



WELCOME TO FRANCE

Congratulations, you have been accepted for one of our courses!!

Here are some questions to ask yourself before your departure to help ensure a successful stay in France.

- 1 - How can I find somewhere to live?**
- 2 - What should I do if I need healthcare?**
- 3- How can I fund my project?**
- 4- Where can I go to learn French?**



ARE YOU A FOREIGN STUDENT AND WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENROLL FOR OUR COURSES?

The ADEducation network offers creative courses for students from around the world.

Whether you are already in the process of enrolling, or you simply have some questions about how to prepare for your project to study abroad, this brochure is designed to help you.

PREPARING FOR YOUR DEPARTURE **Question to ask yourself:**

- What are the differences for EU or non-EU students?**
- What are the first processes you need to complete before you arrive in France?**
- What are the first processes you need to complete after arriving in France?**
- What are your next steps?**



① **NON-EU STUDENT** **YOU NEED A VISA TO STUDY IN FRANCE:** **STEPS TO FOLLOW**

Once you have enrolled with your preferred school:

- ① You will receive official confirmation of your enrolment from the school.
- ② Contact your nearest **Campus France** space to get your application validated from an academic perspective.
- ③ Following the acceptance sent by Campus France, you will be able to contact your nearest French Consulate to apply for a student visa.

Once in France?

You will need to get your long-stay visa validated.

⚠ You have 3 months to complete this online process after arriving in France.

Learn more about this procedure:

<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr>

For further information, consult the following link: [How to validate your long-stay visa when you arrive in France? | Campus France](#)

Obtain your Student Life and Campus Contribution (CVEC) certificate:

Before enrolling, if you are part of a full-time training program with a higher education center, you will need to obtain a certificate confirming that you have paid your Student Life and Campus Contribution (CVEC). <https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>

Next steps?

Renewing your residence permit / visa:

After your first year studying in France, you will need to apply for a residence permit.

You will need to start the renewal procedure **3 months before your current permit** is due to expire. You will no longer need to visit in person to submit your application; you will only need to visit the Préfecture when your residence permit is awarded. You will be able to track progress with your application online.

⚠ When your online application is validated, you will automatically receive an application confirmation, which does not indicate your entitlement to stay, but provides proof that the process is underway. This document does not allow you to travel. It is not a receipt.

Foreign Nationals in France platform for your online application:

<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/>

Campus France links for more information:

[How to renew your residence permit? | Campus France](#)

② **STUDENT FROM EUROPEAN UNION (EU) COUNTRIES + ICELAND, NORWAY AND LICHTENSTEIN OR SWITZERLAND**

○ **What should you do after enrolling for one of our courses?**

○ You do not need to obtain a student visa for studying or taking an internship in France!

○ **Once in France**

○ You are free to enter France no matter how long you stay or study for.

○ For information: from January 1, 2021, **British nationals** must apply for a visa to study in France for a period of over three months.

○ Obtain your CVEC certificate: before enrolling, each student on a full-time training program with a higher education center must obtain a certificate confirming that they have paid their Student Life and Campus Contribution (CVEC).
<https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>



YOU ARE COMING TO STUDY AT ONE OF OUR SCHOOLS AS PART OF AN EXCHANGE.

○ Non-European student

You need to get your long-stay visa validated. Note: you have 3 months to complete this online process after arriving in France:

Here is the link for this procedure:

<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr>

Check out the link for the Campus France site to learn more about this procedure:

[How to validate your long-stay visa when you arrive in France? | Campus France](#)

○ Student from European Union (EU) countries + Iceland, Norway and Lichtenstein or Switzerland

You do not need to obtain a student visa for studying or taking an internship in France! You are free to enter France no matter how long you stay or study for.

Note: <For information : from January 1, 2021, **British nationals must apply for a visa to study in France for a period of over three months**>



ACCOMMODATION

Here are some useful links to help you find accommodation and prepare to move in.

Do not hesitate to contact the International Office for further information: admission@ad-education.com

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Foreign students in France may find it difficult to rent accommodation. The Caisse d'allocations familiales (CAF) is a private-law French organization that offers you the possibility to apply for individual student housing assistance (APL)! Foreign students, like French students, need to apply online on the CAF site. [Learn more.](#)

RENTAL GUARANTEE

The majority of landlords require a third party to act as a guarantor for their tenants. Do you need a guarantor to find somewhere to live? The Visale guarantee is a win-win solution for tenants and landlords! The Visale guarantee is provided for tenants by [Action Logement](#).

PRIVATE RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

- [PAP](#)
- [Entre Particuliers](#)
- [Lokaviz](#)
- [Leboncoin](#)
- [Airbnb](#)
- [Fusac](#)

STUDENT STUDIO

- [Adef-logement](#)

SHARED ACCOMMODATION

- [Appartager](#)

ESTATE AGENTS

- [Se Loger](#)
- [FNAIM](#)
- [Lodgis](#)
- [Uniplaces](#)

HEALTHCARE



Different rules apply for non-European and European students.



EUROPEAN STUDENTS

You will need to have your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which must be valid for the duration of your stay in France. You must apply for this with your health insurance organization before your departure.

NON-EUROPEAN STUDENTS

As soon as you arrive in France, you need to register with the French social security services.

There is no charge for this compulsory process.

To start the procedure:

[Learn all about the French social security system](#)

[Register with French social security](#)



IF YOU NEED HELP

You can call 3646, with the option to speak English if needed.

Even if you come for just one semester, you can register with the social security services.

Remember to fully complete this process, and do not stop when you receive your provisional social security number.

European students can register if they do not have a European card.

If you are studying with employee status, you will be registered through your company.

FUNDING YOUR STAY AND STUDIES

1 - OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

The ADEducation network has a dedicated banking partnership with BNP for foreign students. Contact your school's International Office in France to find out more and visit [this link!](#)



2 - WORKING WHILE STUDYING

With your student visa, you are entitled to work part-time (20 hours per week). Learn more with [this link](#).

FOR NON-EUROPEAN NATIONALS

With your student residence permit, you are entitled to work alongside your studies in France. Your employer must report your employment to the Préfecture. All of the necessary information depending on your situation can be found [here](#)

LEARNING FRENCH

If you do not have **CEFR** (*Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*) **level B2**, you have two options:

1 - STUDY ABROAD IN FRANCE PROGRAM

Our School has set up an intensive French program linked to our specialty courses over one academic year, enabling students to reach the level of French required and to acquire or consolidate their artistic skills.



2 - FRENCH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Our School offers "French as a Foreign Language" courses for students ranging from one month to one year, depending on their initial level.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ONE OF THESE OPTIONS

Do not hesitate to contact the International Office at admission@ad-education.com

ENSURING YOUR SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION



1 - SCHOOL'S KEY MOMENTS

Calendar with the School's main events (to be updated by each school).

2 - MENTORING

Putting the School's students in touch with one another, with a dedicated mentor for international students.

Or with the online platform BuddySystem:

<https://buddysystem.eu/fr/>



AND ALSO

Connect with France Alumni! A network of former students and professionals who use the tools provided to keep informed, share and progress.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE
MORE INFORMATION:**

Contact us:

admission@ad-education.com

**We are on hand to help and guide
you through the various procedures!**

