STUDY IN MONTPELLIER, NÎMES AND PERPIGNAN

PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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STUDY IN MONTPELLIER, NÎMES AND PERPIGNAN
French universities organise their courses over 3, 5 and 8 years, awarding Bachelor’s Degrees (licence, L), Master’s Degrees (M) and Ph.D Degrees (doctorat, D) respectively.

For all degrees, the tuition is split into terms/semesters (one student can complete 2 terms/semesters per academic year), each one corresponding to 30 credits, which can be accumulated or transferred within France and Europe.
Il existe des passerelles entre ces différentes filières par exemple de la L1 vers un BTS ou un DUT ; de la PACES vers la licence ; des classes préparatoires aux grandes écoles (CPGE) vers la licence.
DNSEP : diplôme national supérieur d'expression plastique
DSAA : diplôme supérieur d'arts appliqués
DSCG : diplôme supérieur de comptabilité et de gestion
DUT : diplôme universitaire de technologie
ENS : école normale supérieure
ESPE : école supérieure du professorat et de l'éducation
HMONP : habilitation à l’exercice de la maîtrise d’œuvre en son nom propre
IEP : institut d’études politiques
L : licence
M : master
PASS : Special Health Access Course
LAS : Health Access Degree

Pour s’inscrire dans l’enseignement supérieur :
- Diplôme ou Diplôme d’État : Accès sélectif (concours à épreuves, sélection sur dossier)
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Le schéma des études supérieures : Le LMD, un cadre européen
- La plupart des formations françaises de l’enseignement supérieur ont adopté l’organisation européenne des études avec trois paliers en 3, 5 et 8 ans après le bac : licence (L), master (M) et doctorat (D).
- Pour chaque diplôme, les enseignements sont scindés en semestres, correspondant chacun à 30 crédits, capitalisables et transférables en France (d’un établissement supérieur à l’autre) et en Europe (d’un pays à l’autre).
- Sont également organisés selon le LMD : les DUT, les BTS, les prépas, les études de santé, d’architecture…

## 1 HIGHER EDUCATION

### B HIGHER EDUCATION IN MONTPELLIER, NÎMES AND PERPIGNAN

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**Management**  
**Law and Political Science**  
**Economics**  
**Civil Service Preparation Institute (IPAG)**  
**Medicine**  
**Odontology**  
**Pharmacy**  
**Physical Activity and Sports Sciences and Technologies (STAPS)**

**Sciences:**  
- fundamental biology  
- applied biology and ecology  
- chemistry  
- engineering sciences  
- sciences of the universe  
- physics and mathematics  
- Institute of Business Administration (IAE)  
- Polytech - School of Engineering  

Montpellier-Sète University Technology Institute (IUT)  
Béziers University Technology Institute (IUT)  
Nîmes University Technology Institute (IUT)  
Faculty of Education

**Literature, Arts, Philosophy, Psychoanalysis**  
**Foreign and Regional Languages and Cultures, and Applied Foreign Languages (LEA)**  
**Human Sciences and Environmental Sciences**  
**Economic, Legal, Social and Management Sciences**  
**Social Sciences (Sociology, Ethnology, Psychology and Health and Social Sciences)**  
**Education and Sciences for Languages, Literature, Art, Human and Social Sciences (LLASHS)**  
**Institute of Information and Communication Technosciences (ITIC) (Information-Communication and Language Sciences)**  
**University Institute for Teaching French as a Foreign Language (IEFE)**

**English**  
**Design**  
**Life Sciences**  
**Law**  
**Economic and Social Administration**  
**Spanish**  
**History and Heritage**  
**Applied Modern Literature**  
**Mathematics**  
**Psychology**  
**Physical Activity and Sports Sciences and Technologies (STAPS)**

See the geographical location of all the universities and their UFRs* on the map of Montpellier: [www.crous-montpellier.fr > CROUS > CROUS EN PLAN](http://www.crous-montpellier.fr > CROUS > CROUS EN PLAN)
University of Perpignan
Via Domitia
www.univ-perp.fr

Arts, Literature and Languages
Legal and Economic Sciences
Human and Social Sciences
Education Sciences
International Tourism and Hotels
Science, Technology and Health
Physical Activity and Sports Sciences and Technologies (STAPS)
Perpignan University Technology Institute (IUT)
Institute of Business Administration (IAE)
Cross-Border Franco-Catalan Institute (IFCT)
University Centre for French Studies (CUEF)
Sup’EnR School of Engineering

Agro | Montpellier SupAgro institute (national higher education institute for agriculture, food and the environment)
www.montpellier-supagro.fr

Main subjects of agriculture, food, sustainable management of natural resources and land
Biology and Ecology Department (BE)
Habitats, Production, Resources, Environment Department (MPRS)
Department for the Science of Agricultural and Biological Processes (SABP)
Department of Economic, Social and Management Sciences (SESG)
Institute of Advanced Studies of Vines and Wine (IHEV)
Hot Regions Institute (IRC)
Florac Institute of Agro-Environmental Education (IAEAE)
SupAgro Fondation university foundation
UNESCO Chair in "Foods of the World"
Business chairs: AgroTIC and AgroSYS
ELSA-PACT industrial chair
Domaine du Chapitre estate and Mas Numérique technology farm (Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone)
Domaine du Merle estate (Salon-de-Provence)
Montpellier SupAgro International Students Reception Unit

ENSCM Higher Institute of Chemistry of Montpellier
www.enscm.fr

Chemistry-Health:
• Fine Organic Chemistry
• Chemistry Biology Health
• Engineering of Natural Active Principles
Chemistry-Materials-Environment:
• Materials Chemistry
• Environmental Decontamination and Management
• Nuclear Chemistry and the Environment
• Chemistry and Bio-processes for Chemistry for Nuclear/the Environment

* see glossary p. 29
C. Higher Education Establishments and Services in Montpellier, Nîmes and Perpignan

Site Policy
- University of Montpellier
- Paul Valéry-Montpellier 3 University
- University of Nîmes
- University of Perpignan - Via Domitia

Crous Montpellier-Occitanie
All the services for student life
www.crous-montpellier.fr
- Social and financial support
- Accommodation
- Food
- Campus life / culture
Izly multi-service card
(student card, e-wallet)
www.izly.fr

Cales-LR* portal (online higher education catalogue for the Languedoc-Roussillon Region):
www.formations-lr.fr

Espace Numérique de Travail (ENT*) (digital workspace):
The ENT is an online services portal offering a single access point where students can find information and digital tools and services related to their studies. Students can log in by going to a special web page accessible from their university site, and entering their name and password. This gives them access to personalised services related to their course.

Interuniversity library: www.biu-montpellier.fr

University Services for Physical Activity and Sports (SUAPS):
https://sport-u-occitanie.com/
www.unimes.fr/fr/vie_etudiante/sport_unimes.html
https://www.univ-perp.fr/fr/menu/vie-etudiante/sport/

Student Houses and Offices:
These exist within each university; find contact details for them on the websites of the establishments concerned.

* see glossary p. 29
2 STUDENT PATHWAY

1. ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITY

2. VISA FROM THE CONSULATE

3. TRANSPORT

4. RESIDENCE PERMIT OR VISA VALIDATION

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6. BANK, CAF*, INSURANCE

7. REGISTRATION AT UNIVERSITY, SOCIAL SECURITY AND INSURANCE

8. HAVE A GREAT ACADEMIC YEAR!

* see glossary p. 29
Would you like someone to meet and assist you when you arrive?

CROUS Montpellier-Occitanie and the International Student Office (SAIEC) run an “international buddying” scheme. You can use the scheme whether you are travelling alone or as part of an exchange programme (p.12)!

Your buddy, who will be a French or foreign student:

- Will contact you by email before you arrive
- Will welcome you at the station or airport
- Will accompany you to your accommodation
- Will help you with the required administrative procedures, if you wish

Register for a buddy:
www.parrainage-international.fr
A. APPLYING FOR ADMISSION:
FORMALITIES TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE YOU TRAVEL TO FRANCE

The formalities to be completed in order to come and study in France are decided nationally. You should start preparing for your stay well in advance.

You must be able to understand the French language. Most teaching and examinations will be in French. Find out from the university of your choice the language level required (and what evidence you must provide) + France Education International https://www.france-education-international.fr/

If you are coming as part of an exchange programme, e.g. ERASMUS+, the BCI’s PEE programme (the Quebec Student Exchange Program run by the Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire, formerly CREPUQ), you should ask your home university. They should find out this information from your host university.

If you are registering individually: procedures vary depending on your home country (EU or non-EU), the type of institution (university, school, IUT, etc.), the type of course (languages, medicine, etc.) and the level of access (Bachelor’s degree (Licence)/Master’s degree (Master)/Ph.D (Doctorat)).

The main procedures to be completed before admission are to submit an application for admission and to obtain a visa.

FIRST YEAR OF BACHELOR’S DEGREE AND PASS AND LAS

Warning: applications MUST be submitted by the required deadline

To apply for the first year of a Bachelor’s Degree, there are two possibilities:

If you live abroad
- International students living in a country with the CEF procedure
  There is a mandatory procedure for applying online for admission (DAP procedure) on the website of the Centre pour les Etudes en France (CEF): www.campusfrance.org
  This is a quick and simple process but you are required to pay a fee.
- International students living in a country without the CEF procedure
  In countries where this procedure does not exist, you must complete an application form (DAP) for admission, at the cultural service of the French Embassy in the country where you live (white form).
• If you live in France: You must download the application form from the website of the Ministry of National Education (Ministère de l’Éducation nationale) (green form).
• Online, at the following address: www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid24146/-dossier-vertdemande-d-admission-prealable-en-premiere-annee-de-licence.html
• On Google: search for dossier vert.

› OTHER YEARS OF STUDY

⚠️ Warning: applications MUST be submitted by the required deadline

For other years of study, (Bachelor’s 2nd year, Bachelor’s 3rd year, Vocational Bachelor’s, Master’s 1st year, Master’s 2nd year, IUT and engineering degrees), those living abroad (outside Europe) must follow the “Études en France” procedure. If your country does not have this system, you should apply directly to the establishment.

› PH.D STUDENTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS WITH SPECIAL ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Applications for admission should be made directly to the establishment concerned in the case of registration for:
• preparatory classes for the grandes écoles,
• the senior technicians section (in lycées),
• university postgraduate degrees,
• or any other specialist establishment and/or establishment that recruits by means of a competition or admissions panel or based on a qualification.

› OBTAINING A VISA

Admission to your chosen establishment will enable you to apply for a long-stay student visa.
All foreigners aged over 18 who want to stay in France for more than 3 months must have a residence permit.

**LONG-STAY STUDENT 'D' VISA (CESEDA R311-3 6°)***

If you obtained a long-stay student 'D' visa for France from the French consulate/embassy in your country, this visa is marked ‘CESEDA R311-3 6°’.

**on your arrival in France**

Within 3 months of your arrival in France, you must validate your visa at the following address: [https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#](https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#)

You will need:
- a valid email address
- the information stated on your visa
- to provide the date you entered France
- the address where you are living in France
- your payment card for online payment of the mandatory €50 fee

Once you have validated your long-stay visa, which acts as your residence permit, you will be given a medical check by the health service of the higher education establishment that you are registered with.
Within 2 months of the expiry date of your VISA or residence permit, you must apply to renew it online at the following address:
https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/
(“I would like to apply or renew my residence permit”)

There are services available to advise and assist you with the procedure:

**in Montpellier**

**Service Accueil International Étudiants/Chercheurs (international student office) (SAIEC)**
Tel.: +33 (0)4 67 41 67 87 – E-mail: saiec@univ-montp3.fr

All year, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., our multilingual team of French and foreign students is available upon appointment: www.saiec.fr

A dedicated digital space for your online procedures: Residence permit, CPAM, CAF, accommodation, etc.

Information and guidance by telephone and email

E- International Welcome Solution – SAIEC: Your personalised virtual assistant:
Everything you need to do before and after you arrive in France, in a few clicks!
Choose your avatar and follow the guide.

**in Nîmes**

Home page of the Gard Prefecture - Immigration and Integration Office
10 avenue Feuchères - 30045 Nîmes Cedex 9
www.gard.gouv.fr

Telephones are manned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: +33 (0)4 66 87 59 60
Submission of applications by appointment via email: pref-etrangers-rdv@gard.gouv.fr

**in Perpignan**

Residence permit one-stop shop at UPVD
Bureau d’Accueil des étudiants internationaux (BAEI)
52 avenue Paul Alduy - Bâtiment BASE - 66860 Perpignan (Bus line 4 - Campus stop)
Tel.: +33 (0)4 68 66 20 11 – E-mail: guichet-unique@univ-perp.fr

Open from September to November, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
For appointments and to find out the documents to be supplied, visit:
https://www.univ-perp.fr/fr/je-minscris/inscription
OTHER LONG-STAY VISAS
If you have another type of long-stay student VISA (Algerian national, minor in education): you must apply for a residence permit online on the French government website: https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/ ("I would like to apply or renew my residence permit")

GENERAL INFORMATION
- International students with a residence permit are permitted to work for up to 60% of the annual legal working time, i.e. for 964 hours per year.
- Type “C” tourist visa (short-stay):
  This type of visa is intended for foreign nationals who want to enter the Schengen area for tourism purposes or to participate in conferences or other events. It cannot be used to apply for a residence permit.

EUROPEAN STUDENTS
European students do not have to apply for a residence permit.
Finding accommodation in Montpellier, Nîmes or Perpignan is not straightforward! You need to be well organised and have financial means available as described on p.24. You also need enough money to pay for temporary accommodation at the start and to pay the costs involved in finding accommodation (deposit, agency fees, guarantee, etc. see p.21).

**CROUS PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION**
The CROUS international student service offers accommodation in university halls or residences (virtual tour at [www.crous-montpellier.fr > logement > nos cités/résidences universitaires](http://www.crous-montpellier.fr/logement/nos-cites-residences-universitaires)). Renting a room in a university hall costs between €176 and €255, depending on the standard of room. Renting accommodation in a residence costs at least €310 per month, depending on the size.

1. **Admission criteria**
   Only students who meet the following criteria will be given accommodation in a university hall:
   - registered for study on a course at least equivalent to a 1st year Master’s degree, or at one of the following establishments: Grande École, preparatory class, IUT, Senior Technician Section (not private institutions).

   Individual students must include with their application a rental bond from a person physically resident in France. If the student does not have a guarantor in France, the Visale scheme can be used to provide a rental bond and to finance the deposit: [www.visale.fr](http://www.visale.fr)

2. **How to submit an application**
   To submit an application, you first need to open an account at: [https://www.messervices.etudiant.gouv.fr](https://www.messervices.etudiant.gouv.fr)

   You can then submit an application for CROUS accommodation from 9 July at: [https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr](https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr)
3. Application
You must submit your accommodation application within 2 weeks of receiving it, along with the supporting documents required:
• photocopy of your entire passport
• photocopy of the last qualification you gained
• photocopy of your last school attendance certificate (or if you do not have one, evidence of pre-registration at a higher education institution in France).

You will receive a response by email (you must provide an email address that will be valid throughout the academic year) once your application has been examined. The response will be based on the admission criteria.

Accommodation is allocated for an academic year based on the number of places available. If there are not enough places for everyone who applies, the remaining students will be placed on a waiting list. If you are offered accommodation by CROUS:
• When you receive your offer email, you have 48 hours to pay the deposit online to reserve it. Keep the payment receipt, which you will be asked to produce when you sign your tenancy agreement at the international student office.
• Provide a rental bond from a person living in France or the approval issued by the Visale scheme.

For more information, go to www.crous-montpellier.fr/logement/Aides au logement

CROUS International Student Service
Address: 2 rue Monteil - CS 85053 - 34093 Montpellier cedex 5 (Tram line 1, Boutonnet stop)
Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with an appointment from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and without an appointment from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Wednesdays.
Tel.: +33 (0)4 67 41 50 38 - international@crous-montpellier.fr

Applications are assessed according to the level of study, the date of submission, and the number of places available. Even if you fulfil these conditions, CROUS cannot guarantee that you will be allocated accommodation because the number of places is limited.
RENTING PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Websites of CROUS Montpellier and CRIJ* Languedoc-Roussillon

- Montpellier
  You can find private offers of accommodation (with no agency fees) at:
  www.lokaviz.fr
  www.logement.informationjeunesselr.fr
  (you can also download a very comprehensive accommodation guide from here)

- Phare
  - Montpellier
    Phare is a contact point for international students looking for accommodation. Multilingual students are on hand to help students find accommodation with private landlords.
    Open September to end October: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
    Address: SAIEC - 8 rue de l’école Normale - CS 78290 - 34197 Montpellier cedex 5
    (Tram line 1, Philippidès stop) – Email: phare@crous-montpellier.fr

Help with obtaining accommodation

- Visale
  Visale is an Action Logement scheme enabling students who have an income but cannot provide a guarantee from family, friends or the bank to obtain accommodation.
  File your application at www.visale.fr
4 PRACTICAL INFORMATION

› ESPACE LOGEMENT ÉTUDIAN T

- **Montpellier**
  This information service enables you to search for accommodation and complete the administrative procedures related to the accommodation you have found.
  Espace Logement Étudiant
  From August to October at Corum - Salon du Belvédère - Esplanade Ch. de Gaulle - Montpellier
  www.espace-etudiant.com

- **Nîmes**
  https://unimes.immojeune.com/

- **Perpignan**
  www.bijperpignan66.fr

› TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

- **Youth Hostel**
  - **Montpellier**
    Price per night: €21.50 (breakfast included)
    Bookings can be made from abroad.
    Address: Impasse de la Petite Corraterie - 34000 Montpellier
    Tel. +33 (0)4 67 60 32 22 - Fax: + 33 (0)4 67 60 32 30
    www.fuaj.org/Montpellier

  - **Nîmes**
    Address: 257 chemin de l’auberge de jeunesse - 30900 Nîmes
    Tel. +33 (0)4 66 68 03 20

  - **Perpignan**
    Address: Allée Marc Pierre, Parc de la Pépinière 66000 Perpignan
    Tel. +33 (0)4 68 34 63 32 - Fax +33 (0)4 68 51 16 02
    www.hifrance.org
DEPOSIT AND RENTAL BOND

Deposit
When you sign your rental agreement, you have to pay a deposit (dépôt de garantie). This is used to cover any instances where the tenant fails to meet his or her obligations (repair costs, etc.). This deposit must not exceed one month’s rent excluding charges and must be repaid within two months of the keys being returned (for unfurnished rental properties).

Rental bond
To rent accommodation you also have to provide a rental bond, which is a document signed by a person living and working in France. This person acts as your guarantor by agreeing to pay any rent that you fail to pay.

HOUSING BENEFITS
APL (Aides Personnalisées au Logement) and ALS (Allocations de Logement à caractère Social) are types of housing benefit paid by the Caisse d’Allocations Familiales (CAF). Apply online:
Montpellier: www.montpellier.caf.fr
Nîmes: www.caf.fr
Perpignan: www.caf.fr

HOME INSURANCE
You must take out multi-risk home insurance when renting an unfurnished property and this insurance is strongly recommended if you are renting furnished accommodation. This insurance covers you against the risks of fire, water damage, explosions, liability, theft, etc. Besides the traditional insurers (insurance companies and mutuals), some banks also offer insurance at prices compatible with student means.

If you pay several months’ rent in advance, you should ALWAYS request a receipt from the landlord.
COMING TO FRANCE FOR YOUR STUDIES?

To be reimbursed for your health care expenses, you will need to register with France’s health care system “l’Assurance Maladie”. This is free of charge for students.

1- Sign up on the student-dedicated website once you have registered at your institute of higher education: etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr

2- Upload your required supporting documents:
- a certificate of school registration for the current year
- an ID
- a vital record
- an official banking information slip showing your IBAN number

You may be asked for additional documents depending on your country of origin.

Everything you need to know is on ameli.fr, in the section entitled “Foreign student: the French social security registration process” “Vous venez étudier en France”.

3- Create an online personal account on ameli.fr once you have received your French Social Security number and apply for your health insurance card (“carte Vitale”).

5- Declare your primary care physician (“Médecin traitant”) when you go in for your first appointment.

4- To maximize your health care reimbursements, take out the supplementary health care coverage of your choice.

If you began your studies in France in fall semester 2019 and registered with us online at etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr: no further paperwork is required.

If you did not register at that time: do it now, this is the only way to get coverage for your healthcare expenses!

NEED TO CONTACT THE FRENCH HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (“L’ASSURANCE MALADIE”)? IT’S FAST AND EASY!

BY EMAIL
Log in to your ameli account and go to the “Ma messagerie” section.

BY PHONE
3646 Service gratuit + prix appel

IN PERSON
By going to your local health insurance fund “caisse d’assurance maladie” (CPAM).
\textbf{MONTPELLIER UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTRE}

The Health Centre (Centre de Soins) offers all students in Montpellier healthcare and treatment appropriate to their needs. Full treatment with no upfront fees to pay on presentation of a student card, healthcare card (carte vital) and supplementary healthcare fund certificate (attestation de mutuelle complémentaire). www.csu-montpellier.fr

Montpellier University Health Centre
8 rue de l’École Normale - 34090 Montpellier - +33 (0)4 11 28 19 79

\textbf{HEALTH SERVICES}

There are teams of doctors, nurses and social workers distributed across the universities. Contact your university to meet them.

University of Nîmes health service: sumpps@unimes.fr

\textbf{DISABILITY}

There are support schemes available for students with disabilities at the higher education establishments in Montpellier, Nîmes and Perpignan. Get in touch with the contact person, or visit each university's website for more information.

University of Montpellier: handicap@umontpellier.fr

Paul Valéry-Montpellier 3 University: etud.handi@univ-montp3.fr

University of Nîmes: handicap@unimes.fr

University of Perpignan Via Domitia: baeh@univ-perp.fr

Agro | Montpellier SupAgro institute: elisabeth.mutel@supagro.fr (Montpellier campus) and david.kumurdjian@supagro.fr (Florac campus)

CROUS also has around a hundred accommodation units specially adapted for people with disabilities. More information: www.crous-montpellier.fr > Action sociale - santé>handicap

In this section, students with restricted mobility can fill in an application form for specially adapted accommodation, in which they can explain the adaptations they require. CROUS can then offer them the most appropriate accommodation. Applications can be made throughout the year.

\textbf{WELFARE}

There are CROUS welfare workers on hand for students to talk to at CROUS and at the university sites. They can help students with social, emotional or financial problems by providing listening, support, information, securing financial assistance, and taking preventive action.

CROUS Montpellier welfare service: +33 (0)4 67 41 50 28 - service.social@crous-montpellier.fr

For all queries, send an email to service.social@crous-montpellier.fr stating:

- your first name and surname
- date of birth and student number (INE)
- subject of study
- telephone number
- precise query
OBLIGATION OF RESOURCES

French law requires that international students demonstrate that they have sufficient resources to cover living costs of €615/per month.

The existence of these resources can be proven by:
- Evidence of grant award,
- A standing order from abroad (officially certified by the bank's stamp),
- Bank statements for the last three months showing the monthly payments (€615/month) or a bank statement stamped, signed and dated in the last three months showing a credit balance equal to at least three months of the required resources.

The amount of €615 per month is a minimum. The first month can cost up to €1,800 (deposit for accommodation, insurance, mutual contribution, etc.).

The cost of registration at the university varies depending on the level of study: €170 for bachelor’s degree courses, €243 for master’s degree courses, €380 for Ph.Ds, €601 for students at schools of engineering (2020/2021 rates).

MONTHLY BUDGET

This approximately monthly budget is valid for a single student not living in a university hall of residence, i.e. for most students.

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<td>Food and drink</td>
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<td>Transport</td>
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<td>University supplies</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

Opening a bank account is highly recommended, particularly for receiving some types of aid paid by bank transfer.

List of supporting documents required:

- evidence of address (showing exact address),
- school attendance certificate,
- copy of passport and visa.
**FOOD**

A varied and balanced range of meals is available at low cost: €3.30 a meal.

Located at the heart of the sites of study, CROUS university restaurants and cafeterias offer a fast and good value range of catering options suited to the needs of students.

Details of these places to eat are available at [www.crous-montpellier.fr](http://www.crous-montpellier.fr).

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**TRANSPORT**

- **Car-sharing website**: [www.blablacar.fr](http://www.blablacar.fr)
- **Regional train services costing €1**: [https://www.ter.sncf.com/occitanie/offres/tarifs-occitanie/billets-1euro](https://www.ter.sncf.com/occitanie/offres/tarifs-occitanie/billets-1euro)
- **Regional bus services costing €1**: [https://www.laregion.fr/Presentation-de-liO](https://www.laregion.fr/Presentation-de-liO)

- **Montpellier**
  
  Bicycle, tram, bus: Transports de l'Agglomération de Montpellier (TAM) offers a variety of fare options and season ticket types for getting around. Find all the information on: [www.montpellier-agglo.com](http://www.montpellier-agglo.com)

- **Nîmes**
  
  In Nîmes, the city-wide bus service is provided by TANGO. Buses and a tram-bus line serve the city daily until 9 p.m. (the tram-bus runs until midnight).
  [www.tangobus.fr](http://www.tangobus.fr)

- **Perpignan**
  
  The city of Perpignan and the surrounding area offer various different modes of transport to make it easier for you to get around. Further information on: [www.sankeo.com](http://www.sankeo.com)
**CULTURE**

**YOOT: Invent your culture**

Deals, tickets and original experiences for students in the know

More than just the new name for the Pass’Culture Montpellier... YOOT is:

- A cultural web services platform especially for students
  - An online box office offering extra special rates, with tickets for shows and concerts ranging from €5 to €10 max and cinema from €3.90
- A range of cultural events with 40 partners, ranging from electro nights to contemporary dance, street theatre to metal concerts, auteur cinema to one-man shows, impressionist exhibitions to performance art...
- A community to find out, discover and share opinions, deals and experiences.
- To make the most of all these services, membership costs €9 and is valid until the start of the following academic year.

For more details: CROUS Montpellier-Occitanie
Tel. +33 (0)4 67 41 50 96 - yoot@crous-montpellier.fr - [www.yoot.fr](http://www.yoot.fr)

**Campus Culture - Nîmes**

For just €7, students in Nîmes can benefit from reduced price tickets for concerts, cinema or theatre, plus entry to the city’s many museums and attractions. They can also buy books, CDs or films at preferential prices.

A few examples: €5 per ticket for the Théâtre de Nîmes, €4 for entry to the Forum in the city centre, €3.30 for entry to Sémaphore, etc.

More details: City of Nîmes youth service (ORLOJ)
Tel. +33 (0)4 66 27 76 86 - [http://orloj.nimes.fr](http://orloj.nimes.fr)

**Pass’Culture - Perpignan**

For just €5 for students in receipt of a grant and €10 for other students, Perpignan’s Pass’Culture gives students the ability to access cultural events in Perpignan and the surrounding area at very advantageous prices. The Pass’Culture offers the following prices: Cinéma Castillet: €3, Institut Jean Vigo: €3, Théâtre de l'Archipel: €5, Jazzèbre: from €2 to €15, USAP: €5, Festivals: 50% discount

Official shop: Main campus (next to the Aquarium cafeteria)
52 avenue Paul Alduy - 66860 Perpignan
Tel. +33 (0)4 68 66 17 93 - pass-culture@univ-perp.fr
Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Website: [http://pass-culture.upvd.fr/](http://pass-culture.upvd.fr/)
ACCOMMODATION
1. Rental bond:
   • Passport
   • Guarantor’s identity document
   • Guarantors last three pay slips and tax statement
   • Evidence of guarantor’s address (e.g. electricity or telephone bill)
   • Full bank details (for the tenant and guarantor)
2. Multi-risk home insurance

BANK
• Evidence of address (rent receipt or tenancy agreement)
• Passport with visa

HOUSING BENEFIT (CAF)
• Completed application form
• RIB (bank details)
• For non-Europeans: birth certificate with apostille

ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTRATION AT THE HIGHER EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENT
• Your original passport and a photocopy of your passport showing your student visa (non-EEA) or residence permit
• The registration form, duly completed
• The acceptance letter or email from the higher education establishment where you are registering
• Your original birth certificate translated into French and a photocopy
• If you are starting an undergraduate course (L1): original certificate of the qualification required for university admission in your country accompanied by a translation by a consular service or by sworn translator and a photocopy.
• For all other levels of study: in addition to your baccalauréat, the original certificate of the qualification required for admission by equivalence with an official translation and a photocopy.

NB: Remember to bring several originals and photocopies of each of these documents and several identity photos.
**GLOSSARY**

**BAC:** Baccalaureate

**BDE:** Bureau des Étudiants (Student Office)

**CAF:** Caisse d’Allocations Familiales (Family Benefits Fund)

**CMU:** Couverture Maladie Universelle (Universal Health Coverage)

**CPAM:** Caisse Primaire d’Assurance Maladie (Primary Medical Insurance Fund)

**CRIJ:** Centre Régional d’Information Jeunesse (Regional Youth Information Centre)

**CROUS:** Centre Régional des œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires (Regional affiliate of the French national student service agency)

**ENT:** Espace Numérique de Travail (digital workspace)

**MDE:** Maison des Étudiants (Student House)

**PHARE:** Point Hébergement Accueil et Recherche de logement pour les Etudiants Internationaux (Accommodation Service for International Students)

**RIB:** Relevé d’Identité Bancaire (Bank account identification document)

**SAMU:** Service d’Aide Médicale d’Urgence (Emergency medical services)

**UFR:** Unité de Formation et de Recherche (Teaching and Research Unit)

**Abbreviations**

**BU:** Bibliothèque Universitaire (University library)

**Cafèt’:** Cafeteria

**Cité U:** Cité Universitaire (University hall of residence)

**Coloc’:** Colocation (House/flat share)

**Fac:** Faculty = UFR = Teaching and Research Unit

**RU or resto’U:** Restaurant Universitaire (Refectory)

**Tram’:** Tramway

**RDV:** Rendez-vous (Appointment)
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