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WELCOME TO ESMA

INFORMATION BOOKLET FOR
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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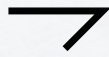
THE GUIDE-BOOK TO STUDY IN FRANCE

France is one of the most popular destination in the world, not only for tourism but also for international students pursuing their studies abroad. The country offers many advantages that facilitate the arrival of foreign students.

France provides high-level curricula, many of which are globally recognized. Most international students who have completed part of their studies in France express great satisfaction with their choice and the positive impact on their personal and professional life. **This satisfaction is largely due to the high academic standards, quality of life, and welcoming environment they encounter.**

To study in France, international students must meet certain administrative requirements. All members of ESMA are committed to making this process as smooth as possible. This guidebook is designed to help foreign students understand the requirements for studying in France and guide them through the necessary steps.





PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The administrative and practical procedures for foreign students will always require the presentation of the following documents:

- An identity card or passport.
- A student card or certificate (provided by the school after acceptance).
- Proof of a current address (such as a gas or electricity bill, a rental receipt, or a written statement if staying free of charge) is required. This is necessary for opening a bank account (which is not recommended for a short stay), as well as for purchasing a phone line, internet service, etc

ENIC-NARIC

Please note that in order to join ESMA in September we request all students to provide an official comparability statement of their highest school diploma. Students can request it from this website:

<https://www.france-education-international.fr/en/article/comment-demander-une-attestation>

We need to ensure that, once a student join ESMA, he has already obtained the baccalaureate (level 4 in France) and that they meet the requirements to enroll in our school. **This document is mandatory**, and students need to send it to us before **the beginning of classes**.

VISA

Not all the international students need a VISA. To be sure, students can check on this website if they need one: <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en/web/france-visas/visa-wizard>
Students can apply for a student visa in France at the **French embassy or consulate in their country of residence**.

For more information, consult the French government website :

<https://www.servicepublic.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2231?lang=en>

To start this procedure, an enrollment certificate from us will be required, which will be provided by the school after acceptance

ARTEMISIA

Artemisia is a student residence located right next to the ESMA campuses. Each ESMA school is always paired with an Artemisia student residence, with accommodations specifically dedicated to our students.

This accommodation offers some 11 "studios" of 19 square meters. Inside your room, you will have a toilet and a kitchen.

Applications can be made directly on the Artemisia website:
www.residencesartemisiam.com

ATTENTION! The Artemisia application opens every January of the current year.



ACCOMMODATION

Rental file :

To find an accommodation, you'll need a rental file, and landlords, real estate agencies and student residences will ask you for several supporting documents. We recommend that you gather these documents before starting your search. As Montpellier is a city in high demand for student accommodations, you'll need to be quick.

Here is a list of the most frequently requested documents for students:

- Copy of ID
- School registration certificate
- Bank details
- 3 last rent receipts if you have already been a tenant or, if not, a document certifying that your family are accommodating you, accompanied by your parents' ID and proof of address (electricity, water or gas bill).

This list is indicative, depending on the real estate agency or student residence, you may be asked to provide additional documents.

Guarantors :

To find accommodation in France, landlords typically require a guarantor, who will cover the rent if the tenant is unable to do so. Guarantors who do not reside in France are generally not accepted by landlords. However, there are websites that can act as guarantors, with the cost usually depending on the rent amount.

Finding an apartment :

Here is a list of the most common websites for finding accommodation in France:

- www.leboncoin.fr/
- www.seloger.com/

Real estate agencies may also be used:

- <https://www.citya.com/>
- <https://www.orpi.com/>
- <https://fr.foncia.com/>

Finding a flat-share :

Many students opt for shared apartments, which are usually less expensive than renting a whole apartment/studio.

Here are a few websites

- <https://www.lacartedescolocs.com/>
- <https://www.appartager.com/>

There are many student residences available in our campus towns, or you can even rent a room with a French family.

THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN FRANCE

PHONE NUMBER

Here are some examples of phone service providers where you can get a phone plan. The prices are not very high, ranging from 2 to 20 euros per month. You need to have an address in France before you can open a mobile line, until then you can get a “pay- as you go” sim card from most supermarkets or tobacconists.

- mobile.free.fr/
- www.sosh.fr/
- boutique.orange.fr/mobile
- www.bouyguestelecom.fr/



BANK ACCOUNT

A French bank account will prove vital for all sorts of things, from applying for a Social Security card, to getting housing benefits from the French government.... Almost all banks ask for an address in France in order to open an account.

Below some French banks examples:

- BNP Paribas: mabanque.bnpparibas
- Caisse d'épargne: caisse-epargne.fr
- La Banque Postale: La Banque Postale
- Crédit Mutuel : creditmutuel.fr
- Crédit Agricole : credit-agricole.fr

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SOCIAL SECURITY

All the information on the French Social Security system, is available at : etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/

You need to register on this website to have your healthcare costs covered while you are studying. You must register online via the link to start the administrative procedures as soon as possible because it might take months for you to receive your social security card "carte vitale". This one is very important to get. The social security will cover the 70 % of the medical costs.



HEALTH INSURANCE

In addition to coverage for basic healthcare costs, complementary health insurance (known as 'Mutuelle' in French) is required to cover the remaining 30% of medical expenses



INSURANCE

To complete school registration, two insurance certificates are required:

- Responsabilité civile, which covers accidental damage or injury to others. This is generally included in house insurance (assurance habitation), so be cautious not to purchase an additional policy.
- Individuelle accident, which covers personal injuries. Both types of insurance are mandatory for any French educational institution.



CAF (CAISSE D'ALLOCATION FAMILIALE)

Upon arrival in France, it is important to request the CAF (Caisse d'Allocations Familiales) to obtain housing benefits from the French government. A French address and a French bank account are required to submit an application on their website, so it is necessary to be in France.

The procedure can be started here: [CAF Housing Benefits](#).

This process may take several months, so it is advisable to begin the administrative procedures as soon as possible.



TRANSPORTATION

Each city has its own public transport network. Here are the websites for the city transportation systems:

Bordeaux: www.infotbm.com/fr

Montpellier: www.tam-voyages.com/index.asp

Lyon: www.tcl.fr/





SEE YOU SOON!



For more information about being an international student in France, applications, and other inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the campus you are interested in:

Bordeaux : info@esma-bordeaux.com

Montpellier : info@esma-montpellier.com

Lyon : info@esma-lyon.com

