

France, art de vivre, history and culture



France, the first touristic destination offers too:

- the world's top health-care system, according to WHO
- one of the highest life expectancies in the world
- one of the safest countries in Europe
- an efficient system of public transportation
- one of the world's fastest and densest Internet networks.

Living in France

Studying in France also means living in France and discovering the distinctive French way of life.



Students enjoy special advantages in France that make life more enjoyable

An extensive system of discounts, assistance, and special facilities allows students to stretch a relatively modest budget to cover basic needs—and to enjoy life in France. Benefits include a network of student restaurants, university housing, rent subsidies, health insurance, student clubs and associations, and discounts on public transportation, movies, museums, libraries, and sporting events.

Sports and cultural activities

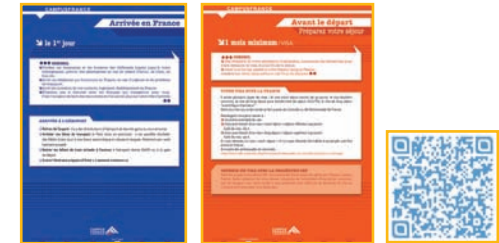
More than 2,000 cinemas, 1,200 museums, and 33,000 theatrical performances attest to the vitality of everyday cultural life in Paris and throughout France. Festivals of music, song, and dance; athletic events; and celebrations of books, food, and science round out the cultural life for which France is rightly famous.

Students enjoy discounts and special subscription prices at all cultural events.

Student status also makes it easy to stay active in sports through discounted access to athletic facilities. Rare is the campus that does not host a wide range athletic clubs, associations, and leagues.

Many universities and schools are located in city centers, offering easy access to the rich social and cultural life of France's lively cities. Museums, bookstores, theaters, and cafés are never very far away.

Campus France will help you prepare for departure and offer support upon your arrival in France.



Helpful briefs on coming to France

This set of briefs sets out in practical detail everything the student needs to know about travel arrangements and arriving in France. Organized chronologically ("A month before departure," "A week before departure," "Upon arrival," "Your first week," and so on), the briefs help students prepare in a practical way for their departure, to prioritize their first steps, to identify urgent tasks, and, in so doing, to ensure a smooth arrival in France.



Enjoy French culture shock

An A to Z Handbook for Student and Daily Life in France

This pocket guide in French/English and French/Spanish, organized like a dictionary in which the entries are color coded by theme (culture, academic life, health ...), enables the user to quickly find expressions, acronyms, and various features of daily life as a student in France. Upon return, the guide will be a souvenir of the student's experience in France.

Housing in France

Before looking for a place to live in France, students must decide, in light of their financial means and the length of their program, what sort of housing arrangement is best for them. Housing is relatively expensive in France, but international students, like French students, enjoy the benefit of housing assistance.

University residence halls

Located on campus or in town, university residences are run by France's regional student service centers (CROUS, *Centres régionaux des œuvres universitaires et scolaires*). The residences feature furnished rooms and studios, generally well-equipped. The monthly rent is between €120* and €350*. Space in university residence halls remains in very short supply, however, especially in Paris, where priority is given to the recipients of French government scholarships and students participating in exchange programs.
www.cnous.fr/logement/
www.cnous.fr/carte (*Centre National des Œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires*)

Note: In contrast to the situation at France's universities, most *Grandes Écoles* and private institutions have a good supply of on-campus housing.

Privately operated student housing

Private buildings designed for students are found in most large cities. Most have been built in recent years to compensate for the shortage of university housing. Rents range from €600* to €700* per month in Paris and from €350* to €550 elsewhere.

Private-sector rentals

Renters are generally required to make a deposit to guarantee the payment of rent. Rents are high, especially in large cities, and above all in Paris. In general, renters must show proof that their monthly income is at least three times the rental amount.

Shared rentals

Property rentals to groups. Several individuals may enter into a lease with a property owner, with each having equal rights to the property. No special regulations apply to such rentals. All tenants have the same rights and obligations as does a single tenant who executes a lease. Anyone who wishes to apply for housing assistance must ensure that his or her name appears on the lease.

Note

Joint-responsibility clauses are often added to group-rental agreements and apply for the entire term of the lease. Such clauses mean that if one tenant does not pay his or her share of the rent, the property owner may try to collect it from the other tenants.



The online platform of the CROUS network www.lokaviz.fr

Nearly 60,000 students have found housing using the CROUS network's online platform. Rentals bearing the Lokaviz label are accompanied by protections and assurances designed especially for students.

La Clé, security deposits for students

A government guarantee available in all of France's academic regions (except overseas) enables students who do not have a personal guarantor to obtain access to housing.

The mechanism is open to students who:

- have income but no access to funds for a security deposit from family, friends, or a bank
 - wish to reside in France in order to pursue a course of study
 - are under 28 years of age on September 1 of the year in which the lease is signed.
- Applications for a security deposit through the La Clé mechanism are made through the Lokaviz site

Rooms in private houses

More suitable for short stays, renting a furnished room in a private home may cost €200* a week in Paris with breakfast included, or €300* with breakfast and dinner. Costs are lower outside Paris.

Intergenerational housing

Several organizations have matched older people who have a spare room to rent with students looking for a place to live. The older individual, who may be a property owner or a tenant, must offer a suitable room, which may be furnished or unfurnished, with free access to the common areas of the property (kitchen, bathroom, living room). The student agrees to be a "good neighbor," to exercise reasonable care and vigilance, to perform "small favors" to facilitate the daily life of the older person, and to pay a portion of the utility and maintenance charges (such as water and electricity).

To use the services of an organization providing intergenerational rentals, the student generally must pay a yearly fee to the organization (typically between €100 and €350 depending on the type of lodging found), in addition to application fees (around €15).

www.reseau-cosi.com

◆ www.campusfrance.org/en

For more information and links related to housing assistance:

www.campusfrance.org/en >Living in France >Housing

Support services offered by universities and other institutions of higher education:

www.campusfrance.org/en

>Practical and institutional guides>welcome informations

** These prices do not include any housing assistance for which the student may be eligible.

Housing assistance

International students, like French students, may be eligible for housing assistance.

There are two types of assistance, depending on the type of housing one occupies. The two forms of assistance, which cannot be combined, are **social housing assistance (ALS, *allocation de logement à caractère social*)** and **personal housing assistance (APL, *aide personnalisée au logement*)**. The amount of assistance varies with the rent to be paid and the student's circumstances.

If you are sharing an apartment, you and your roommate may both receive assistance, provided both your names appear on the lease.

Information and eligibility criteria can be obtained from the Caisse d'Allocations Familiales (CAF, family assistance fund) serving the area in which you live.

www.caf.fr/actualites/2015/etudiants-tout-savoir-sur-l-aide-au-logement

Many housing-related links can be found on the Campus France Web site



Working in France

While in school

Students from the member countries of the European Economic Space (plus Switzerland) may work freely and without restriction while studying in France. As long as they do not neglect their academic work, they may combine employment with scholarships or other financial assistance.

Since July 1, 2007, French law has allowed **other international students** to work under the following conditions: A residency permit (VLS-TS, validated by OFII, or a residency permit in addition to a visa) marked "student" entitles the student to accept paid employment for **up to 60% of the legally defined work year (or 964 hours per year), without prior administrative authorization.**

Note: The time that students spend in internships connected with their academic program (and covered by a written internship agreement) are not counted toward the maximum allowable working hours, even if the student is compensated during the internship.

The minimum gross hourly wage, set by law, is €9,61. Withholding reduces the worker's net wage by about 20%.

Working at a public institution of higher education

International students are eligible for student jobs at universities and other public institutions of higher education. Students are hired to provide the following services: assisting incoming students; helping disabled students; providing tutoring; providing IT support and assistance; coordinating and staffing cultural, athletic, and social events; wor-

king in the career center; and supporting their institution's promotional efforts.

Student employment contracts are offered for a period not to exceed 12 months. They run from September 1 through August 31. Students may work up to 670 hours between September 1 and June 30, and up to 300 hours between July 1 and August 31.

After graduation

• **International students holding a degree equivalent to a master or above** International students who have earned a degree that is equivalent to a European master or above may seek authorization to reside in France from 6 months to 1 year after the expiration of their student residency permit. This authorization, which is not renewable, allows the graduate to work for up to 60% of the legal work week.

If the employment contract is related to the subject of the graduate's degree program and if it provides compensation that is equal to or greater than 150% of the minimum wage, the prospective employee may apply to the local prefecture for change of status from student to employee. Once authorization is granted (it is not granted automatically), the individual may begin working full time.

• Other students

Accepting an offer of employment from a French firm after graduation implies a change in status (from student to employee). Graduates apply for the change by submitting their employment contract or offer of employment.

◆ www.campusfrance.org

>Living in France >Working

Insurance



Medical insurance

• **Students from countries outside the European Economic Space** who are under 28 years of age on October 1 and enrolled in a recognized educational institution for a program of at least 3 months' duration **are automatically enrolled in the student segment of the national health insurance plan**, part of France's social protection system. Students join the plan when they register at their educational institution. The cost of participation is about €200. Some students (notably scholarship recipients) are exempted from paying the fee.

After age 28, non-European students must join the social security system through the health insurance consortium closest to their residence. Addresses for those organizations, known as *caisses primaires d'assurance maladie* (or CPAMs), can be found on the Web site of the social security system: www.ameli.fr

• **Students from within the European Economic Space** (plus Switzerland) may take advantage of the French social security system without additional cost provided they obtain a European Health Insurance Card valid for the entire academic year.

• **All other students** (those staying for less than 3 months, and students enrolled in institutions that do not participate in the French social security system) must purchase an individual medical insurance policy from a private insurance company. In France, the annual cost of such policies runs from €150 to €550.

On average, social security covers about 70% of the expenses related to an illness. Students may obtain supplemental health insurance coverage.

The three largest student group-health plans are:

La Mutuelle des Étudiants: www.lmde.fr, active throughout France; Emevia, an association of regional student health plans: www.emevia.com; and Smerep: www.smerep.fr.

Multirisk renter's insurance

All dwellings must be insured against risks such as theft, fire, and water damage. Insurance can be purchased from private companies.

Multirisk home insurance **includes liability coverage**, meaning that the policy holder is insured against claims from third parties who may be injured in an accident on the premises.

Note: Other types of insurance are also available, such as automobile insurance, insurance for participation in a sport, and insurance for repatriation of remains in case of death.



French law permits international students to work

Some forms of insurance are obligatory

Cultural life

France's vibrant cultural life offers students access to culture on a daily basis. Even outside Paris, the proliferation of cultural sites is proof of the country's creative effervescence.

Consider, for example, music festivals such as the *Vieilles Charrues* in Carhaix, the *Folles Journées* in Nantes, the *Eurockéennes* in Belfort, Jazz in Marcillac, and the *Transmusicales* in Rennes; the film festivals in Cannes, Deauville, Avoriaz, and Cognac; dance festivals such as the *Biennale de la Danse* in Lyon and the *Part des Anges* in Bordeaux; the theater festivals of Avignon and Aurillac; the renowned comic art festival in Angoulême; and national events such as the *Journées du Patrimoine* and the *Fête de la Musique* on the first day of summer.



All cultural sites offer discounts and subscriptions for students

All information on
www.culture.fr



Museums and monuments

7,000 museums operate throughout France. Although the Eiffel Tower remains the country's most visited attraction, more than 40,000 other sites and structures have been designated as historic landmarks, among them the chateaux of the Loire, Mont St. Michel, the Château d'If, the Roman arenas in Nîmes, and the port of La Rochelle.

List of national museums:

www.rmn.fr
www.monuments-nationaux.fr
www.images-art.fr

Books

The affordable Livre de Poche series, offered at €6, puts books within reach, no matter what one's budget. Numerous book-related events in Paris and around the country attest to the French interest in reading.

Print media

France's print media are distinguished by their diversity: special-interest magazines, daily newspapers, and national and regional weeklies and monthlies. Every city and region has a newspaper that provides national, international, regional, and even the most local of news. Examples include the Sud-Ouest in Aquitaine, Ouest-France in Brittany, and La Provence in Marseille:

www.presseregionale.fr

Libraries

France has more than 3,000 libraries. Anyone can obtain a free library card at his or her local library; the card can be used at any library in the town or city system.

University libraries

Every institution of higher education possesses at least one library. Hours vary but include evenings (until 10 pm) and Sundays. France's 127 university and institutional libraries possess more than 40 million books.

Liste des bibliothèques publiques :
www.culture.gouv.fr/documentation/bibrep/pres.htm

Bibliothèque Nationale de France :
www.bnf.fr

Bibliothèques universitaires
www.bibliopedia.fr/wiki/Bibliothèques_universitaires_françaises_-_Liens



Sport

In addition to the athletic facilities of educational institutions (often known by the acronym SUAPS), France has many public sports complexes. Thousands of clubs provide access, for a modest fee, to training equipment and athletic facilities. Visits to municipal swimming pools are also very affordable.

www.associations-sportives.fr





Clubs and special-interest groups

With more than 2 million associations, France's people have woven a vast fabric of voluntary ties, of which student clubs are an important part. Special-interest groups enable students to get together for extra-curricular activities such as festivals, expositions, concerts, lectures, trips, hikes, tours, evening activities, and more.

Through clubs and associations students also engage in a wide variety of humanitarian, athletic, economic, and cultural activities in which they have the opportunity to play a variety of roles, such as chairman of a festival, treasurer of a student business club, or spokesperson for a cultural project. Such involvements can make v to their resume. Through alumni associations students can maintain ties with their academic institution after graduation and benefit from contacts with other graduates.

Directory of French associations:
www.asso1901.com



Note

In an *École Supérieure*, the student association (known as the BDE, *bureau des étudiants* or *bureau des élèves*) is run by students. Its purpose is to organize extracurricular activities.

Note Campus France's collection of student service profiles describes the international student services offered by each institution and provides contact information for clubs and associations active within the institution.

www.campusfrance.org/fr/espacedocumentaire>Information sur les établissements



Universities

On university campuses, one often finds dozens of cultural, disciplinary, athletic, or career-related associations. Some are devoted to providing support for new students, including international students, or to organizing cooperative services (supplies, coffee houses, course packs, and so on).

- FSDIE: www.etudiantdeparis.fr/ressources/aides-universites
- Animafac is a network for the exchange of experience and resources among more than 12,000 student associations:
www.animafac.net
- ESN, Erasmus student Network:
www.esn.org

The France Alumni network

On behalf of France's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, Campus France operates a multilingual digital resource for international students who have studied at the postsecondary level in France.



www.francealumni.fr

An interactive platform

France Alumni provides a network for graduates of French higher education, enabling them to maintain their connection with France.

- a highly reliable tool
- an interactive directory

Information, échange, idées, opportunités

> Professionnal

France Alumni is not just for students and alumni. It also involves French and foreign partners (including institutions of higher education and employers) so as to better serve as a resource for career development.

- targeted announcements of jobs and internships in France and abroad:
<https://www.francealumni.fr/fr/offres>
- career advice and alumni tips:
<https://www.francealumni.fr/fr/page/53/carrieres>

- dedicated spaces that allow educational institutions to coordinate and consolidate their alumni network:
<https://www.francealumni.fr/fr/page/700/devenez-partenaire>

> Cultural

- an online magazine of French cultural, economic, and business news:
<https://www.francealumni.fr/fr/page/8/magazine>
- special-interest newsletters
- special-interest groups:
<https://www.francealumni.fr/fr/page/466/partager>
- facilitated access to France's embassies and vast worldwide cultural network

An active new network that has already circled the world

Launched in 2015, France Alumni is approaching 20,000 members and 400 partners around the world.

Organized by country so as to provide news and services of high relevance to members, France Alumni already operates 35 local platforms. By 2016, it will be present in some 60 countries.

<https://www.francealumni.fr/fr/groupe-thematiques> rubrique sites locaux



Every year,
100,000
international
students
receive
degrees from
the French
educational
system.

How much does it cost?

Taking into account the many discounts for which students are eligible, the average monthly student budget is €1,000 in Paris and €800 elsewhere in the country.

Food, meals

- **1 baguette:** €0,80
- **1 coffee:** €1 - 2
- **1 Camembert cheese:** €2
- **1 croissant:** €1
- **1 kg of pasta:** €1
- **1 kg of potatoes:** €1,20
- **1 kg of rice:** €1,90
- **1 liter of milk:** €1,20
- **6 eggs:** €1,50
- **1 meal at a university cafeteria:** €3,25
- **1 fast-food meal:** €7
- **1 meal at neighborhood restaurant:** €10 - 20
- **1 sandwich:** €5 - 8



Health

Medical visit

- **General practitioner:** €23 and up (of which €14 is reimbursed)
- **Psychiatry, neuropsychiatry, neurology:** €37 euros and up (€24 reimbursed)
- **Gynecology - ophthalmology:** €28 euros and up (€19 reimbursed)
- **Specialist:** €25 euros and up (€19 reimbursed)
- **Dentist:** €30 euros and up depending on service rendered

Culture, leisure

- **Cell phone, Internet:** A wide range of plans to suit every budget and every digital lifestyle.
- **1 student-rate movie ticket:** about €7.50. Some national theater chains offer unlimited monthly admission cards for €30.
- **1 museum admission:** €5-10
- **1 student-rate swimming pool admission:** €1.70
- **1 newspaper:** €1.20
- **1 paperback book:** about €6
- **1 night in budget hotel (**):** €60
- **1 theater ticket:** €30 and up

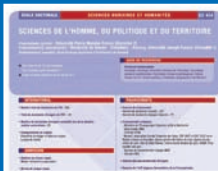


Transportation

- **1 round-trip Paris-Barcelona air ticket:** €100-150
- **1 round-trip Paris-Brussels-Amsterdam Thalys rail ticket:** €100-120
- **1 round-trip Paris-London Eurostar rail ticket:** €100-150
- **1 round-trip Paris-Nice TGV (high-speed train) ticket:** €140. If reserved far enough in advance, tickets can be as cheap as €50.
- **1 monthly public transportation pass in Paris:** from €70
- **1 liter of gasoline:** €1.40
- **1 city bike:** €1 per day in Paris, but free for the first 30 minutes. Public bike rentals (through Vélib', Vélov, V3) are available in several large cities. Prices vary.

The cost of daily life may be twice as high in Paris as in other parts of France





Campus France supports students at each step in their educational journey through France: initial information gathering, guidance in choosing programs and institutions, financial aid (scholarships and other sources of assistance), applying for admission, requesting a visa, preparing for departure, welcome upon arrival, and so on.

www.campusfrance.org/en



> Find your program

A powerful search engine enables users to identify appropriate programs by academic level (licence, master, doctorate). Users may also search for programs taught in English, programs in art, short programs, in French as a foreign language.

> Finance your program: the CampusBourses search engine

Campus France has developed a search engine operating in French and English to help students locate financial assistance for their study plans.

Users select one or more criteria to search more than 600 national and international grant and scholarship programs. Detailed descriptions of each program are also offered.

> Living in France

The Web site offers practical tips on planning your stay, with information on application and admission procedures, visas, life in France, learning French, finding housing, and more.

During the search process, users are offered the option of downloading additional information on institutions, fields of study, and so on.

> Information about institutions

Institutional profiles: Summaries of individual institutions, including their fields of study, features, and degree of internationalization

Student-support profiles: Summaries of the support services offered to students at particular institutions

> Information on fields of study

Subject-areas profiles: Summaries of higher education in a given discipline or field of study (60 fields of study)

Degree profiles: Summaries of specific degrees, such as the BTS, DUT, and *Licence Professionnelle*, le *Titre d'Ingénieur en France*

Research profiles: Summaries of current research in various disciplines, with information on the doctoral departments and laboratories concerned (e.g., agronomy, biology, mathematics, renewable energy, sociology).

The guide «Étudier en France après le baccalauréat» (studying in France after the *baccalauréat*), produced in collaboration with AEFÉ, an agency devoted to the teaching of French abroad,

These documents may be viewed and downloaded in the resource section of the site or through keyword searches.



Arriving in France

Help with French administrative and regulatory requirements and practical tasks

At the beginning of each academic year, higher education institutions and France's regions organize one-stop shops in which various offices and agencies come together to help international students fulfill administrative requirements and locate housing.

◆ www.campusfrance.org/en

>Living in France>reception services in your city

Personal assistance from Campus France's local offices

More than 200 Campus France offices in more than 110 countries provide expert and caring assistance to students engaged in the serious business of planning a period of study in France. Our staff will listen to your plans and help you investigate appropriate programs. They will even help you prepare and submit your applications for admission and track those applications through to the admission decision.

In 35 countries, an online application process is in place. Known as «Études en France», the process must be used (where it is available) to apply for a student visa. It puts users in direct contact with educational institutions and French diplomatic posts, while also providing personal Web space and allowing users to track the progress of their admission applications and visa requests

For a list of all Campus France local offices:

www.campusfrance.org/en
Near you

Note

Campus France has 5 regional offices in France—located in Lyon, Marseille, Montpellier, Strasbourg, and Toulouse—that provide liaison with educational institutions and local governments in the region. They also assist international students with administrative and regulatory procedures, manage international student grants, help students obtain housing and health coverage, and monitor student progress.

Web



- ◆ Campus France (information and support for students planning to study in France): www.campusfrance.org
- ◆ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and international Development (requirements for entering France, addresses of France's embassies and consulates, Alliance Française locations, and scholarships for international students): www.diplomatie.gouv.fr
- ◆ Ministry of Higher Education and Research: www.enseignement-sup-recherche.gouv.fr
- ◆ CNOUS, the French national student-service agency (information on grants and scholarships, student housing, and university restaurants): www.cnous.fr
- ◆ ENIC-NARIC France (information center for academic and professional recognition of diplomas): www.ciep.fr/enic-naricfr
- ◆ ERASMUS+, France, Education et Formation www.agence-erasmus.fr/en/index.php
- ◆ Europa, Web portal of the European Union: <http://europa.eu>
- ◆ Procedures for admission to the first year of university study for holders of the French *baccalauréat*: www.admission-postbac.fr
- ◆ Institut Français : www.institutfrancais.com

Programs of study

◆ Engineering

- CDEFI, the conference of directors of engineering schools: www.cdefi.fr
- CTI, the national commission on engineering degrees: www.cti-commission.fr
- Concours Puissance 11 (13 engineering schools): 45 examination centers in France and abroad www.concourspuissance11.fr
- Concours Avenir (6 engineering schools on 10 campus): 25 examination centers in France and abroad www.concoursavenir.fr
- EUR-ACE label (European accreditation of engineering programs): www.enaee.eu
- FESIC, a network of 27 schools of engineering and management: www.fesic.org
- Figure, university-based engineering programs and engineering research programs (15 university partners): www.reseau-figure.fr
- GEIPI-POLYTECH (entrance examination for 25 public schools of engineering): www.geipi-polytech.org
- n+i network of engineering schools: www.nplusi.com
- Réseau ParisTech, a consortium of *Grandes Écoles* specializing in science and technology: www.paristech.org
- Réseau Polytech, a national network of university-based engineering polytechnics: www.polytech-reseau.org

◆ Veterinary Schools

- École Nationale Vétérinaire d'Alfort : www.vet-alfort.fr
- École Nationale Vétérinaire de Lyon: www.vetagro-sup.fr
- École Nationale Vétérinaire de Nantes : www.oniris-nantes.fr
- École Nationale Vétérinaire de Toulouse : www.envt.fr

◆ Écoles Normales Supérieures

- ENS Cachan : www.ens-cachan.fr
- ENS Lyon : www.ens-lyon.eu
- ENS Paris : www.ens.fr
- ENS Rennes : www.ens-rennes.fr

◆ Conférences des Grandes Écoles: www.cge.asso.fr

◆ Accreditation and recognition of business schools and programs

- AACSB (institutions accredited by the U.S.-based Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business): www.aacsb.edu/accreditation
- AMBA (programs accredited by the London-based Association of MBAs): www.mbaworld.com
- EQUIS (schools recognized by the European Foundation for Management Development): www.efmd.org/equis

◆ Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIP): www.ccip.fr

◆ Programs in agriculture

- Agreenium, Science for food security and sustainable agriculture: www.agreenium.org
- Learning community for French education in agriculture: www.chlorofil.fr
- Portal for French education in agriculture: <http://enseignement-agricole.agriculture.gouv.fr>
- Public institutions providing education in agriculture: www.educagri.fr

◆ Programs in architecture

- École Spéciale d'Architecture: www.esa-paris.fr
- France's 20 schools of architecture: www.archi.fr/ECOLES
- INSA de Strasbourg: www.insa-strasbourg.fr

◆ Programs in art and culture

- CampusArt network (art schools): www.campusart.org
- CNC, the French national center for cinematography: www.cnc.fr

- Directory of schools of art: www.andea.fr

◆ Distance education /e-learning

- CNED, national center for distance education: www.cned.fr
- Distance learning portal for 10 specialized schools offering 100 different programs: www.formations-distance.com
- FIED, interuniversity federation for distance education: www.fied-univ.fr
- FORMASUP, a distance-education portal operated by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research: www.formasup.fr
- France Université Numérique: www.france-universite-numerique.fr
- FUN—France Université Numérique (digital university France)—is the online course portal of France's education ministry. www.france-universite-numerique.fr
- ISPED, institute of public health, epidemiology, and development: www.isped.u-bordeaux2.fr
- PLOTEUS, a portal on European study opportunities: www.ec.europa.eu/ploteus
- UNIT Université Numérique Engineering and Technology: www.unit.eu/fr

- ◆ **Programs in fashion** on the site of the French textile industries confederation: www.textile.fr

◆ Programs in health

- Assistance publique - Hôpitaux de Paris (AP-HP) : www.aphp.fr
- ANEFMF, national association of medical students in France: www.anemf.org
- CNCI, national center for medical residency competitions (medicine, pharmacy, dentistry): www.cnci.univ-paris5.fr

- College of medicine of the hospitals of Paris: www.cmhp.asso.fr
- DFMAS/DFMS http://www.medecine.paris-descartes.fr/?page_id=588
- Diploma in medical French awarded by the Paris *Chambre de Commerce*: www.francais.cci-paris-idf.fr/dfp-medical-b2/
- École des Hautes Études en Santé Publique: www.ehesp.fr
- Francophone digital university of the health sciences and sport: www.unf3s.org
- French national academy of medicine: www.academie-medecine.fr
- French national order of physicians: www.conseil-national.medecin.fr
- Hôpitaux de France (hospitals of France): www.hopital.fr
- Medical and independent paramedical community (students in medicine and paramedical fields): www.remede.org
- Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (office of health): www.sante.gouv.fr
- Network of 32 university teaching hospitals (CHU): www.reseau-chu.org
- ◆ **Programs in sports and athletics** www.sports.gouv.fr

Research...

- ABG L'intelligence (career assistance for young doctorates): www.intelligence.fr
- Agence Nationale de la Recherche (national research agency): www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr
- Campus France directory of doctoral programs: [Campus France http://d.campusfrance.org](http://d.campusfrance.org)



...Research

- ANDÈS, the national association of doctors of science: www.andes.asso.fr
- ANRT, the French national agency for research and technology: www.anrt.asso.fr
- Bpifrance, public invest France: www.bpifrance.fr
- CNRS, the French national center for scientific research: www.cnrs.fr
- EURAXES (mobility of scholars and researchers in Europe): <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>
- Fondation KASTLER (support for foreign researchers in France): www.fnak.fr

Degrees in French; tests of French proficiency

- Campus France subject-area profiles: www.campusfrance.org
>Find your program >Learn French in France >Tests and degrees in French as a foreign language
- CIEP (Centre international d'Études Pédagogiques - TCF - DALF - DELF): www.ciep.fr
- CCIP (Paris chamber of commerce and industry), information on TEF and diplomas in French for business and the professions: www.fda.ccip.fr
- Fondation Alliance Française (network of Alliances Françaises): www.fondation-alliancefr.org
- Directory of centers in France for the study of French as a foreign language: www.qualitefle.fr

Discovering France

- AFII, The French agency for inbound international investment: www.invest-in-france.org
- France Guide, the national tourism site: <http://fr.franceguide.com>
- France's official national Web site: www.france.fr
- France's overseas territories: www.outre-mer.gouv.fr
- IGN, France's national institute of geography: www.geoportail.gouv.fr/accueil
- National library of France (online catalog access): www.bnf.fr
- Tourism offices and local development boards: www.tourisme.fr

Promotion of the French language

- Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF): www.auf.org
- Latitude France, news about the global French network: <http://latitudefrance.diplomatie.gouv.fr>
- International news, 24/7, in French, English, and Arabic: www.france24.com
- Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF): www.francophonie.org
- Radio France Internationale: www.rfi.fr
- Radio France, public radio: www.radiofrance.fr
- TV5 Monde, international French-language television: www.tv5.org

Living in France

HOUSING

◆ Information

- ACTION LOGEMENT - Eligibility criteria for Loca-Pass program: www.actionlogement.fr
- ANIL - information on the right to housing in France and related contacts: www.anil.org
- CAF - The French family assistance fund: www.caf.fr
- CIDJ - Notices of lodgings offered by private parties: www.cidj.com
- DROIT EN LIGNE - Laws and regulations pertaining to housing in France: www.droitonline.com
- INFOLOGEMENT - General information on student housing: www.infologement.org
- LOKAVIZ, la plateforme de logements en ligne du réseau des Crous, système de caution la CLÉ: www.lokaviz.fr
- UNCLLAJ - National union of local committees for independent youth housing, notices of vacancies at regional level: www.uncllaj.org

◆ Student housing networks and associations

- ADELE, Portail de l'Association pour le développement économique du logement étudiant www.adele.org
- CEP ENTRAIDE ETUDIANTS - for students 18-26, lodging in Paris and the Paris region—€20 annual membership: www.logements-etudiants.org
- UNME, national union of student residences: www.unme-asso.com

◆ Private student residences in Paris and the provinces

- Antaeus: www.antaeus.fr

- Cap'Études: www.cap-etudes.com
- Fac-Habitat: www.fac-habitat.com
- Groupe Réside Études - Les Estudines: www.estudines.com
- ICADE Résidences Services: www.icafe-immobilier.com
- Mgel logement: www.mgellogement.fr
- Nexity Studéa: www.nexity-studea.com
- Résidences OSE: www.leclubetudiant.com
- Le Service Logement Étudiant: www.le-sle.com
- Stud'City, uniquement à Clermont-Ferrand: www.studcity-clermont.com
- Studelites: www.studelites.com

◆ The private sector

- Student housing in the Île-de-France: www.lokaviz.fr
- www.pap.fr
- www.entrepaticuliers.com
- www.paruvendu.fr
- www.petites-annonces.fr
- www.seloger.com

◆ La colocation

- www.appartager.com
- www.colocation.fr
- <http://colocation.vivastreet.com/annonces-colocation>
- www.leboncoin.fr
- www.pap.fr/annonce/colocation
- www.colocationfrance.fr
- www.easycoloc.com
- www.ma-colocation.com
- www.okroommate.com (in English)
- www.koloc.org

◆ Sublets

- www.souslouer.com
Intergenerational and family housing options
- Réseau COSI: www.reseau-cosi.com
- Séjours France Familles (rooms in family homes): www.sejoursfrancefamille.fr

CULTURE

- Centre Pompidou: www.centrepompidou.fr
- Cité de la Musique: <http://mediatheque.cite-musique.fr>
>Répertoire de sites>Diffusion
- France's national museums: www.rmn.fr/francais/musees/
- French federation of international music festivals: www.francefestivals.com
- National monuments center: www.monuments-nationaux.fr
- Sciences, a science and technology portal (Cité des Sciences et d'Industrie, Palais de la Découverte): www.universcience.fr
- The portal for images of works of art in France's museums: www.images-art.fr

WORKING IN FRANCE

- CNOUS: www.jobaviz.fr
la Centrale du job étudiant
- Centre d'Information et de Documentation Jeunesse (CIDJ): www.cidj.com
- L'Étudiant: <http://jobs-stages.letudiant.fr/jobs-etudiants/offres/ville-6455259/page-1.html>
- Official information on regulation of foreigners working in France: www.service-public.fr
> Etranger - Europe > Etrangers en France

HEALTH INSURANCE

- Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie (CPAM): www.ameli.fr
- Cité de la Santé - Universciences: www.universcience.fr/fr/cite-de-la-sante
- Emevia, an association of regional student health plans: www.emevia.com
- La Mutuelle des Étudiants: www.lmde.fr
- Smerep, student group-health plan: www.smerep.fr