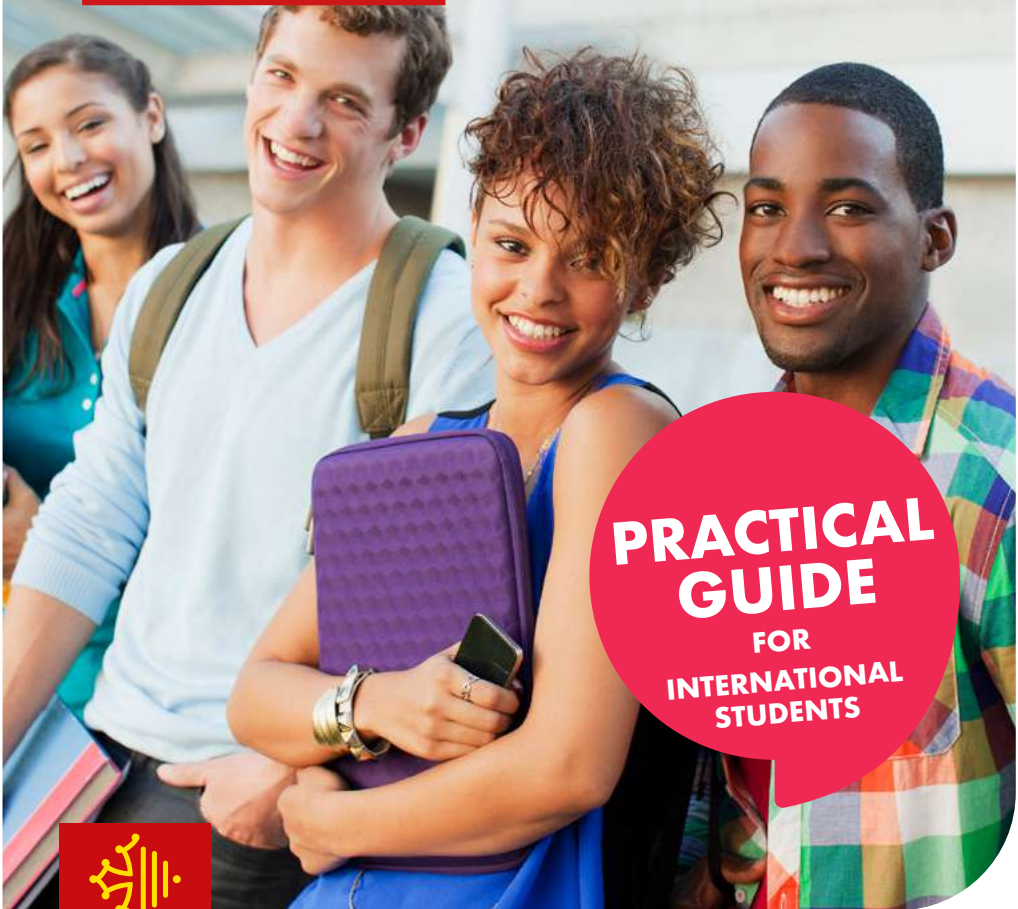




# STUDY

## IN MONTPELLIER, NÎMES AND PERPIGNAN



**PRACTICAL  
GUIDE**  
FOR  
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STUDENTS



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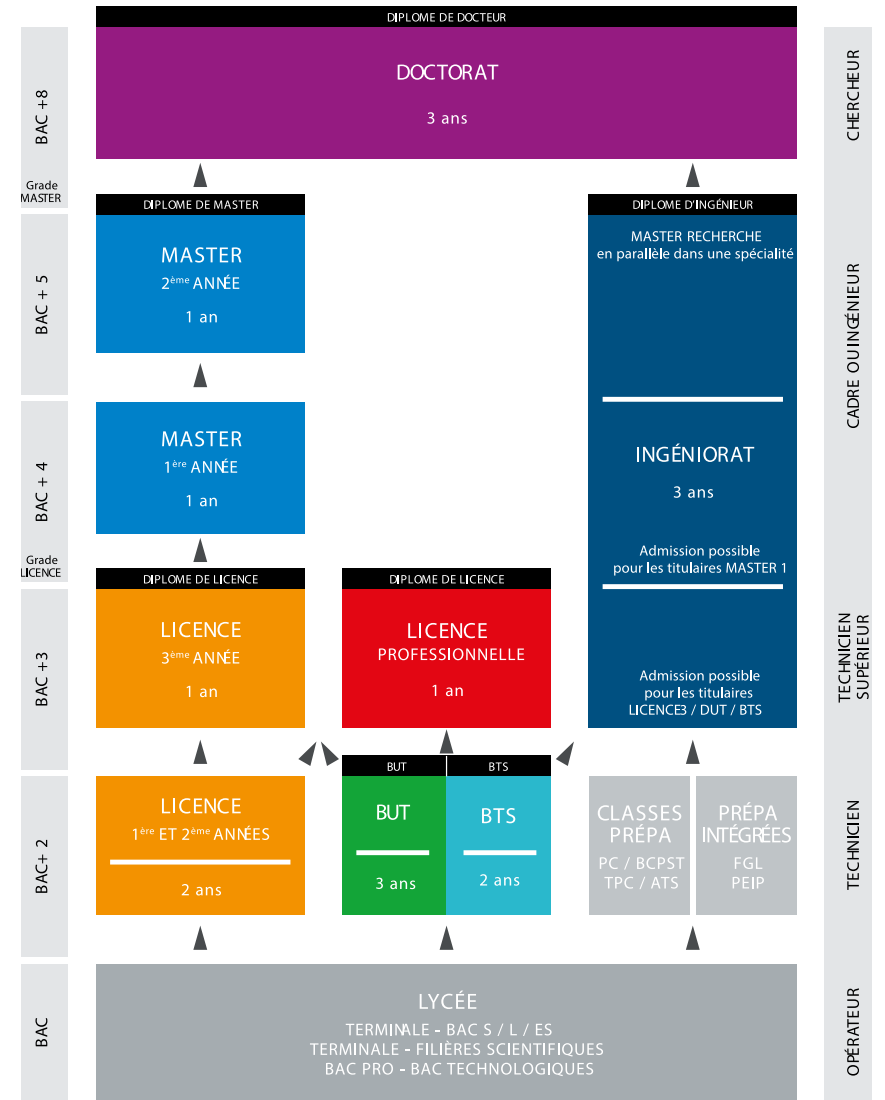
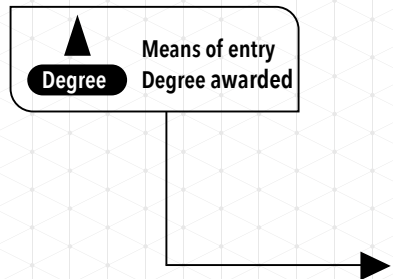
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# 1 HIGHER EDUCATION

## A HIGHER EDUCATION IN FRANCE:

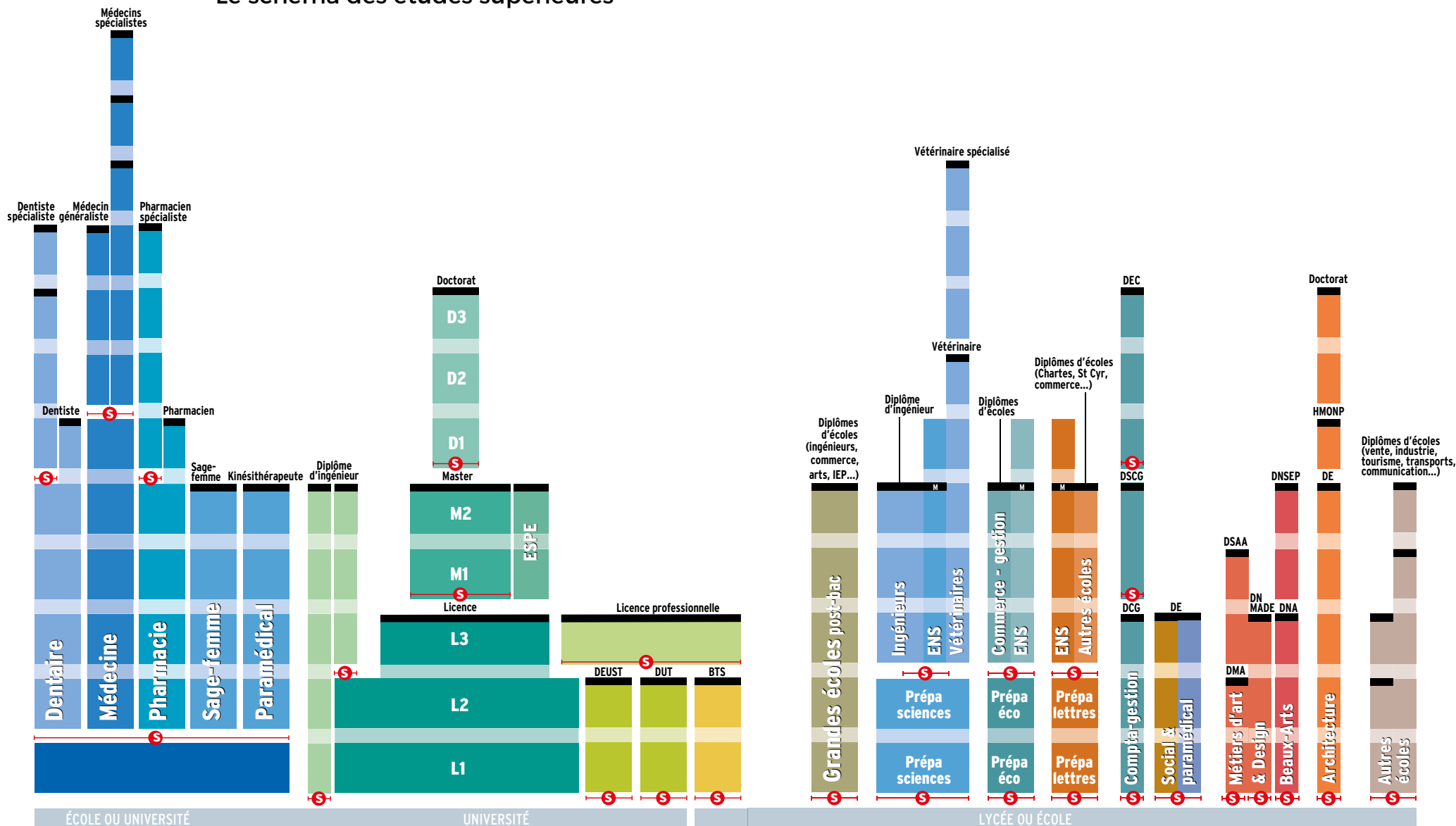
French universities organise their courses over 3, 5 and 8 years, awarding Bachelor's Degrees (licence, L), Master's Degrees (M) and Ph.D Degrees (doctorat, D) respectively.

For all degrees, the tuition is split into terms/semesters (one student can complete 2 terms/semesters per academic year), each one corresponding to 30 credits, which can be accumulated or transferred within France and Europe.



# Le LMD, un cadre européen

## Le schéma des études supérieures



■ Diplôme ou Diplôme d'État

⊞ Access sélectif (concours à épreuves, sélection sur dossier)

Il existe des passerelles entre ces différentes filières par exemple de la L1 vers un BTS ou un DUT ; de la PACES vers la licence ; des classes préparatoires aux grandes écoles (CPGE) vers la licence.

BTS : brevet de technicien supérieur  
 DCG : diplôme de comptabilité et de gestion  
 DE : diplôme d'État  
 DEC : diplôme d'expert-comptable  
 DEUST : diplôme d'études universitaires scientifiques et techniques  
 DMA : diplôme des métiers d'art  
 DNA : diplôme national d'art  
 DN MADE : diplôme national des métiers d'art et du design

DNSEP : diplôme national supérieur d'expression plastique  
 DSAA : diplôme supérieur d'arts appliqués  
 DSCG : diplôme supérieur de comptabilité et de gestion  
 DUT : diplôme universitaire de technologie  
 ENS : école normale supérieure  
 ESPE : école supérieure du professorat et de l'éducation

HMONP : habilitation à l'exercice de la maîtrise d'œuvre en son nom propre  
 IEP : institut d'études politiques  
 L : licence  
 M : master  
 PASS : Parcours Accès Santé Spécifique  
 LAS : Licence Accès Santé

HIGHER EDUCATION  
IN MONTPELLIER, NÎMES AND PERPIGNANUniversity  
of Montpellier

www.umontpellier.fr

8 Teaching and Research Units  
(UFRs)

Law and Political Science  
Economics  
Education  
Medicine  
Odontology  
Pharmacy  
Sciences  
Physical Activity and Sports  
Sciences and Technologies  
(STAPS)

## 7 Institutes

Business Administration  
Institute (IAE)  
Civil Service Preparation Institute  
(IPAG)  
Higher National Institute of  
Teaching and Education (INSPE)  
Montpellier Management  
IUT Béziers  
IUT Montpellier-Sète  
IUT Nîmes

## 2 Schools

Mediterranean Environmental  
Research Observatory (OREME)  
Polytech Montpellier  
  
**1 Établissement composante  
(constituent college)**  
Montpellier Higher Institute of  
Chemistry

Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3  
University

www.univ-montp3.fr

Literature, Arts, Philosophy,  
Psychoanalysis  
Foreign and Regional Languages  
and Cultures (LLCER), and  
Applied Foreign Languages (LEA)  
Human Sciences and  
Environmental Sciences  
Economic, Legal, Social and  
Management Sciences  
Social Sciences (Sociology,  
Ethnology, Psychology and  
Health and Social Sciences)  
Education and Sciences for  
Languages, Literature, Art,  
Human and Social Sciences  
(LLASHS)  
Institute of Information and  
Communication  
Technosciences (ITIC)  
(Information-Communication  
and Language Sciences)  
University Institute for Teaching  
French as a Foreign Language  
(IEFE)

University  
of Nîmes

www.unimes.fr

English  
Design  
Life Sciences  
Law  
Economic and  
Social Administration  
Spanish  
History and Heritage  
Applied Modern Literature  
Mathematics  
Psychology  
Physical Activity and Sports  
Sciences and Technologies  
(STAPS)

University of Perpignan  
Via Domitia

www.univ-perp.fr

Arts, Literature and Languages  
Legal and Economic Sciences  
Human and Social Sciences  
Education Sciences  
Science, Technology and Health  
Physical Activity and Sports  
Sciences and Technologies  
(STAPS)  
Perpignan University  
Technology Institute (IUT)  
Institute of Business  
Administration (IAE)  
Cross-Border Franco-Catalan  
Institute (IFCT)  
University Centre for French  
Studies (CUEF)  
Sup'EnR School of Engineering

Institut Agro  
Montpellier

www.institut-agro-montpellier.fr/

Main subjects: agriculture, food,  
environment  
Biology and Ecology Department (BE)  
Habitats, Production, Resources,  
Environment Department (MPRS)  
Department for the Science of  
Agricultural and Biological  
Processes (SABP)  
Department of Economic, Social and  
Management Sciences (SESG)  
Vines & Wine Centre  
Tropics & Mediterranean Centre  
L'Institut Agro Florac  
L'Institut Agro Fondation  
7 Partnership Chairs: AgroSYS/AgroTIC/  
UNESCO Chair on World Food Systems/  
Water, Agriculture and Climate Change/  
Digital Agriculture/Vines & Wine/  
ELSA-PACT  
AgroFabLab  
AgroVallée Incubation  
Domaine du Chapitre estate  
(Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone)  
Domaine du Merle Estate and Training  
Centre (Salon-de-Provence)  
Institut Agro Montpellier student  
welcome unit

# 1 HIGHER EDUCATION

## C HIGHER EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS AND SERVICES IN MONTPELLIER, NÎMES AND PERPIGNAN



### ► POLITIQUE DE SITE (JOINT POLICY AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENTS)

- University of Montpellier
- Paul Valéry-Montpellier 3 University
- University of Nîmes
- University of Perpignan – Via Domitia



### ► CROUS MONTPELLIER-OCCITANIE

All the services at the heart of student life

[www.crous-montpellier.fr](http://www.crous-montpellier.fr)

- Bursaries and financial assistance
- Welfare and support
- Accommodation
- Catering services
- Leisure, sport, creativity
- International studies

⇒ **Multi-service card**  
(student card, e-wallet)

[www.izly.fr](http://www.izly.fr)



⇒ **Cales-LR\* portal** (online higher education catalogue for the Languedoc-Roussillon Region):

[www.formations-lr.fr](http://www.formations-lr.fr)

⇒ **Espace Numérique de Travail (ENT\*)** (digital workspace):

The ENT is an online services portal offering a single access point where students can find information and digital tools and services related to their studies. Students can log in by going to a special web page accessible from their university site, and entering their name and password. This gives them access to personalised services related to their course.

⇒ **Interuniversity or university libraries:** [www.biu-montpellier.fr](http://www.biu-montpellier.fr) et <https://bu.univ-perp.fr/>

⇒ **University Services for Physical Activity and Sports (SUAPS):**

<https://sport-u-occitanie.com/>

[https://www.unimes.fr/fr/vie-de-campus/sport\\_unimes.html](https://www.unimes.fr/fr/vie-de-campus/sport_unimes.html)

<https://www.univ-perp.fr/vie-de-campus/sport>

<https://www.univ-montp3.fr/fr/node/85776>

<https://www.umontpellier.fr/campus/sport>

⇒ **Student Houses and Offices:**

These exist within each university; find contact details for them on the websites of the establishments concerned.



\* see glossary p. 29



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## 3 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

### A APPLYING FOR ADMISSION: FORMALITIES TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE YOU TRAVEL TO FRANCE

The formalities to be completed in order to come and study in France are decided nationally. You should start preparing for your stay well in advance.



**You must be able to understand the French language.**  
Most teaching and examinations will be in French. Find out from the university of your choice the language level required (and what evidence you must provide)  
+ France Education International <https://www.france-education-international.fr/>

If you are coming as part of an **exchange programme**, e.g. ERASMUS+, the BCI's PEE programme (the Quebec Student Exchange Program run by the *Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire*), you should ask your home university. They should find out this information from your host university.

If you are **registering individually**: procedures vary depending on your home country (EU or non-EU), the type of institution (university, school, IUT, etc.), the type of course (languages, medicine, etc.) and the level of access (Bachelor's degree (Licence)/Master's degree (Master)/Ph.D (Doctorat)).

**The main procedures to be completed before admission are to submit an application for admission and to obtain a visa.**

### FIRST YEAR OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND PASS AND LAS



**Warning: applications MUST be submitted by the required deadline**  
To apply for the first year of a Bachelor's Degree, there are two possibilities:

#### If you live abroad

- International students living in a country with the CEF procedure
- There is a mandatory procedure for applying online for admission (DAP procedure) on the website of the Centre pour les Etudes en France (CEF): [www.campusfrance.org](http://www.campusfrance.org)  
This is a quick and simple process but you are required to pay a fee.
- International students living in a country without the CEF procedure  
In countries where this procedure does not exist, you must complete an application form (DAP) for admission, at the cultural service of the French Embassy in the country where you live (white form).

- If you live in France: You must download the application form from the website of the Ministry of National Education (Ministère de l'Éducation nationale) (green form).
- Online, at the following address: [www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid24146/-dossier-vert-demande-d-admission-prealable-en-premiere-annee-de-licence.html](http://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid24146/-dossier-vert-demande-d-admission-prealable-en-premiere-annee-de-licence.html)
- On Google: search for *dossier vert*.

### ▶ OTHER YEARS OF STUDY



**Warning: applications MUST be submitted by the required deadline**

**For other years of study, (Bachelor's 2nd year, Bachelor's 3rd year, Vocational Bachelor's, Master's 1st year, Master's 2nd year, IUT and engineering degrees),** those living abroad (outside Europe) must follow the "Études en France" procedure. If your country does not have this system, you should apply direct to the establishment.

### ▶ PH.D STUDENTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS WITH SPECIAL ADMISSION PROCEDURES

**Applications for admission should be made direct to the establishment concerned in the case of registration for:**

- preparatory classes for the *grandes écoles*,
- the senior technicians section (in *lycées*),
- university postgraduate degrees,
- or any other specialist establishment and/or establishment that recruits by means of a competition or admissions panel or based on a qualification.

### ▶ OBTAINING A VISA

Admission to your chosen establishment will enable you to apply for a long-stay student visa.





## 3 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

### B OBTAINING A RESIDENCE PERMIT: FORMALITIES TO BE COMPLETED WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN FRANCE



All foreigners aged over 18 who want to stay in France for more than 3 months must have a residence permit.

#### ▶ LONG-STAY STUDENT 'D' VISA (CESEDA R311-3 6°)

If you obtained a long-stay student 'D' visa for France from the French consulate/embassy in your country, this visa is marked 'CESEDA R311-3 6°'.

#### ≡ on your arrival in France

Within 3 months of your arrival in France, you must validate your visa at the following address: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

#### You will need:

- a valid email address
- the information stated on your visa
- to provide the date you entered France
- the address where you are living in France
- your payment card for online payment of the mandatory €50 fee



#### ≡ In the 2 to 4 months before the expiry date of your VISA or residence permit, you must apply to renew it online at the following address:

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

There are services available to advise and assist you with these procedures (next page):



#### ≡ in Montpellier

##### Service Accueil International Étudiants/Chercheurs (international student office) (SAIEC)

Tel.: +33 (0)4 67 41 67 87 – E-mail: [saiec@univ-montp3.fr](mailto:saiec@univ-montp3.fr)

##### Welcome Desk - One-stop shop service

Open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. all year round, our multilingual team of students is here to welcome you whether you have an appointment or not:

<https://saiec.univ-montp3.fr/>

A dedicated digital space to help you perform your administrative procedures online: Residence permit, CPAM, CAF, accommodation, etc.

Information and guidance by telephone and email

##### Online Welcome Desk – SAIEC: Your personalised virtual assistant:

Everything you need to do before and after you arrive in France, in a few clicks!

Choose your avatar and follow the guide.

The Euraxess Occitanie-Est services centre helps all doctoral students and international researchers with their administrative procedures: residence permit, CPAM, CAF, opening a bank account, insurance, cultural events, etc. To benefit from these services, register via the form on the following page: <https://www.fnak.fr/inscription/?cid=languedoc-roussillon>

#### ≡ in Nîmes

##### Préfecture du Gard (Front Desk) – Immigration and Integration Office

10 avenue Feuchères – 30045 Nîmes Cedex 9 – [www.gard.gouv.fr](http://www.gard.gouv.fr)

Telephone lines are staffed from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: +33 (0)4 66 87 59 60

Submission of applications by appointment via email: [pref-etrangers-rdv@gard.gouv.fr](mailto:pref-etrangers-rdv@gard.gouv.fr)

#### ≡ in Perpignan

##### International Welcome Desk (IWD)

Tel: +33 (0) 4 30 19 81 29 – E-mail: [welcomedesk@univ-perp.fr](mailto:welcomedesk@univ-perp.fr)

52 avenue Paul Alduy – Bâtiment A – 66860 Perpignan (Bus services A and C or 13 – Campus stop)  
Open every day from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. from September until the start of December. Throughout the rest of the year, open from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Information and guidance by telephone, email or in person.

Individual help with online administrative procedures (Residence permit, CPAM, CAF, etc.) by appointment: <https://welcome.univ-perp.fr>

## 3 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

### ▶ OTHER LONG-STAY VISAS

If you have another type of long-stay student VISA (Algerian national, minor in education, 'student-in-competition' visa), you must apply for a residence permit online on the French government website: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>



### ▶ GENERAL INFORMATION

⌘ International students with a residence permit are permitted to work for up to 60% of the annual legal working time, i.e. 964 hours per year.

### ⌘ Type "C" tourist visa (short-stay):

This type of visa is intended for foreign nationals who want to enter the Schengen area for tourism purposes or to participate in conferences or other events. It cannot be used to apply for a residence permit.

### ▶ EUROPEAN STUDENTS

European students do not have to apply for a residence permit.



## 4 PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### A ACCOMMODATION:

Finding accommodation in Montpellier, Nîmes or Perpignan is not straightforward! You need to be well organised and have financial means available as described on p.24. You also need enough money to pay for temporary accommodation at the start and to pay the costs involved in finding accommodation (deposit, agency fees, guarantee, etc. see p.21).

### ▶ PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION: CROUS MONTPELLIER-OCCITANIE

CROUS offers accommodation in university halls or residences (virtual tour at [www.crous-montpellier.fr](http://www.crous-montpellier.fr) > logement > nos cités/résidences universitaires).

- Rent for a room in cité U accommodation: €203.22 to €265.76 depending on comfort level (Housing support not deducted).
- Rent for a studio in cité U accommodation: €282.43 to €363.72. (Housing support not deducted).
- Rent for accommodation in a residence from €313 per month depending on the size.

#### 1. Admission criteria

Only students who meet the following criteria will be given accommodation in a university hall:

- registered for study on a course at least equivalent to a 1st year Master's degree, or at one of the following establishments: *Grande École*, preparatory class, IUT, Senior Technician Section (not private institutions), or one of the following medical specialisms: Medicine (from the 2nd year), Dentistry, Pharmacy.

Individual students must include with their application a rental bond from a person physically resident in France. If the student does not have a guarantor in France, the Visale scheme can be used to provide a rental bond and to finance the deposit: [www.visale.fr](http://www.visale.fr)

#### 2. How to submit an application

To submit an application, you first need to open an account at: <https://www.messervices.etudiant.gouv.fr>

You can then submit an application for CROUS accommodation from 9 July at: <https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr>

## 4 PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### 3. Application

You must submit your accommodation application within 7 days of receiving it, along with the supporting documents required:

- photocopy of your entire passport
- photocopy of the last qualification you gained
- photocopy of your last school attendance certificate (or if you do not have one, evidence of pre-registration at a higher education institution in France)
- email address (which must be valid throughout the academic year) must be provided. This will be used to reply to you once your application has been examined, according to the admission criteria.

Accommodation is allocated for an academic year based on the number of places available.

If you are offered accommodation by CROUS:

- When you receive your offer email, you have **48 hours** to pay the deposit online to reserve it. Keep the payment receipt, which you will be asked to produce when you sign your tenancy agreement at the international student office.
- Provide a rental bond from a person resident in France or the approval issued by the Visale scheme.

For more information, go to [www.crous-montpellier.fr / logement / Aides au logement](http://www.crous-montpellier.fr/logement/Aides%20au%20logement)

#### Crous Montpellier-Occitanie main reception

Address: 2 rue Monteil – CS 85053 – 34093 Montpellier cedex 5 (Tram line 1, Boutonnet stop)

Open every day from 9 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Applications are assessed according to the level of study, the date of submission, and the number of places available. Even if you fulfil these conditions, CROUS cannot guarantee that you will be allocated accommodation because the number of places is limited.



### ▶ RENTING PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

#### ≡ Websites of CROUS Montpellier-Occitanie and CRIJ\* Languedoc-Roussillon

- **Montpellier**  
You can find private offers of accommodation (with no agency fees) at:  
[www.lokaviz.fr](http://www.lokaviz.fr)  
[www.logement.informationjeunesselr.fr](http://www.logement.informationjeunesselr.fr)  
(you can also download a very comprehensive accommodation guide from here)

#### ≡ Phare

- **Montpellier-Nîmes-Perpignan**  
Phare is a contact point for international students looking for accommodation. Multilingual students are on hand to help students find accommodation with private landlords. Open September to end October: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Address: SAIEC – 8 rue de l'école Normale – CS 78290 – 34197 Montpellier cedex 5 (Tram line 1, Philipidès stop) – Email: [phare@crous-montpellier.fr](mailto:phare@crous-montpellier.fr)

#### ≡ Help with obtaining accommodation

- **Visale**  
Visale is an Action Logement scheme enabling students who have an income but cannot provide a guarantee from family, friends or the bank to obtain accommodation. File your application at [www.visale.fr](http://www.visale.fr)



### ▶ ESPACE LOGEMENT ÉTUDIANT

- **Montpellier**

This information service enables you to search for accommodation and to perform on-the-spot administrative procedures related to your arrival.

Espace Logement Étudiant

From August to October at Corum – Salon du Belvédère – Esplanade Ch. de Gaulle – Montpellier

[www.espace-etudiant.com](http://www.espace-etudiant.com)

- **Nîmes**

<https://unimes.immojeune.com/>

- **Perpignan**

[www.bijperpignan66.fr](http://www.bijperpignan66.fr)

### ▶ TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

#### ⌘ Youth Hostel

- **Montpellier**

Price per night: €21.50 (breakfast included)

Bookings can be made from abroad.

Address: Impasse de la Petite Corraterie – 34000 Montpellier

Tel. +33 (0)4 67 60 32 22 – Fax: + 33 (0)4 67 60 32 30

[www.fuaj.org/Montpellier](http://www.fuaj.org/Montpellier)

- **Nîmes**

Address: 257 chemin de l'auberge de jeunesse – 30900 Nîmes

Tel. +33 (0)4 66 68 03 20

- **Perpignan**

Address: Allée Marc Pierre, Parc de la Pépinière 66000 Perpignan

Tel. +33 (0)4 68 34 63 32 – Fax +33 (0)4 68 51 16 02

[www.hifrance.org](http://www.hifrance.org)



### ▶ DEPOSIT AND RENTAL BOND

#### ⌘ Deposit

When you sign your rental agreement, you have to pay a deposit (*dépôt de garantie*). This is used to cover any instances where the tenant fails to meet his or her obligations (repair costs, etc.).

This deposit must not exceed one month's rent excluding charges and must be repaid within two months of the keys being returned (for unfurnished rental properties).

#### ⌘ Rental bond

To rent accommodation you also have to provide a rental bond, which is a document signed by a person living and working in France. This person acts as your guarantor by agreeing to pay any rent that you fail to pay.



**If you pay several months' rent in advance, you should ALWAYS request a receipt from the landlord.**

### ▶ HOUSING BENEFITS

APL (Aides Personnalisées au Logement) and ALS (Allocations de Logement à caractère Social) are types of housing benefit paid by the Caisse d'Allocations Familiales (CAF). Apply online,

**Montpellier:** [www.caf.fr/allocataires/caf-de-l-herault/](http://www.caf.fr/allocataires/caf-de-l-herault/)

**Nîmes:** [www.caf.fr](http://www.caf.fr)

**Perpignan:** [www.caf.fr](http://www.caf.fr)

### ▶ HOME INSURANCE

You must take out multi-risk home insurance when renting an unfurnished property and this insurance is strongly recommended if you are renting furnished accommodation. This insurance covers you against the risks of fire, water damage, explosions, liability, theft, etc.

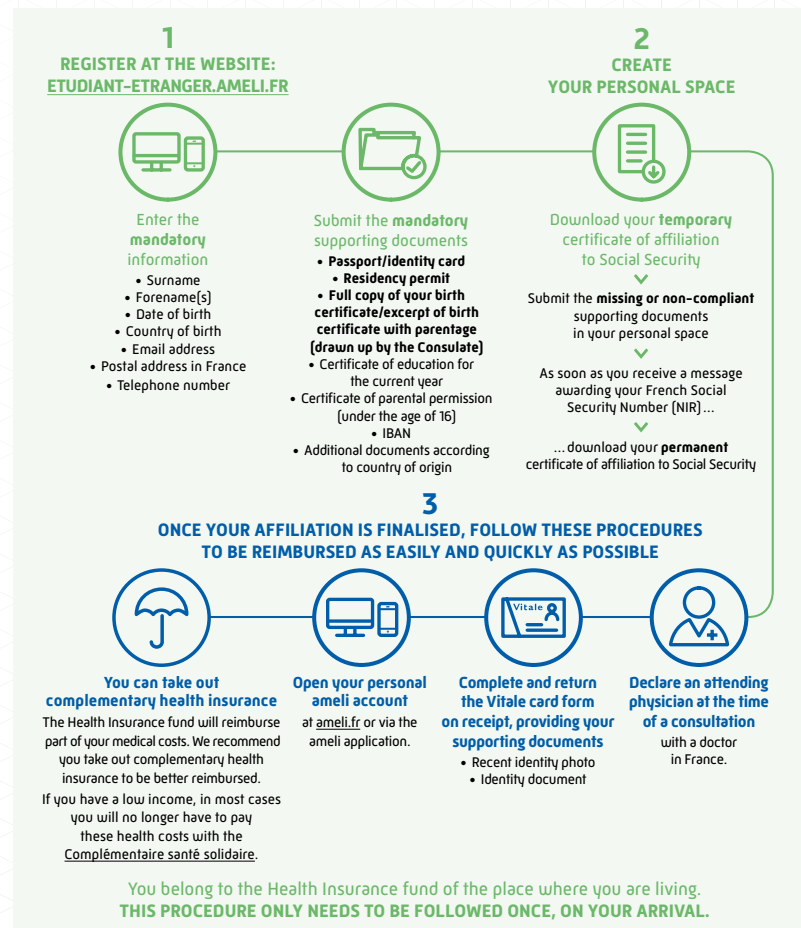
Besides the traditional insurers (insurance companies and mutuals), some banks also offer insurance at prices compatible with student means.

## B HEALTH

## ▶ SOCIAL SECURITY REGISTRATION

<https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/>

## YOU ARE COMING TO STUDY IN FRANCE



## CONTACT THE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND:

**FROM THE AMELI FORUM** at [ameli.fr](https://ameli.fr)

**BY EMAIL** from your [ameli account](https://ameli.fr), section "Contact us".

**BY TELEPHONE**

**3646** Free service + cost of call

Monday to Friday 08:30 to 17:30.  
We can put you in contact with a bilingual telephone advisor on request.

**IN PERSON** in the **Health Insurance fund** of the place where you are living.

## ▶ MONTPELLIER UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTRE

The Health Centre (Centre de Soins) offers all students in Montpellier access to medical care (including gynaecology and abortion services), psychiatric care, physiotherapy and mental health support. Full treatment with no upfront fees to pay on presentation of a student card, healthcare card (carte vitale) and supplementary healthcare fund certificate (attestation de mutuelle complémentaire). [www.csu-montpellier.fr](http://www.csu-montpellier.fr)

**Montpellier University Health Centre**

8 rue de l'École Normale - 34090 Montpellier - +33 (0)4 11 28 19 79

## ▶ UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES IN NÎMES AND PERPIGNAN

University Health Services give healthcare advice and offer student consultations.

**Nîmes:** At the sports centre on the Vauban site, the service is to the right of reception - 5 Rue du Docteur Georges Salan CS 13019 30021 Nîmes - +33 (0)4 66 36 45 30

Contact: [sse@unimes.fr](mailto:sse@unimes.fr) Information and booking appointments online: <https://sante.unimes.fr/>

**University of Perpignan Via Domitia:** 52 avenue Paul Alduy, Bâtiment H - 66860 Perpignan

Contact: [ssu@unimes.fr](mailto:ssu@unimes.fr) Website: <https://www.univ-perp.fr/vie-de-campus/sante-social/>

Booking of appointments by telephone only: +33 (0)4 68 66 21 16 or +33 (0)7 88 41 10 56

## ▶ DISABILITY

There are support schemes available for students with disabilities at the higher education establishments in Montpellier, Nîmes and Perpignan. Get in touch with the contact person, or visit each university's website for more information.

**University of Montpellier:** [handicap@umontpellier.fr](mailto:handicap@umontpellier.fr)

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**University of Nîmes:** [handicap@unimes.fr](mailto:handicap@unimes.fr)

**University of Perpignan Via Domitia:** [baeh@univ-perp.fr](mailto:baeh@univ-perp.fr) / <https://www.univ-perp.fr/formation/accompagnement-a-la-reussite/etudiants-en-situation-de-handicap>

**L'institut Agro Montpellier:** [elisabeth.mutel@supagro.fr](mailto:elisabeth.mutel@supagro.fr) (Montpellier campus) and [david.kumurdjian@supagro.fr](mailto:david.kumurdjian@supagro.fr) (Florac campus)

**CROUS** also has around a hundred accommodation units specially adapted for people with disabilities. More information: [www.crous-montpellier.fr](http://www.crous-montpellier.fr) > Action sociale - santé > handicap

## ▶ WELFARE / MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

There are CROUS Montpellier-Occitanie welfare workers on hand for students to talk to at CROUS and the university sites. They can help students with social, emotional or financial problems by providing listening, support, information, securing financial assistance, and taking preventive action.

Main desk open every day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Or make an appointment with the welfare service: [www.crous-montpellier.fr](http://www.crous-montpellier.fr)

Section: [crous](#) > [comment nous contacter](#) > [demander un rdv via le formulaire](#)

CROUS Montpellier-Occitanie works in partnership with various organisations to offer students free mental health consultations at CROUS accommodation, in private consultation rooms or remotely.

To make an appointment, visit: [www.crous-montpellier.fr](http://www.crous-montpellier.fr)

## 4 PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### C BUDGET

#### ► OBLIGATION OF RESOURCES

French law requires that international students demonstrate that they have sufficient resources to cover living costs of €615/per month.

The existence of these resources can be proven by:

- Evidence of grant award,
- A standing order from abroad (officially certified by the bank's stamp),
- Bank statements for the last three months showing the monthly payments (€615/month) or a stamped and signed bank statement dated in the last three months showing a credit balance equal to at least three months of the required resources.

The amount of €615 per month is a minimum. The first month can cost up to €1,800 (deposit for accommodation, insurance, mutual contribution, etc.).

**The cost of registration at the university varies depending on the level of study: €170 for bachelor's degree courses, €243 for master's degree courses, €380 for Ph.Ds, €601 for students at schools of engineering (2022/2023 rates).**

#### Student and Campus Services Contribution (CVEC)

Since the start of the 2018 academic year, all students doing their first course at a higher education institution have been required to obtain a certificate showing that they have paid their student and campus services contribution (CVEC), which is payable only once, regardless of the number of courses they take. This fee contributes to support and social welfare, health, culture and sport services for students. The contribution is **€103** and must be paid before you register for your course. To find out more, visit: <https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>

#### ► MONTHLY BUDGET

This approximately monthly budget is valid for a single student not living in a university hall of residence, i.e. for most students.



Rent (including charges)	€450
Food and drink	€260
Transport	free
University supplies	€40
Internet	€20
Mobile phone	€30
<b>Total</b>	<b>€800</b>



#### ► OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

Opening a bank account is highly recommended, particularly for receiving some types of aid paid by bank transfer.

#### List of supporting documents required:

- evidence of address (showing exact address),
- school attendance certificate,
- copy of passport and visa.

## 4 PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### D FOOD

A varied and balanced range of meals is available at low cost: €3.30 per meal or €1 for students on bursaries.

Located at the heart of the study sites, CROUS university restaurants and cafeterias offer a fast and good value range of catering options suited to the needs of students.

Details of these places to eat are available at [www.crous-montpellier.fr](http://www.crous-montpellier.fr)



### E TRANSPORT

Car-sharing websites: [www.blablacar.fr](http://www.blablacar.fr) – [www.klaxit.fr](http://www.klaxit.fr)

€1 Regional train services: <https://www.ter.sncf.com/occitanie/tarifs-cartes/billets-un-euro>

€1 Regional bus services: <https://www.laregion.fr/Presentation-de-liO>

#### ⌘ Montpellier

Travel on trams and buses on the TAM network (Transports de l'Agglomération de Montpellier) has been free of charge since 21 December 2023 for Pass Gratuité holders. Bicycles are also available. Find out everything you need to know about the Pass Gratuité and transport offering at:

[www.tam-voyages.com](http://www.tam-voyages.com)

#### ⌘ Nîmes

In Nîmes, the city-wide bus service is provided by TANGO. Buses and a tram-bus line serve the city daily until 9 p.m. (the tram-bus runs until midnight).

[www.tangobus.fr](http://www.tangobus.fr)

#### ⌘ Perpignan

The city of Perpignan and the surrounding area offer various different modes of transport to make it easier for you to get around. Further information on:

[www.sankeo.com](http://www.sankeo.com)

### F CULTURE

⌘ **YOOT: Your student box office offering big discount prices**  
**'The only web platform that gets you off your sofa'**



YOOT Montpellier is:

- An online box office offering extra special rates, with tickets for shows and concerts from €5 and cinema tickets from €3.90.
- A bookshop voucher worth €7.
- A range of more than 600 cultural events per year through 40 partners, ranging from EDM nights to contemporary dance, street theatre to metal concerts, auteur cinema to one-man shows, photography exhibitions to performance art and opera to hip hop festivals.
- A community to get to know others, explore, and share opinions, deals and experiences.
- To make the most of all these services, membership costs only €9 and is valid until 31 August 2025.

For more detail, one address: [www.yoot.fr](http://www.yoot.fr)

Follow us on social media: [@yootmontpellier](https://twitter.com/yootmontpellier)

#### ⌘ Pass'culture – Perpignan

For just €5 for students in receipt of a grant and €10 for other students, Perpignan's Pass'Culture gives students the ability to access cultural events in Perpignan and the surrounding area at very advantageous prices. The Pass'Culture offers the following prices: Cinéma Castillet: €3, Institut Jean Vigo: €3, Théâtre de l'Archipel: €5, Jazzèbre: from €2 to €15, USAP: €5, Festivals: 50% discount

Official shop: Main campus (next to the Aquarium cafeteria)

52 avenue Paul Alduy – 66860 Perpignan

Tel. +33 (0)4 68 66 17 93 – [pass-culture@univ-perp.fr](mailto:pass-culture@univ-perp.fr)

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – <https://billetterie.legilog.fr/perpignan/>

## 4 PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### G DOCUMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

#### ACCOMMODATION

##### 1. Rental bond:

- Passport
- Guarantor's identity document
- Guarantor's last three pay slips and tax statement
- Evidence of guarantor's address (e.g. electricity or telephone bill)
- Full bank details (for the tenant and guarantor)

##### 2. Multi-risk home insurance

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#### BANK

- Evidence of address (rent receipt or tenancy agreement)
  - Passport with visa
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#### HOUSING BENEFIT (CAF)

- Completed application form
  - RIB (bank details)
  - For non-Europeans: birth certificate with apostille
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#### ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTRATION

##### AT THE HIGHER EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENT

- Your original passport and a photocopy of your passport showing your student visa (non-EEA) or residence permit
- The registration form, duly completed
- The acceptance letter or email from the higher education establishment where you are registering
- Your original birth certificate translated into French and a photocopy
- If you are starting an undergraduate course (L1): original certificate of the qualification required for university admission in your country accompanied by a translation by a consular service or by sworn translator and a photocopy
- For all other levels of study: in addition to your *baccalauréat*, the original certificate of the qualification required for admission by equivalence with an official translation and a photocopy

*NB: Remember to bring several originals and photocopies of each of these documents and several identity photos.*

## H GLOSSARY

**BAC:** Baccalauréat

**BDE:** Bureau des Étudiants (Student Office)

**CAF:** Caisse d'Allocations Familiales (Family Benefits Fund)

**CMU:** Couverture Maladie Universelle (Universal Health Coverage)

**CPAM:** Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie (Primary Medical Insurance Fund)

**CRIJ:** Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse (Regional Youth Information Centre)

**CROUS:** Centre Régional des œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires (Regional affiliate of the French national student service agency)

**ENT:** Espace Numérique de Travail (digital workspace)

**MDE:** Maison des Étudiants (Student House)

**PHARE:** Point Hébergement Accueil et Recherche de logement pour les Etudiants Internationaux (Accommodation Service for International Students)

**RIB:** Relevé d'Identité Bancaire

(Bank account identification document)

**SAMU:** Service d'Aide Médicale d'Urgence

(Emergency medical services)

**UFR:** Unité de Formation et de Recherche

(Teaching and Research Unit)

#### ≡ Abbreviations

**BU:** Bibliothèque Universitaire (University library)

**Cafèt':** Cafeteria

**Cité U:** Cité Universitaire (University hall of residence)

**Coloc':** Colocation (House/flat share)

**Fac:** Faculty = UFR = Teaching and Research Unit

**RU or resto'U:** Restaurant Universitaire (Refectory)

**Tram':** Tramway

**RDV:** Rendez-vous (Appointment)







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