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YOUR CITY**



Campus France will guide
you through your first steps in
France and **exploring**
Saint-Étienne, your new
home.

WELCOME TO SAINT-ÉTIENNE





YOUR ARRIVAL IN SAINT-ÉTIENNE /

♦ One-stop, the *Students Welcome Desk*

In September and October, a multilingual team is available at the *Students Welcome Desk* to help you settle in, advise you and support you in your administrative procedures. They will also supply information on housing, transportation, day-to-day life, and more.

The *Students Welcome Desk* also presents numerous activities and events to help you settle in.

Address: La Comète - Ville de Saint-Etienne,
7 avenue Emile Loubet, 42000 Saint-Etienne
Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 1pm and
2pm to 5:30pm.

Address: Espace Info Jeunes, 6 rue de la
Résistance, 42100 Saint-Étienne.

Hours: End August to end October, Monday to
Friday, 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm.

♦ The *Mission d'Accueil des Publics Internationaux*

The *Mission d'Accueil des Publics Internationaux* (MAPI) at Université Jean-Monnet in Saint-Étienne is open year-round. It is tasked with assisting, supporting and working with international students, doctoral students, and researchers upon their arrival.

Address: Direction de l'International, 2nd floor,
21 rue Denis Papin, 42100 Saint-Étienne

Hours: Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 12:30pm
and 1:30pm to 5pm, and Fridays, 8:30am to 12pm.

Contact: 04 77 43 79 70 or
accueil-international@univ-st-etienne.fr



Learn more:

- The **International Student Guide** (bilingual English/French):

<https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr>

> International > Etudiant
international > Vie Pratique > Guide

- the **MAPI** information sheet:

<https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr> >
International

- the **Euraxess services** (researchers and PhD students): <https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr> >
international > enseignant-chercheur-post-
doctorant-doctorant > accueil le point contact
Euraxess

- **Université Jean-Monnet** site:
<https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr> > international

♦ The **Euraxess-Espace Ulys Center** for welcoming international scientists

Espace Ulys is the welcome and orientation service for foreign doctoral students, researchers and their families on the Lyon Saint-Étienne site. It offers support in all procedures for preparing a stay and making it successful (housing, residence permit, health, English-language activities to explore the city, and more). It also organizes regular meetings to facilitate integration.

Address: Espace Ulys-Saint Etienne, Direction de
l'International, 2nd floor, 21 rue Denis Papin, 42100
Saint-Étienne.

Contact: 04 77 43 79 68 or
espace-ulyes@univ-st-etienne.fr

Website: <https://espace-ulyes.universite-lyon.fr/>

♦ **Buddy System**

You can be assisted by a local student in Saint-Étienne!

Some schools have put a Buddy System in place.
Contact your institution's Service des Relations
Internationales (international relations).

At Université Jean-Monnet, the Buddy System
platform makes it easy to find a local student before
your arrival who will then assist you:

<https://buddysystem.eu/fr/>

♦ **Welcome and orientation in other institutions**

If you are registered in another institution, please
consult the Campus France website for orientation.
The site presents a series of **Information Sheets**
covering the different higher learning institutions
in France:

[https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/recherche/
categorie/auvergne-rhone-alpes-553](https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/recherche/categorie/auvergne-rhone-alpes-553)

If you cannot find your school in this list, then go
directly to their website.

♦ **National Services**

- students: www.etudiant.gouv.fr

- doctoral students, researchers:
<http://www.euraxess.fr/fr>





HOUSING IN SAINT-ÉTIENNE /



There are numerous solutions for housing in Saint-Étienne: Student-only accommodation managed by CROUS, student and private residences, and rooms in private homes.

What's most important is to take care of this as early as possible, before your arrival in Saint-Étienne.

Contact the institution where you are enrolled for advice and tips on finding housing.

- The CRIJ, Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse, Info-Jeunes, the regional youth information center for Auvergne Rhône-Alpes publishes classified ads: <https://www.info-jeunes.fr/>
- The City of Saint-Étienne publishes a guide, *Se Loger à Saint-Étienne*, with lots of information and addresses to help you in your rental housing search: <http://www.saint-etienne.fr> > Santé et vous > Jeunesse > Vie quotidienne > L'aide à la démarche locale
- Espace Ulys in Saint-Étienne also assists scientists and researchers in their housing search: <https://espace-ulyss.universite-lyon.fr/>

A FEW TIPS

♦ Short-term housing:

- The Centre International de Séjour André Wogenscky, a youth hostel located in the city center. Address: 14 bis rue de Roubaix, 42000 Saint-Étienne. Contact: 04 77 45 54 72. Site: <https://www.cis-st-etienne.com/>
- Other types of residences: Use the Saint-Étienne Tourist Office site's search engine which has a listing of all housing types: <https://www.Saint-Étienne-hors-cadre.fr> > s'organiser > dormir

♦ Long-term housing

- CROUS student housing (Centre Local des Œuvres Universitaires) Lyon - Saint-Étienne. Address: 11 rue Tréfilerie, 42000 Saint-Étienne. Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Contact: 04 77 81 85 50. The Lyon CROUS site: <http://www.crous-lyon.fr/> Trouver un logement site: <https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr/>

On campus, the CROUS is also responsible for all low-cost food services (university restaurants, cafeterias, food-trucks, etc.)

• Private Housing Platforms

- www.studapart.com: a platform for private housing which Saint-Étienne learning institutions subscribe to.

Find other private housing by visiting, for example, the following sites:

- <https://www.adele.org/>
- <https://www.location-etudiant.fr/>
- <https://www.immojeune.com/>
- <https://housinganywhere.com/fr/>

- There is also Lokaviz, a site managed by CROUS, which includes a listing of student accommodations in private homes: <https://www.lokaviz.fr/>



GETTING AROUND SAINT-ÉTIENNE



To get to Saint-Étienne, Châteaueux train station, you can take a direct train from Paris (3 hours) or from another location.



You can also arrive directly at Lyon Saint-Exupéry International Airport, and then take the Ouibus shuttle from the airport.



From the train station to Tréfilerie - Université Jean-Monnet campus, take Tramway T3 towards Hôpital nord-Belleuve and get out at the Campus Tréfilerie stop.



For getting around the city and surrounding area, use the public transportation (bus and tramway) network managed by Stas: <https://www.reseau-stas.fr/>



There are Auvergne Rhône-Alpes regional trains for getting around the region (reductions possible): <https://www.ter.sncf.com/auvergne-rhone-alpes> Buses are also an option for low-cost travel: <https://fr.ouibus.com/> or <https://www.flixbus.fr/>



For ride-sharing, refer to the collaborative websites:
- local site <https://movici.auvergnerhonealpes.fr/>
- national website: <https://www.blablacar.fr>



For greater independence, use the Saint-Étienne Metropolitan area VéliVert network and bike-share system: <https://www.velivert.fr/>

• **Shared Leases:** consult *La Carte des Colocs*, a national site for shared leases that's free and simple to use: <https://www.lacartedescolocs.fr/>

• **Other solutions available on the Campus France site:** www.campusfrance.org > Getting Organized > Accommodation

• **Visale provides a free service for students needing a guarantor to secure housing:** www.visale.fr

♦ **If you want to file an application for APL funds (Aide Personnalisée au Logement, or personalized housing aid)**

CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales) can check your eligibility: 08.10.29.29.29 or www.caf.fr

♦ **Should you have special needs or require specific accommodation**

Contact the CROUS Service Social and they will coordinate with your host institution.

Higher learning institutions have named specific contact persons or created handicap offices which are available to special-needs students. Don't hesitate to contact them.



FIRST STEPS /

ENROLLMENT IN YOUR INSTITUTION

♦ CVEC

Before you can enroll in your institution, you must download proof of payment of the Contribution Vie Etudiante et de Campus (CVEC) – the student and campus life contribution fee.

- Connect to <https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>

- For additional information and special cases:

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Getting Organized > CVEC

♦ Confirm Registration

Take note! Even if you have a pre-registration letter, you are not officially enrolled. You must confirm your enrollment with the institution's Service de la Scolarité (Admissions) as soon as you arrive.

RESIDENCE PERMIT (TITRE DE SÉJOUR)

♦ Information

• **at the one-stop Students Welcome Desk from end August to end October.** This department handles procedures for residence permits in liaison with the Prefecture services (1st time applications and renewals).

Address: Students Welcome Desk, La Comète
- Ville de Saint-Étienne, 7 avenue Emile Loubet,
42000 Saint-Étienne.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm.

• **in the Service des Relations Internationales,** the international relations office in the higher learning institutions where you are enrolled.

• **at the Loire Prefecture (Saint-Étienne).**

Address: 2 rue Charles de Gaulle, 42000 Saint-Étienne.

Hours (Service des Titres de Séjour): Monday 9am to 11:30am, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 11:30am and 1pm to 3:30pm. Closed Tuesday and Thursday.

Contact: 04.77.48.48.48, Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 7:30pm, and interactive vocal server 24/7: 04 77 48 45 54.

Website: <http://www.loire.gouv.fr/prefecture-de-saint-etienne-r939.html>

• **Learn more about your rights and obligations:**

www.service-public.fr > Étranger > Titre de séjour et document de circulation

GOOD TO KNOW

• **If you arrive in France with a VLS-TS**

long-term student visa: You must validate it online within three months of arrival:

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

• **If you are an Algerian national or a student with a "concours" (tests) visa or a "mineur scolarisé" (enrolled minor) visa or a visa with the indication "carte à solliciter dans les deux mois" (residence permit to be requested within 2 months of entry):** Depending on your campus, your residence permit application is made at the Préfecture or with the Service des Relations Internationales at your campus.

Take note: To renew your residence permit, you must apply within two months prior to its expiration date.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION /

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

If you stay in France for more than 3 months, it will be **much easier day-to-day if you open a bank account**, online or in one of the 120 bank agencies located in Saint-Étienne.

In France, opening a bank account is a right:
www.service-public.fr > Argent > Comptes bancaires > Droit au compte

HEALTHCARE

In France, receiving medical treatment is **practically free** but you must be insured. **Accordingly, signing up for medical insurance is mandatory.**

Login to the
<https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr>
Site to register, to understand your eligibility and benefits, and to take the necessary steps.

Learn more:

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Getting Organized > Health

As a student, you can also take advantage of the university medical services. In these health centers where consultations are free, you will be greeted by a team of doctors, nurses and social workers who can give personalized advice about health and prevention.

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

You can also sign up for **top-up insurance** which will cover all health expenses not covered by the **free and compulsory health insurance**.

Take note: The plans and coverage levels differ from one company to another. To choose a **top-up insurance** policy which meets your needs and your budget, you can **compare student health insurance plans** on the Internet.

HOUSING INSURANCE

In France, housing insurance is mandatory.

The "garantie risques locatifs" - rental risk guarantee - is housing insurance which you can subscribe with your bank or a private insurance company. Online subscription is also often possible.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SAMU: Call 15 Service d'Aide Médicale Urgente - Emergency Medical Services

Police emergency: Call 17 in the event of violence, theft, robbery.

Fire Department: Call 18 in the event of fire, gas leak, water damage, natural catastrophe, or traffic accident.

Call 112: European emergency services number that's accessible from anywhere in the European Union in addition to the French numbers above.

LEARNING FRENCH

Learning French is an opportunity that's not to be missed! Find what works best for you:

- by consulting the Campus France site or the Français Langue Etrangère (FLE) - French as a foreign language - centers and universities which offer courses at all levels year-round:

<http://ecolesdete.campusfrance.org>

- by asking in your institution, at city hall, or in your host city's Maison des Associations - community centers.

FINDING A JOB OR AN INTERNSHIP

All institutions have a specific office dedicated to profession insertion and internships.

- Useful sites

- **Espace Info Jeunes - Saint-Etienne**, the youth information service posts job offers:

<https://www.info-jeunes.fr/> > Emploi/Job

- **the Jobaviz website, run by the CROUS, can help** you find a student job that's compatible with your studies: <http://www.jobaviz.fr/>

- **Université Jean-Monnet** presents a very complete list of useful links to help you find an internship:

<https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr> > Formation > Orientation/insertion > Insertion professionnelle



THINGS TO DO IN SAINT-ÉTIENNE /

TAKE UP A SPORT

- In your institution, contact the Service des Sports for free access to sports facilities.

- In **Saint-Étienne** which develops sports for everyone, available for everyone, you will also find numerous activities offered by the city: <http://www.saint-etienne.fr/> > Découvrir et sortir > Sports

• **At Université Jean-Monnet, the SUAPS** is the university service charged with organizing physical and sporting activities for students:
<https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr/fr/suaps.html>

BE ACTIVE

Attend cultural and sporting events, or join a social or community group, through one of the numerous local or national student clubs and associations.

Learn more:

- contact your institution (Service de la vie étudiante) for information.
- visit the pages dedicated to campus clubs and associations on the Université Jean-Monnet site, which counts over 50 associations in different domains:

<https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr> > vie étudiante > associations

- consult the national sites: www.animafac.net or www.letudiant.fr

GAINING CULTURE AND PARTYING

• Saint-Étienne offers many ways to cultivate yourself or party. Theaters, movie theaters, concerts, museums, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students: <http://www.Saint-Étienne.fr/talents>

• **In Saint Etienne**, www.saintepass.fr is a site which lists all the best deals for young people! It allows you to take advantage of free cultural and sporting activities: Movie theaters, concerts, theaters, operas, sports matches, exhibitions, festivals, museums. This service is for young people up to age 25. It is offered by the City of Saint-Étienne in partnership with 80 cultural and sports institutions.

• **At Université Jean-Monnet**, you have the advantage of a **Carnet Culture**, a culture notebook containing coupons which can be used in 60 partner cultural sites in the Saint-Étienne Metropolitan area (book stores, theaters, performance centers, movie theaters, and museums): <https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr> > vie étudiante > culture et loisirs

• **In Saint-Étienne for entertainment or to pick up some culture**, you can choose from:

- 4 large movie theaters with multiple screens including one art house theater, Le Méliès, and the municipal Cinémathèque (student rates, rewards cards, free with the Saintépass: www.saintepass.fr).
- 5 major museums (reduced student rates) including the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, with an important collection of contemporary works, and the Cité du Design. **Saint-Étienne is the French city designated "Creative city for design" by UNESCO:** <https://www.citedudesign.com/fr/home/>
- around ten performance halls, theaters, opera, and a **Center for Scientific, Technical, and Industrial**

Culture, the Rotonda, installed within the Saint-Étienne École Nationale Supérieure des Mines (School of Mines).

- a dozen book stores, including an institution, Librairie de Paris, opened in 1961.

- 6 convenient multi media libraries, a network organized around the central media library:

<http://mediatheques.Saint-Étienne.fr/exploitation/>

• In Saint-Étienne, for going out you can also consult the very complete **agenda** found on the Saint-Étienne Métropole Tourism Office:

<https://www.saint-etienne-hors-cadre.fr>

TOP ATTRACTIONS /

In 2000, Saint-Étienne was the first French city to be awarded the label Ville d'art et d'histoire (Town of Art and History) for its industrial heritage.

• The Art and Industry Museum, to plunge into the industrial and social context of the Saint-Étienne region (reduced rates).

• The Cité du Design, located in the former Saint-Étienne Arms Manufacture (student rates).

• Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, an international institution in the field of modern and contemporary art with over 20,000 works.

• The Couriot Shaft, the Mining park museum, a former mining shaft transformed into an industrial and mining museum with recreation of the mine galleries.

• Geoffroy-Guichard stadium: This stadium is a legend in France! Visit the Verts Museum and you'll learn why.

• Square Jean-Jaurès, a tree-lined and floral square with its basin and music gazebo which comes alive during the summer.

• Saint-Étienne Planetarium, with an exceptional astronomical simulation video apparatus (reduced rates).

• Le Corbusier site in Firminy, at 15 km from Saint-Étienne, the largest building complex in France and Europe created by the famous architecture.

Learn (and see) more:

<https://www.saint-etienne-hors-cadre.fr>



IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

FEBRUARY

- Festival of Burlesque Arts, the largest gathering for humor in France (reduced rates).

MARCH

- International Design Biennial, a major design event in France
- Festival des Curieux Voyageurs, the festival for curious travelers, a film festival for travelers and explorers with multiple events (reduced rates).

MAY

- **Fest'U, the city's must-see university cultural event.**
- European Museum Night, another way to discover museums, and for free.

JUNE

- Fête de la Musique: Music everywhere in town (free concerts).
- Trax, a dance festival for hip-hop in all its forms and styles.
- Festival Paroles et Musiques, a festival of French music which has taken place in Saint-Étienne since 1992.

JULY - AUGUST

- The *Couriot Before*, in the park located at the base of the Mining Museum. An open-air dance hall ambiance and musical events.
- Festival des 7 Collines, the 7 Hills multi-disciplinary festival centered on dance and the contemporary circus.

SEPTEMBER

- **European Researchers Night: Researchers meet the general public.**

- Journées du Patrimoine (heritage days), free visits of cultural venues.

OCTOBER

- **Science Festival**, in numerous venues throughout the city.
- **Science Village**, in the Saint-Étienne Rotonda, a space for playful exploration (events, exhibitions, performances).
- La Fête du Livre, one of the must-do book fairs for French literature.

NOVEMBER

- The SaintÉLyon, a night race between Saint Etienne and Lyon, the most important nature raid in France.
- Les Pléiades des Arts Numériques, artistic meetings of a new genre with the discovery of numeric works in the streets and shops in the city center.

DECEMBER

- Marché de Noël (Christmas market) and Sainte-Barbe Festival, a Saint-Étienne tradition with parade and fireworks (the Mining Museum has free visits on this occasion).

Learn more: <http://www.Saint-Étienne.fr/> (rubrique culture/festivals).



**& SHARE
PARTICIPATE**

To stay informed and attuned to others and the world, to share and dialogue with students, follow **social media** where Campus France has an especially strong presence!

*Don't forget to join the **France Alumni** network. Take part in discussion groups on various subjects, take advantage of cultural outings, and consult job and internship offers.*



THINGS TO KNOW

SAINT-ÉTIENNE,

SEAT OF THE
LOIRE DEPARTMENT, one of
12 departments which make
up the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes
Region, and the 2nd largest city
in the Region, after Lyon and
before Grenoble

SAINT-ÉTIENNE METROPOLITAN AREA:

404,000 residents

CITY OF SAINT-ÉTIENNE:

174,000 residents

AUVERGNE RHÔNE-ALPES REGION,

2nd FRENCH
REGION in terms of
hosting foreign
students
(42,000 international
students)

Higher Education in Saint-Étienne:

26,000 students,

including **3,500** international
students,

6 doctoral schools,

33 research units



**SAINT-ÉTIENNE, RANKED 23rd AMONG FRENCH CITIES WHERE IT'S
GOOD TO LIVE AND WORK** (awarded by L'Etudiant magazine)

Most of the information presented in the Campus France City Information Sheets concerns all international students regardless of their institution.

In France, in each of the host cities, most foreign students study at universities. Accordingly, the City Information Sheets attach great importance to them without overlooking the other higher education institutions even if it is not possible to list them all here with their specific information.

For more information on the institutions' welcomes and orientations:

<https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/recherche/categorie/auvergne-rhone-alpes-553>

CAMPUS FRANCE AUVERGNE RHÔNE-ALPES

35 rue Raulin (Bureau 304) 69007 Lyon

Hours by appointment only. Monday to Friday, 9am to 12pm and 2pm to 5pm

Contact: 04 81 88 00 40

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