I am an international student at the University of Clermont Auvergne

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I wish to stay in France

The following information concerns all international students, be they enrolled in a study-abroad program or in a degree-seeking programme.

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We would like to remind you that traveling, apart from the exceptions listed in the derogatory travel certificate, is prohibited since Tuesday 17 March at 12 noon:

https://design.numerique.gouv.fr/covid-19

This travel certificate must be used for each of your outings.


### 2. What are the accompanying measures put in place by the UCA?

UCA’s International Relations Office and the international relations officer within your faculty remain at your disposal to support and advise you. Please note that due to the closing of the university, this accompaniment is only done by e-mail.

You can follow the evolution of the situation at the following link: https://www.uca.fr/covid-19/

### 3. How can I continue my studies if the university is closed?

The University is currently putting in place options for online and distance learning so that students may complete their courses as planned. We invite you to contact the pedagogical coordinator within your faculty to find out how you can continue your studies during the closure of the University.

### 4. Could I validate my mobility at the UCA? Will the exams be organized?

The reopening date of the University is not yet known, so the exam schedule cannot be planned. The University is currently thinking about the different possibilities for organizing the exams. International exchange students will have the possibility to come back and take the exams under
the same conditions as other students. If it’s not possible, various solutions may be considered by the training manager in agreement with the partner, for example: use of the marks already obtained as an overall mark, organisation of online exams, evaluation based on the production of a report on the mobility experience in France, etc. Once defined, these modalities will be communicated to you by the pedagogical officer of your faculty.

5. How do I renew my residence permit?

The Student Welcome Desk (Espace d’accueil étudiants) and the Prefecture are closed until further notice. The Ministry of the Interior has announced that the reception of residence permit applicants is suspended until further notice. Therefore, the period of validity of residence permits that expire from March 16 will be extended by 3 months. This measure also concerns long-stay visas, residence permits of any kind, provisional residence permits, certificates of asylum applications and receipts for residence permit applications. Holders of these documents will keep their right to work and their welfare rights and benefits. It is strongly advised for foreign nationals holding an expired document which benefits from this extension not to leave French territory. Any prior appointments at the Prefecture are cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

6. What should I do if I have symptoms?

Follow the French government’s health and safety guidelines (only available in French):
https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus

7. Who should I contact if I decide to interrupt my international mobility?

You are free to return to your home country if you feel it necessary or if you would feel safer. Make sure to inform:

- Your home university: administration and teaching manager (exchange students)
- UCA’s International Relations Office : ri@uca.fr and the international relations officer within your faculty
- Your pedagogical officer at the UCA who will explain to you the modalities implemented by your training to ensure the pedagogical continuity of your course and the possible organisation of distance learning exams.
8. What are the administrative formalities at the UCA to accomplish before your departure?

There are no particular formalities to be accomplished.

9. My home university is asking me for a certificate of departure but the offices are closed: what should I do?

You must contact the international relations officer within your faculty by e-mail. If you do not receive an answer, you can send your request to the following address ri@uca.fr indicating your surname, first name, faculty, as well as the name of your usual administrative referent at the UCA.

10. How can I validate my year or semester if I return to my home country?

**Exchange students:** You will be able to follow the courses from your country. We will set up the exam modalities. Your mobility will therefore be recognised by your home university.

**Directly-enrolled international students:** You will benefit from online arrangements. However, you will be subject to the same examination conditions as your French counterparts.

11. What do I have to do to leave my university accommodation at CROUS?

The university residences managed by the CROUS Clermont remain open. Exchange students whose accommodation has been managed by the International Relations Office as well as direct-enrolment international students who have obtained their CROUS accommodation via the ‘dossier social étudiant’ (DSE), may leave their residence without giving one month's notice. Note
that you must however pay for the current month of March. You will have to make the necessary arrangements with the residence, return the keys and vacate the accommodation. For students who leave their accommodation temporarily, and who leave their belongings inside, the rent will not be due, as of April 1st for students who have duly informed the residence of their departure.

If you are a study-abroad student who obtained a CROUS housing-option through the International Relations Office, you may break your lease without notice. You need to inform your residence. Please also inform the International Relations Office officer in charge of CROUS relations: brigitte.meilleroux@uca.fr

If you obtained your accommodation in a CROUS student-residence directly through the “Dossier Social Etudiant”, you may break your lease without notice. You need to inform your residence.

For more information:
http://usine.crous-clermont.fr/actualite/covid-19-activites-crous-point-de-situation/