It corresponds to the registration to the courses that the student will follow and for which he/she will be able to take the exams. page 27

Agora de rentrée
Set of useful services to get your stay off to a good start. page 40

Ancillary work authorised for foreign students
Legal working time, i.e. 964 hours/year, authorised for international students. page 18

Bank Transfer Order
Order given by a customer to his or her bank to send money to another bank account. page 18

Complementary health insurance
Complements the medical care provided by health insurance. page 32

Cours magistraux (CM)
Courses held in lecture halls with note-taking and evaluation at the end of each semester. page 46

Déposit/security deposit
Amount of money requested by the landlord from the tenant of his accommodation. It is returned by the landlord at the end of the lease or used in case of damage / unpaid rent. page 15

'Dossier social etudiant' (DSE)
Procedure to apply for a scholarship and/ or your student social housing. page 14

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)
Allows you to have a coverage for your health care. page 32

Examen de santé
Non-mandatory preventive health examination that allows you to take stock of your health, to be informed and guided. page 33

Final exams
Evaluation at the end of each semester. page 46

Guarantor
Person who undertakes to pay your rent as a tenant in the event of non-payment. page 15

Health insurance
Public service whose free and compulsory affiliation allows you to be reimbursed for part of your medical expenses. page 32

Housing Benefit
Called APL or ASL and paid by the 'Caisse d’Allocation Familiale’ (CAF). page 20

Housing tax
Local tax that depends on the characteristics of your home, its location and your personal situation (income, composition of the household, etc.) on January the 1st. page 16

International Bank Account Number - IBAN
Bank identification codes allowing you to receive transfers to your bank account. page 17

International Relations Correspondent (CoRI)
Reference person within your faculty/school/institute to accompany you throughout your stay. page 10

International sponsorship
If you request it, your sponsor will answer your questions before and upon your arrival. page 43

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This welcome guide informs you about the steps to follow to successfully integrate into our university: visa and residence permit applications, registration, organisation of your courses and assessments, our practical life advice, your departure checklist, etc. You will also find the contacts to answer your questions in the ‘who to contact’ section.

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