

LIVING IN FRANCE

HOUSING

We do not provide housing, therefore you will have to look for an accommodation on your own.

Here are a few tips that could help you out:

We highly recommend that you look for an accommodation before your arrival, as it can be hard to find a good one in Paris. Most students pay between 400 and 600€ per month for accommodation. We would like to warn you that the rents are high so unless you are lucky to get a room at the CIUP residence, you will most likely get a room for a higher price.

Prices depend on the area, for example, districts 5, 6, 16 and 8 are the most expensive ones. Yet you can find cheaper rents in districts 18, 19 and 20 or in the suburbs.

Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris: Located in the south of Paris, the International University Campus called Cité Internationale Universitaire (CIUP) has a number of different “houses” (Canadian House, Japanese House, German House, American House, etc.) where foreign students can apply to live. You can apply directly on their website.

NB. We recommend that you apply as soon as you receive your authorization of enrollment because their rooms are highly sought after. The cost of a room is usually between € 450 and 600.

<https://www.ciup.fr/en/>

Les Estudines : Les Estudines offer entirely furnished and equipped accommodation for students.

In order to Book accommodation there:

- Pick a student residence on their website
- or call the regional (Ile-de-France) booking center: 09 69 39 22 00 (free of charge)

You need to contact the booking center even if the student residences already appear as fully booked, because availabilities can change every day (departures, cancellations...etc.).

<https://www.estudines.com/uk/>

Shared housing : In some cases, the best way is to share an apartment where you will have a bigger place at a lower price.

- <http://www.appartager.com>
- www.colocation.fr
- www.immojeune.com/en/flatsharing/paris

Private owners and real estate agencies

You can find accommodation online on your own.

WARNING

- Be very careful because unfortunately, even in Paris there are frauds. If you rent an apartment before your arrival, never send money to the owner without an official contract.
- Apartment agencies being quite expensive, we would recommend that you try to find on your own first.
- Some dishonest agencies ask you to pay in exchange for a list of apartments. Never pay for a list, you only pay when you have chosen an apartment!

Here are a few websites you can check out:

- www.student.com
- www.ecla-campus.com/en/product/actif
- <https://paris.craigslist.org/search/roo>
- <https://www.morningcroissant.fr/>
- <https://ads.fusac.fr/ad-category/housing/>

HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Students will not pay for the student social security anymore BUT each student MUST report to the social security center closest to their place of residence in order to register for social security.

Whether you are a French or an international student, you can find the procedure on Ameli.fr. Please follow the instructions and proceed: <https://www.ameli.fr/assure/droits-demarches/etudes-emploi-retraite/etudes-stages/etudiant>

Social Security hotline:

- in English from France: 0 811 36 36 46 – 0.06 € / min + price of call
- in English from abroad: 0033 811 36 36 46
- in French from France: 3646 – 0.06 € / min + price of call

Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Social Security provides students with social coverage while studying in France. To increase the amount of their healthcare expenses that is reimbursed, they may take out **complementary health insurance, or mutuelle**. It is strongly recommended. To get more information: <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/healthcare-student-social-security>

European students: if you have the « carte européenne d'assurance maladie » (European Health Insurance Card), you will have to make the advance payment of your medical costs which will be (partially or fully) reimbursed afterwards.

Students from Québec: there is a special form (SE-401-Q-106) that also allows you to be reimbursed (partially or fully) afterwards after you make the advance payment of your medical costs.

INSURANCE

Each student MUST get the following insurance coverage:

- French social security, mandatory (cf Healthcare system section)
- Complementary health insurance (mutuelle), strongly recommended (cf Healthcare system section)
- Civil liability insurance to cover you from damages caused to others, mandatory

NB. Civil liability insurance covers personal injuries or property damages you may have caused to a third party, voluntarily or involuntarily, during private, curricular or extracurricular activities, on or off campus, in France or abroad.

Please be aware that this type of insurance does not cover any personal injuries or property damages that you may sustain.

Civil liability is usually included in the housing insurance you subscribe to when you rent a room or an apartment. But if you stay at a hotel, share an apartment or stay at a friend's free of charge, and hence do not have any insurance contract, you must subscribe to an individual civil liability insurance.

For reference, this type of insurance is now offered by most banks, in addition to major insurance companies. We suggest that you inquire at the bank where you opened your bank account in France.

You must verify that your current Civil Liability insurance also covers you during your internship. Contact your insurance provider and explain clearly what you are about to do.

Foreign students must know the following:

- It is strongly recommended for foreign students to include the repatriation clause in their personal insurance in case you need to be sent back to your country for medical reasons.

- It will take some time for your registration at social security to proceed. Therefore, it is mandatory that you take an insurance in your home country which will cover you for everything for the first 3 months of your stay in France.

WARNING

Do not count on your credit card (carte bleue) to cover you for civil liability and complementary health insurance. Moreover, you must be really careful about the cases in which you are covered in general because they are usually very rare.

TRANSPORT

METRO-BUS-RER-REGIONAL TRAIN

There are 14 Metro lines and 5 RER lines that enable you to move quickly in Paris or Ile-de-France.

The first Metro services start at around 5:30 am and the last ones finish around 12:30 am on weekdays and 1:45 am on Fridays, Saturdays and evenings of public holidays. Full details available on www.ratp.fr/en/

Travel passes and fares

- Imagine'R package (student pass 26 years-old and under) www.imagine-r.com
- **Navigo pass** available weekly (€32.40) or monthly (€90.80 – all zones 1-5). www.navigo.fr

More information including maps and routes on www.ratp.fr/en/

VELIB

Velib is a simple and free rental bike system. With over 23,600 bikes covering the city, available 24/7 all year long in 1,800 stations every 300m, Velib is a great alternative way to move around in Paris.

Full details including subscription rates, map of stations, cycling tours are available on www.en.velib.paris.fr/