PRE-DEPARTURE SESSION FOR STUDENTS
CAMPUS FRANCE SOUTH AFRICA
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Capago (Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town)
French consulate
https://france-visas.gouv.fr/

Visa: Long stay student visa:
✓ VLS-TS student (>3 months)
  ✓ Undergraduate and Master students

✓ VSL « Passeport talent-researcher »
  ✓ PhD students
  ✓ Hosting agreement / « convention d’accueil »
The visa: VLS-TS needs to be validated l’OFII
  • First 3 months after arrival in France

OFFI Steps :
✓ Send the OFII attestation form (received by French consulate) by post to closest OFII office
✓ Send copies of passport indicating your identity and entry stamp with date in Schengen area
✓ OFII sends you an attestation letter per post and an appointment letter
✓ During appointment visit, OFII will add a « vignette » in your passport

✓ You need to renew it 3 months before it expires
University housing

✓ **CROUS** (cheapest)

✓ La Cité internationale universitaire de Paris

✓ Private student residences

✓ Private student housing

✓ Colocation – commune housing
« Un garant »: a person who guarantees that he will pay your rent if you can not

VISALE

✓ A free housing guarantee service for students < 30 years
✓ Online service: easy, quick and safe
✓ https://www.visale.fr/
✓ Replaces the previous: Caution Locative étudiante (CLE)
✓ Allocation de logement à caractère social (ALS)
✓ Aide personnalisée au logement (APL)

Depends on type of housing

Amount received depends on
• housing cost
• financial situation of student
Administrative steps:

- Register for housing insurance
  - Insurance company
  - Bank
- Sign lease agreement
- Pay deposit (equal to one month’s rent)
- Register for electricity and gas (if not included in rent)
- Register on CAF site to apply for housing aid (APL/ASL)
#2 HOUSING ADVICE

- Don’t wait to find accommodation until you arrive in France
- Verify the organisation through which you book accommodation
- Do not pay anything before you have signed an official contract
- Organise housing for a short duration to identify your final accommodation once you have settled in France
- **Apply for multiple housing options** – especially if you are going to Paris
First time students need to contribute to « student and campus life »
• la Contribution Vie Étudiante et de Campus (CVEC)
  ✓ To support health, sanitary, social, cultural and sport activities on Campus
  ✓ 90 € / year
  ✓ cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr

Students exempted from this payment:
- Scholarship holders
- Refugees
# Registration

## Contribution to Student and Campus Life

2. Log in: cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr
3. Register and download attestation: CVEC
4. Present document during registration
5. Academic institution validates documents
Upon arrival you need to finalise your academic registration via your admission letter received from the academic institution.

**Administrative registration:**
- Appointment
- Present original supporting
- Pay school fees
- Proof of registration « certificat de scolarité » and student card « la carte d’étudiant »

**Academic registration**
- After academic registration
- Subject choices (French instead of English)
- Time table
Reimbursement of 70% of medical expenses
• Complementary mutuelle – 100% reimbursement
  ✓ La mutuelle for students
  ✓ SMEREP
  ✓ EMEVIA

Current change in the application process (as of 2018) :
✓ Students will now also fall under the general structures of social security instead of under a student system
✓ Students who register for the 1st time need to apply directly
HEALTH

SOCIAL SECURITY

1. Titre de séjour
   Visa VLS-TS

2. CROUS
   Payment attestation for « vie étudiante »
   CVEC

3. Registration attestation from academic institution

4. Sécurité Sociale

etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr

Inscription des étudiants étrangers
et collectivités d’outre-mer à la Sécurité sociale
Register on internet site: etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr

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- Name
- Surname
- Birth date
- Country of birth
- Email address
- Postal address in France
- Telephone number

Create your profile

Upload required documents

- Passport
- Titre de séjour
- Unabridged birth certificate
- Attestation of university registration
- IBAN
- Other supporting documents depending on country you are from

Create your profile
HEALTH

SOCIAL SECURITY

1. Open an account ameli.fr
2. Request your « carte Vitale »
3. Declare your medical doctor in France
4. Download preliminary attestation of social security
5. Upload missing supporting documents
6. Download final attestation of social security
An office who can aid in all the administrative steps you need to do upon arrival in France: CROUS, Préfecture, OFII, Banque, CAF, Mutuelles etc.

Information can be found on: Fiches Villes / university websites

Le Buddy System
## BUDGET
### LIVING COSTS IN FRANCE

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<td>Loyer en cité U (hors aides au logement)</td>
<td>Environ 500€/mois</td>
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<td>Loyer en secteur privé (hors aides logement)</td>
<td>Entre 600 - 1000€</td>
<td>Entre 300 - 700€</td>
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<td>Assurance habitation</td>
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<td>Nourriture</td>
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<td>Transport</td>
<td>35€/mois</td>
<td>20-60€/mois</td>
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<td>Sécurité sociale *</td>
<td>0€/mois</td>
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<td>Mutuelle étudiante - assurances</td>
<td>20€/mois</td>
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<td>Loisirs</td>
<td>90€/mois</td>
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<td>Divers</td>
<td>80€/mois</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>( \approx 1,100€/mois )</td>
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### DÉPENSES ADDITIONNELLES POUR LE PREMIER MOIS

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<td>Contribution Vie Étudiante</td>
<td>90€/an</td>
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<td>Dépôt de garantie/caution</td>
<td>1 mois de loyer sans les charges</td>
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<td>Frais d’inscription à l’université</td>
<td>Licence 184€, Master 256€, Doctorat 391€, Ingénieur 610€</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL LE PREMIER MOIS</strong></td>
<td>( \approx 2,200€/mois )</td>
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* La sécurité sociale étudiante sera gratuite pour les primo-arrivants à compter de la rentrée 2018 - 2019
- Make an appointment at the bank

3 documents required:
- Passport
- Student card / Proof of university registration
- Proof of housing

- Le RIB : le Relevé d’Identité Bancaire
  - Contains your bank account information
  - Required for reimbursements / CAF payments
• 60 % of normal working hours
  • 964 hours per year
  • 20h per week

• Le SMIC
  • Minimum salary in France
  • 9,88 € per hour
- Number 1 touristic destination in the world
- Visit all the various regions in France
- Visit Europe

- Transport options:
  - Train, airoplane, bus, car (covoiturage) – BlaBla car
  - look out for discounts
**LIFE IN FRANCE**

**CULTURE**

- **43 UNESCO**
- **8 000 museums**
- **32 000 theatre organisations**
- **35 000 music organisations**
- **2 000 movie theatres**
- **1 800 festivals**

Events throughout the year
- 14 July: National festival
- 21 June: Fête de la musique
- July: Tour de France
- May: Roland Garros
Language centres: labelled Qualité FLE.

Online tools:
- TV5 Monde
- Mooc Vivre en France de l’Alliance Française de Paris (A1 à B1)
- BonjourDeFrance
112: European emergency number
15: Medical services
17: Police
18: Fire department

South African Embassy in France (Paris)
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Information guides

- Steps upon arrival in France
- City guides
- University guides
- Housing guides
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