

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDEBOOK

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UNIVERSITÉ
Clermont Auvergne

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WHY CLERMONT-FERRAND?

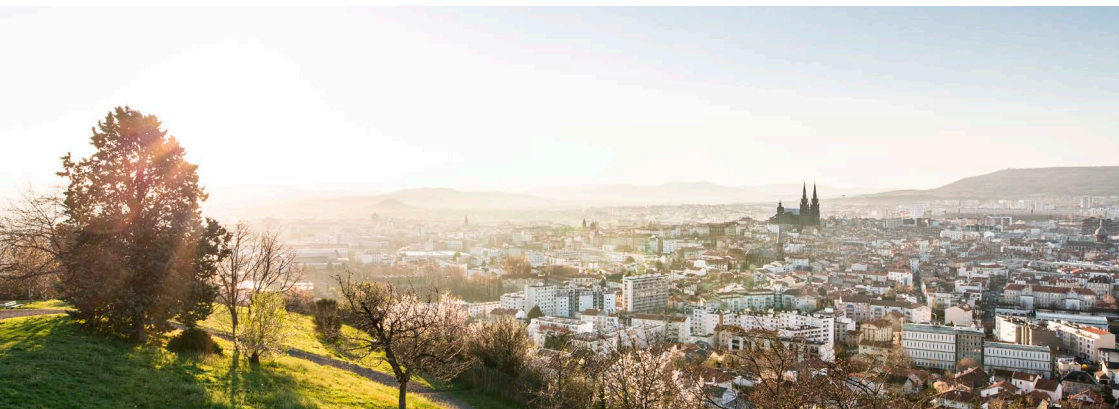


City of Clermont-Ferrand



Clermont-Ferrand is a city located in the centre of France. It is the capital of the Puy-de-Dôme department and is the historic city of Auvergne.

 www.clermontauvergnetourisme.com

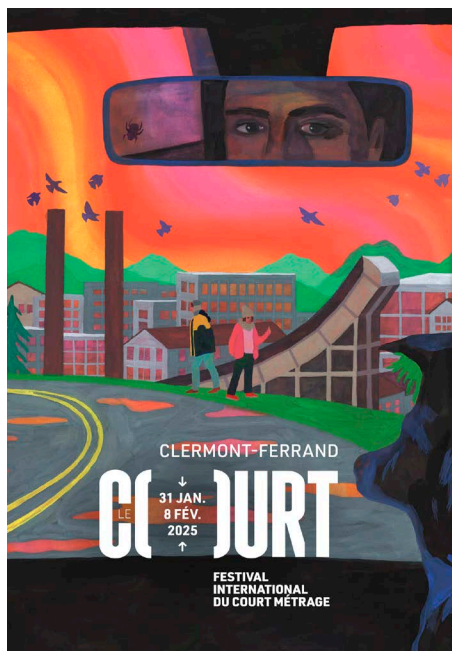


The city of Clermont-Ferrand remains on a human-scale. Distances are short and most key places are within easy walking distance. The cost of living remains inexpensive in comparison with other large student cities in France and Europe and the monthly budget is estimated at between 600 € and 800 €, depending on your lifestyle. You will enjoy the city's friendly atmosphere and the vibrant student life generated by the presence of 42,000 students.

(source : www.letudiant.fr/classements/classement-des-villes-etudiantes/laureat/clermont-ferrand.html)

To the West, Clermont-Ferrand is overlooked by a granitic plateau (800 m on average) on which is the Chaîne des Puys, the largest chain of volcanoes in Europe. North of the agglomeration lies the fertile plain of the Limagne bathed by the Allier, the second cereal plain of France, rich of its volcanic residues accumulated over 400 000 years.

Clermont International Short Film Festival



The Festival du Court Métrage is organized annually in Clermont-Ferrand around the start of the year. It is the largest festival in the world for short films, and the second largest in France for films in general (just behind the well known festival in Cannes). If you are around at this time of year, then do not miss it. Between 4.50 - 40 euros you can watch one or multiple short films in different cinemas all over the town.

 www.clermont-filmfest.org

Music, concerts and festivals

The Coopérative de Mai (for short “la Coopé”) is the music stage of Clermont-Ferrand. There are about 130 concerts a year by varied artists.

 www.lacoope.org



Europavox is an annual music festival that takes place each summer in Clermont-Ferrand. It promotes a diverse range of music from all over Europe. The music genres that typically appear are Pop, Rock, Variété, Hip-Hop, Rap, Electro, Dance, Reggae, Folk, World, etc.

 www.europavoxfestivals.com

Clermont Rugby Culture



Rugby is for many people in Clermont-Ferrand a real culture. It comes as no surprise that they typically finish high in the top 14 league. They were national champions in 2010 and 2017.

Even if you're not a rugby fanatic, it is very much worth going to a rugby match at the Michelin Stadium. Just so you know who to cheer for in the stadium: ASM is the name of the rugby club in Clermont-Ferrand. You can find tickets and information on their website.

 www.asm-rugby.com

Cheese and Wine

Clermont-Ferrand and its surrounding region are well known for their unique types of cheese, such as Saint-Nectaire and Fourme d'Ambert. Saint-Nectaire is a young type of cheese with a soft taste and Fourme d'Ambert is a blue cheese that tastes so great it might even change your opinion about blue cheese in general!

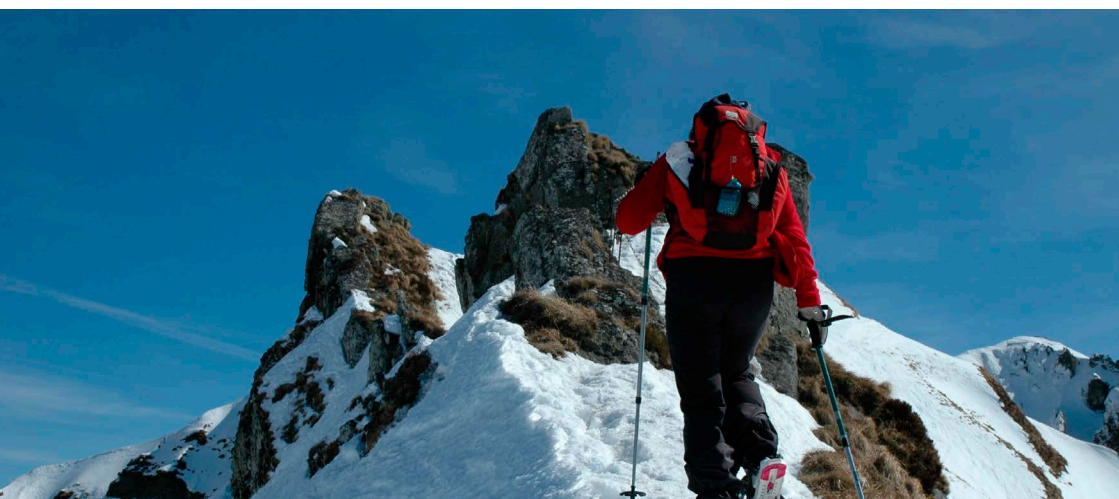


Then there is also the unique wines of the region. Clermont-Ferrand used to be one of the largest wine producers in all of France at the start of the last century. Even though much has changed since then, the quality of the Clermont wines prevails.

Discover the Auvergne

Clermont-Ferrand is surrounded by the largest natural park in France, the Auvergne Regional Park of Volcanoes. This area of outstanding natural beauty with its extinct volcanoes, lakes, rivers and forests is within a 15-minute drive from the city's old historic centre and offers an extensive choice of outdoor sports activities for enthusiasts.

 www.auvergne-destination-volcans.com



**UNIVERSITY CLERMONT
AUVERGNE**



History of the University

In the 12th century-time of the rise of knight-hood- the first Université d' Auvergne was founded in the town of Billom. In its heyday, the University numbered around 2000 students. They were taught civil law, canon law, humanities, and theology. It closed down at the end of the 15th century due to a lack of students and resources.

A few decades later, in 1518, Thomas Duprat, bishop of Clermont, patron of arts and sciences created a University in his hometown: Issoire. In the light of Charles de Bourdon's and the University of Paris' protests, François the 1st proceeded to have it closed in 1520.

In 1681, Louis XIV, the "Sun King", authorized the creation of a medical college in Clermont-Ferrand. In 1806, Napoleon Bonaparte officially established a medical school at Hotel Dieu. Subsequently, the College of Literature was established in 1810. It taught Philosophy, Latin literature, Eloquence, French poetry and Greek grammar.

In 1815, with the return of the monarchy, the faculty of Clermont was closed.

In 1854, under the second empire, the College of Liberal Arts reopened. This reopening was accompanied by the establishment of the College of Science, and then in 1864 a "University Palace" was built. In 1896, these colleges were merged into one university.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, the university continued to grow and gradually opened up to young women. In 1908 they already represented a quarter of the students of the Faculty of Literature.

After WW2 the University expanded in the city centre and slowly spread to the Cézeaux area. The events of May '68 and the enforcement of the Faure act on the universities revealed high political tensions related to different perceptions on the University management.

The crisis accelerated up until the beginning of the 70's and culminated on March 16th, 1975 in the partition of the University into two establishments: Université Blaise Pascal and Université d'Auvergne.

For a number of years the two Universities maintained very little relationships but then they gradually started working together again, got closer and then merged on January 1st, 2017 to create the Université Clermont Auvergne.

The University has expanded by integrating :

- Since January 1,2021 an INP (Institut National Polytechnique) bringing together three engineering schools (SIGMA, POLYTECH and ISIMA).
- Since January 1,2024 the Clermont-Ferrand National Higher School of Architecture (ENSACF)

International relations office

Dear Students,

Welcome to Clermont Auvergne University!

Congratulations on embarking on a journey that will not only enrich your academic life but also broaden your cultural horizons. We are honored that you have chosen Clermont Auvergne University as your home for the upcoming semester or year. Nestled in the heart of Clermont-Ferrand, our institution thrives on diversity, innovation, and the vibrant exchange of ideas and cultures.

The formation of our university in January 2017, merging Blaise Pascal University with the University of Auvergne, marked the beginning of a new era. We proudly continue the tradition of welcoming international scholars, believing that each of you brings unique perspectives and experiences that enhance our global community. UCA also coordinates the ARTEMIS (Alliance for Regional Transition, Equality, Mobility, Inclusion and Sustainability) European University, which aims to lay the foundations for the university of tomorrow by establishing a model of strengthened and innovative international cooperation, ready to train future decision-makers to meet the challenges of mobility in territories undergoing constant change.

Each year, we are delighted to welcome approximately 350 international students under Erasmus or bilateral agreements. Our university has indeed signed teaching and research agreements with 334 Erasmus partners and with about 200 other foreign universities around the world. Additionally, our international community includes around 200 students at our French as a Foreign Language Centre (FLEURA Centre) and approximately 5 280 students who inde-

pendently choose to pursue one of our 340 diplomas. In total, our vibrant community of about 5 630 international students each year represents 15,4% of our 36 500 registered students.

This booklet serves as your gateway to a successful and memorable experience at our university. You will find essential information to navigate your academic journey and maximize your time in Clermont-Ferrand. We encourage you to immerse yourself in our dynamic campus life, participate in various clubs and activities, and explore the majestic Chaîne des Puys, a natural wonder recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site, which highlights the unique beauty of our region.

Your academic success and personal growth are our top priorities. We understand the challenges of adapting to a new environment and are committed to supporting you every step of the way. Our International Relations Office is dedicated to ensuring your transition is as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

We invite you to delve into this guidebook, familiarize yourself with the resources available, and prepare for an exciting and rewarding experience. Remember, this journey is more than just academic; it's an opportunity to create lasting memories, forge global friendships, and discover new perspectives.

Welcome to our community, and here's to a fantastic journey ahead at Clermont Auvergne University!

Warmest regards,

Marie-Elisabeth BAUDIN

Vice President in charge of International
and European Strategy

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International relations office

For any help concerning housing or moveon registration you can contact Brigitte Meilleroux, whose contact information is below.



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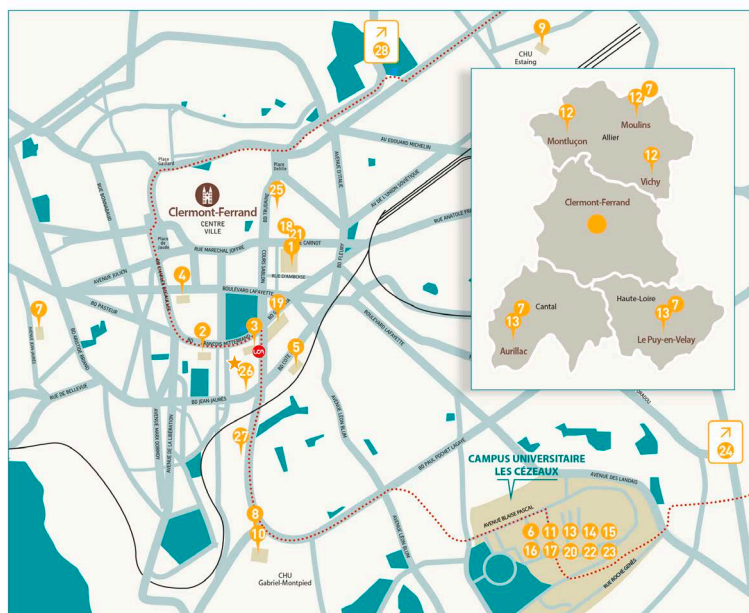
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International office advisors

Each department has a team of both academic and administrative staff dedicated to assisting outgoing and incoming students. If you have questions about :

- your classes, meet with the academic advisor in your department.
- your enrolment and registration, turn to your administrative advisor

If you need informations regarding your enrollment and registration, turn to your administrative advisor.



★ International Central Office -
Maison Internationale Universitaire

- 1 Centre des Langues et du Multimedia
- 2 5 École d'Économie
- 3 5 École de Droit
- 4 5 École Universitaire de Management
- 6 École Universitaire de Physique et d'Ingénierie
- 7 INSPÉ
- 8 UFR de Médecine et des Professions Paramédicales
- 9 Faculté d'Odontologie
- 10 Faculté de Pharmacie
- 11 Institut d'Informatique
- 12 IUT d'Allier (Montluçon, Moulins, Vichy)
- 13 IUT de Clermont-Ferrand (Clermont-Ferrand, Aurillac, Le-Puy)
- 14 Observatoire de Physique du Globe de Clermont-Ferrand

- 15 Polytech Clermont-Ferrand
- 16 UFR Biologie
- 17 UFR Chimie
- 18 UFR Langues, Cultures et Communication
- 19 UFR Lettres, Culture et Sciences Humaines
- 20 UFR Mathématiques
- 21 UFR Psychologie, Sciences Sociales et Sciences de l'Éducation

- 22 UFR STAPS
- 23 Sigma
- 24 VetAgro-Sup
- 25 École Supérieure de Commerce
- 26 École Supérieure d'Art de Clermont Métropole
- 27 CROUS
- 28 École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Clermont-Ferrand

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BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL



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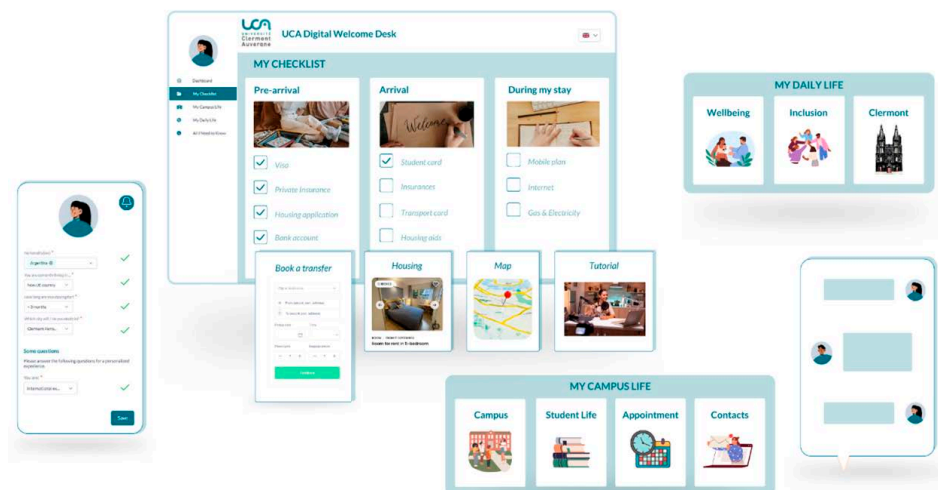
The Clermont Auvergne University provides its international students, PhD students, and researchers with access to a Digital Welcome Desk. This welcome tool is designed to facilitate international mobility at every stage. It is an interactive and personalized platform that gathers information about campus life, settling in France, and managing day-to-day life.

Each user can create their profile and find: Personalized checklists, multilingual support, and an interactive guide; Resources for administrative procedures: updates, tutorials, contacts. Alerts to notify them of tasks that need doing.

The platform's institutional code will be given to you before your arrival in France.

For more information, please email us :

 accueil-international@uca.fr



Visa procedures



• European students

Students from Europe (European Union countries, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland) are exempt from visas and temporary residence cards. Only a valid ID card or passport is required.

• Non-European students

Students who are nationals of a country outside Europe and who register for the first time in a French university must obtain a long-stay visa if they are staying for more than 3 months in French territory.

- If you are a national of a CEF procedure country (see table), you must go through the application «Études en France».

 www.campusfrance.org/en/faq/which-countries-are-affected-by-the-etudes-en-france-studying-in-france-procedure

More information on the government website :

 <https://pastel.diplomatie.gouv.fr/etudesenfrance/dyn/public/authentification/login.html>

- If you are a national of a country not listed previously, the consulate or the French Embassy in your country of origin will tell you how to proceed.

You can also obtain information on the following websites :

 www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/studying-in-france

National medical insurance scheme

- European students

Before you arrive, you must apply for a European Health Insurance card (= EHIC) from the healthcare coverage system in your home country. This card will enable you to be reimbursed in France for your medical expenses under the same conditions as locals.

- Non-European students

The affiliation with the student Social security is abolished. Foreign students have the choice:

- To be affiliated with a public or private foreign health insurance and to present a certificate translated into French or English, which covers the duration of their stay at the UCA.
- To apply for a French social security affiliation (as soon as they are enrolled in the university) on the CPAM website.

 <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/>

- Québec students

Due to an agreement between France and Québec, you will benefit in France from the same conditions of care as the French.

Please fill the form SE 401-Q-106, which will exempt you from joining the student Social security plan.

**In any case, if you are affiliated with a public or private foreign health insurance,
you must have a certificate translated in French or in English.**

Students with a disability

Students with disabilities who wish to study or have an internship mobility at the UCA are invited to read the information below and contact the special needs students(SUH) in order to have details to prepare their arrival at the UCA

University service for special need students (SUH)



**SERVICE
UNIVERSITÉ HANDICAP**
Université Clermont Auvergne

This is a service provided by the UCA for students with disabilities. You can contact them by phone or get more information on their webpage.

Bâtiment de la Maison de la Vie Etudiante

Campus Universitaire des Cézeaux

7, place Vasarely

CS 60026

63178 AUBIERE CEDEX

Tel. 00 33 (0)4 73 40 55 07

 www.uca.fr/international/venir-a-luca/je-suis-etudiant/je-suis-en-situation-de-handicap



Please contact your administrative advisor to know the steps to follow upon your arrival and the measures that have been provided for you (suitable accommodation, assistance with daily life, pedagogical assistance, special arrangements for exams etc.).

HOUSING



Studapart, UCA's exclusive verified housing platform

Intended for international audiences of the University Clermont Auvergne, Studapart offers verified listings in student residences, shared accommodations, and private rentals with secure payment. If you do not have a guarantor in France, Studapart acts as your guarantor for the entire rental period (from 1 to 24 months). For more information, [click here](#).

The graphic is a vertical layout with a white background. At the top, the UCA logo (Universit  Clermont Auvergne) and the Studapart logo (a house icon with a red heart) are displayed. Below them, a central text block reads: "Book your home on our exclusive platform dedicated to the international students, PhD students and researchers," followed by a large pink-to-purple gradient button labeled "UCA". A blue curved arrow points from the "UCA" button to a dark blue section titled "Why ?" in a red box. This section contains four icons with text: a headset icon for "A passionate team available on demand", a handshake icon for "We can be your guarantor if you need", a document icon for "Renting process 100% online", and a star icon for "Verified ads that match with your needs". Below this is another dark blue section titled "How ?" in a red box, which contains the text "Connect to our tenant area for a turnkey experience:" and a green button labeled "Website access". At the bottom, a dark blue section titled "New features 2024" in a red box lists two features: "You can pay in 3x with no fees" (with a coin icon) and "We help you during your installation to subscribe to your electricity and internet contract with preferential rates !" (with a thumbs up icon). To the right of this section is a circular image showing two smiling students, a woman and a man, looking at a laptop.

UCA

Why ?

- A passionate team **available** on demand
- We can be your **guarantor** if you need
- Renting process **100%** online
- Verified ads that **match** with your needs

How ?

Connect to our **tenant area** for a turnkey experience :

[Website access](#)

New features 2024

- You can pay in **3x** with **no fees**
- We help you during your installation to subscribe to your electricity and internet contract with preferential rates !

University residences

Contact for housing


 E-mail: accommodation.drif@uca.fr

Depending on availability we may offer some rooms in the university residences from the CROUS but only for exchange students and depending on the total number of rooms that we have every year. If you want to apply for accommodation, please use the application form available during the application process. Please be aware that home insurance is compulsory in France even in rooms in university residences and you will be required to have it on your arrival.




 www.crous-clermont.fr/se-loger

RÉSIDENCE DU CLOS SAINT-JACQUES

 25 rue Etienne Dolet
63000 Clermont-Ferrand Cedex 1
Tel. 00 33 (0)4 73 34 44 00


RÉSIDENCE PHILIPPE-LEBON

 28 boulevard Côte-Blatin
63000 Clermont-Ferrand
Tel. 00 33 (0)4 73 43 72 58

RÉSIDENCE AMBOISE

 11 rue d'Amboise
63000 Clermont-Ferrand
Tel. 00 33 (0)4 73 43 72 58

RÉSIDENCE DES CEZEAUX

 35 rue Roche-Genès
63170 Aubière Cedex
Tel. 00 33 (0)4 73 28 89 00

BE CAREFUL: After booking the room, it's important to make an appointment with the landlord to receive the keys and sign the "état des lieux".



Locaviz is the official website for student accommodation in France (CNOUS). It is certified by the French National Education Ministry. We strongly advise you to read the information on that website!

 www.lokaviz.fr

Other accomodation facilities

LES LAUREADES (centre ville)

9 rue Giscard de la Tour Fondue - 63000 Clermont-Fd
Tél. 00 33 (0)4 73 31 59 00
reception@laureades.fr
www.hotel-residence-clermont-ferrand.fr/offres-acces

LE RABELAIS (proche du campus des Cézeaux)

23 boulevard Pochet Lagaye - 63000 Clermont-Fd
Tél. 00 33 (0)4 84 88 01 82
rabelais@fac-habitat.com
www.fac-habitat.com/fr/residences-etudiantes/
id-107-rabelais

Le Parc Belvédère

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Tél. 00 33 (0)4 43 97 02 07 / 00 33 (0)6 88 84 66 11
belvedere@uxco.com
www.uxco.com/fr/logement-etudiant/clermont-ferrand/24-le-parc-belvedere

Les Belles années

Carré Amboise
25 rue Paul Collomp - 63000 Clermont-Fd
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carreamboise@lesbellesannees.com
https://www.lesbellesannees.com/appartement-etudiant-clermont-ferrand/residence-carre-amboise
La Cour des Grands
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lacourdesgrands@lesbellesannees.com
www.lesbellesannees.com/appartement-etudiant-clermont-ferrand/residence-la-cour-des-grands
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www.estudines.com

STUD'CITY (6 résidences)

9 boulevard Pochet Lagaye - 63000 Clermont-Fd
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www.studcity-clermont.com

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mbatillat@nexity.fr

STUDEA CLERMONT LES CARMES

46 rue Henri Barbusse - 63000 Clermont-Fd
Tél. 00 33(0)4 73 20 15 07 / 7 62 08 10 64
lafarge@nexity.fr
https://www.nexity-studea.com/locations-etudi-
antes/clermont-ferrand

Résidence Artémisia

102 rue de l'Oradou - 63000 Clermont-Fd
Tél. 00 33 (0) 6 71 64 59 34
clermontferrand@residencesartemisia.com
www.residencesartemisia.com/residence/clermont-
ferrand-oradou

Résidence étudiante Canopée - Cardinal Campus

41 Rue du Ressort - 63000 Clermont-Fd
Tél. 00 33 (0)7 50 12 10 64
clermont@cardinalcampus.fr
www.cardinalcampus.fr/residence/canopee

APPART'CITY CLERMONT-FERRAND CENTRE

46, boulevard Pasteur - 63000 Clermont-Fd
Tél. 00 33 (0)4 73 29 33 46
clermontferrand-centre@appartcity.com
www.appartcity.com/fr/destinations/auvergne/clermont-ferrand/clermont-ferrand-centre.html

RESIDHOME GERGOVIA CLERMONT-FERRAND

125 avenue de la République - 63000 Clermont-Fd
Tél. 00 33 (0)4 73 74 74 00
clermont.gergovia@residhome.com
www.residhome.com/residence-hoteliere-aparthotel-clermontferrand-208.html

Séjour et Affaires PARK REPUBLIQUE CLERMONT-FD

117 avenue de la République - 63000 Clermont-Fd
Tél. 00 33 (0)4 73 92 21 38
clermont.republique@sejours-affaires.com
www.sejours-affaires.com/residence-hoteliere-aparhotel-clermontferrand-165.html

EKLO Clermont-Ferrand

6 rue Auger - 63000 Clermont-Fd
Tél. 00 33 (0)4 44 05 00 88
www.eklohotels.com/fr/clermont-ferrand

Youth Hostel Hi France Clermont-Ferrand

64, rue Auger - 63000 Clermont-Fd
Tél. 00 33 (0)4 44 05 03 16
clermont-ferrand@hifrance.org
www.hifrance.org/auberges-de-jeunesse/clermont-ferrand/

KLEY Clermont-Ferrand (Opening in August 2025)

71, Boulevard Côte Blatin 63000 Clermont-Ferrand
www.kley.fr/residence-etudiante/clermont-ferrand/
kley-clermont-ferrand

Good to know if you want to rent a private room/flat in France

Deposit

A security deposit is an amount of money that is given temporarily as security against loss of or damage.

This may be required during check-in. This can't be more than one month worth of rent and has to be written in the lease.

Locative insurance certification

Before the signature do not forget to get a proof of locative insurance. In case of absence of this document, the owner is allowed to cancel your lease agreement.

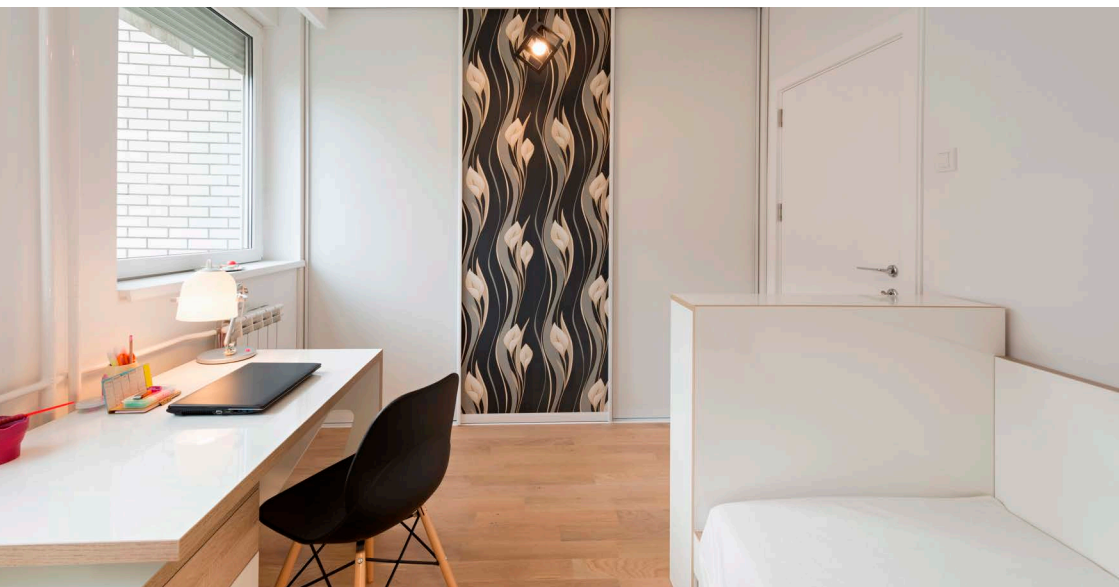
Guarantor

It is sometimes necessary to have a guarantor if you rent a room in France. A guarantor is the person or the organization (your bank for instance) who/which commit itself to the owner in paying the renting debts of the tenant.

You can have access to the VISALE guarantee which is a no-cost solution to the problem of student security deposits. With VISALE, students find housing more quickly and property owners are assured that rent will be paid.

 www.visale.fr/visale-pour-les-locataires/avantages/

 www.youtube.com/watch?v=RD0qrqSP0Ks



Flat sharing

Interest

Living with roommates allows you to live in a larger accommodation while paying less. (Roommates have to fairly share services charges and rent). It's often quite difficult to live alone in a whole new city or country.

Thus living with roommates enables you to make friends and helps you to face the troubles of everyday life.

But living together can't only be reduced to funny moments as flat-sharing implies sharing the space, chores, and expenses and adapting yourself to your roommates' own habits.

Thus it's quite useful and necessary to establish rules as soon as you move in, in order to live in a "peaceful cohabitation".

Useful links

-  www.appartager.com
-  www.lacartedescolocs.fr
-  www.immojeune.com
-  www.locservice.fr/colocation

How does it work?

Either there are several rental contracts (that is to say as many lease agreements as roommates). In that case every roommate has to individually sign a contract with the owner. This gives an exclusive enjoyment of certain rooms of the flat and a common access to kitchen or sanitation.

Or there is only one rental contract signed by all the roommates. In this case the owner let the roommates organise themselves in regards to the sharing of the rented space.

The flat-sharing lease agreement may include a solidarity clause binding the roommates. This clause entails that every roommate is responsible for the whole lease agreement' obligations (for instance the owner could ask to single roommate for the whole rent). Thus if one of the flat-sharers doesn't pay its part of the rent, the owner is allowed to claim this sum from the other roommates.

Be careful: If your lease agreement included a solidarity clause, in case of the departure of a flat-sharer, he or she can still be held accountable for the rent until the end of the lease agreement.

Housing Aid (CAF, APL)

The Family Allowance Fund (CAF) offers housing assistance. Financial aid only starts from the second month of rent. To benefit from CAF you must complete an application on the CAF website. You will also need to provide an excerpt from your birth certificate translated into French. The translation must be provided by an approved translating agency.

The APL (aide au logement) is a financial support for accommodation. For more information, visit the CAF's website:

 www.caf.fr

Before beginning your application you absolutely need to have the following documents in your possession:

- your tax return or tax assessment
- your lease agreement
- a rent receipt or a rent certificate
- your bank account details (RIB)



Be careful: You can't change this information once it is validated.

If you need assistance with the application, the Espace Accueil Etudiant is here to help you :

 www.crous-clermont.fr/etudes-internationales/accueil-des-etudiants-internationaux/student-welcome-desk/

ON YOUR ARRIVAL



Buddy program

The Buddy Program connects newly arrived international students or PhD students with:

- a French student enrolled at the Université Clermont Auvergne,
- or an international student or PhD student who has already been at UCA for at least one year.

The goal? To make your integration into life in France easier and to create a rewarding cultural exchange.

Each incoming student or PhD student is matched with a mentor before their arrival in Clermont-Ferrand, depending on availability and after registering through the online form. Your buddy is a volunteer who will support you according to their availability — from discovering the campus and the city to much more.

More detail:

 www.uca.fr/international/preparer-sa-venue-en-france/docteurant-ou-enseignant-chercheur/buddy-program

INTERNATIONAL BUDDY PROGRAM

Le programme de parrainage international de l'UCA

Deviens parrain/marraine
Become a mentor

...or get someone to mentor you!
...ou fais-toi accompagner!

Étudiant·e·s & Doctorant·e·s
Students & PhD students

EN QUOI ÇA CONSISTE ? WHAT IS IT?

Le Buddy Program met en lien étudiant·e·s/docteurant·e·s locales et internationales pour faciliter leur intégration à l'UCA et en Auvergne.

The Buddy Program connects local students with international students and PhD students to help them integrate into UCA and life in Auvergne.

Pour toute information, veuillez contacter
For more information, please write to
buddy-program@uca.fr

**TROUVE TA PAIRE
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WorldTop ESN

World Top ESN is an association for the reception and accompaniment of international students. They organise a weekly “ Café des Langues” where you can meet local students as well as international students in a multilingual atmosphere.

You can also contact them if you wish to meet a family from Clermont and build great memories with the welcoming Clermontois !

✉ 2 rue saint Genès
Clermont-Ferrand
✉ contact@worldtop.fr

🌐 www.worldtop.fr

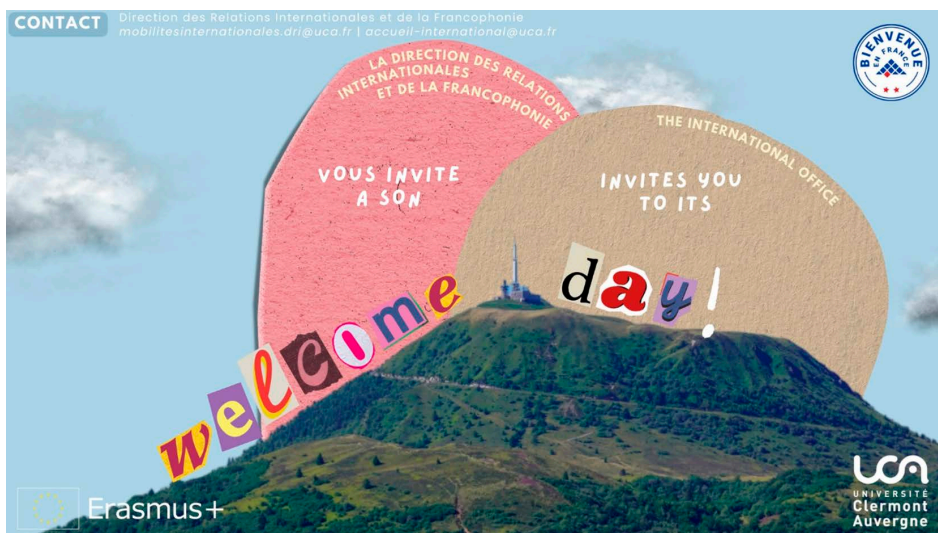


Save the date: welcome days

Please note that every student wishing to come to UCA will have to come to the information meeting called "Welcome Day".

It's the opportunity to get to know the university and the first steps to take in order to sign up for classes etc... a personal invitation with all these details will be send by email a few weeks before the event. Remember to check your email.

Each department will also organise a local meeting for you to get more detailed information.



Student Reception Office (EAE)

Born of the common will of the local higher education institutions, the Crous Clermont Auvergne, the city of Clermont-Ferrand, and the prefecture, to improve the reception of students, in particular newcomers and foreign students. The reception area welcomes you at the beginning of the school year to help you discover your new university life.

 <https://www.crous-clermont.fr/etudes-internationales/accueil-des-etudiants-internationaux/student-welcome-desk/>



Welcome
to **all** students

STUDENT LIFE INFO:

- Residence Permit & Visa
- Housing Support, Scholarships
- Public Transport, Health Insurance, Family Allowance
- Cultural Activities, Catering, Jobs...

students welcome desk

We are open:
From August 20th to December 20th 2024
Monday to Friday
10am to 7pm
From January 6th to July 17th 2025
Monday to Thursday
10am to 4pm

You can find us here:
30 rue Étienne-Dolet
CLERMONT-FERRAND
espace.accueil.etudiant@crous-clermont.fr
04 73 34 95 71
Online appointment: mesrdv.etudiant.gouv.fr

crous-clermont.fr





ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS



Application process

Selection at your home university

First of all, you have to contact your home university international office in order to ask them how to apply for an exchange program. Be aware that a **B2 level of French** may be required to follow some classes. The university will help you to register for French as a Foreign Language (FLE) classes if needed. The FLE classes are free for exchange students coming to the UCA.

Application Form

Once you are selected by your home university, you will have to complete our application form online using the Moveon application form on our website. You'll receive the exact link by e-mail.

Deadlines are:

- Fall semester : May 31
- Academic Year : May 31
- Spring semester : November 15

You will need to upload the following documents :

- Your learning agreement
- Your room reservation form if you are interested in a room at the CROUS
- A copy of your ID or passport
- An education mobility certificate from your home university

Confirmation

We will send you the letter of acceptance and a confirmation of reservation if you apply for a room in our university residences.

Please note that every modification or cancellation of stay must be notified both to your home university and to us!

Registration, tuition fees and student card

The registration is done by your administrative advisor in your host faculty. You don't have to pay any tuition fee.

Registration at the University will allow you to be identified as a UCA student, and to get your student card. The student card will allow you to :

- Pay at the university restaurants,
- Receive discounts in lots of places such as restaurants and cinemas,
- Borrow books and documents from the university libraries,
- Use the intranet (ENT)...

 www.izly.fr

Learning agreement and European credits transfer system(ECTS)

A learning agreement (L.A) for each semester is required for all incoming exchange students. It is a formal agreement between the student, the home university and the host university. All the courses that the student wishes to follow have to be written in the L.A.

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a standard for comparing the study attainment and performance of students of higher education across the European Union and other collaborating European countries. For successfully completed studies, ECTS credits are awarded. One academic year corresponds to 60 ECTS (30 ECTS per semester). Please note that ECTS credits won't be awarded if the student doesn't attend the class and does not undertake the assessments.

 www.uca.fr/en/come-to-uca/students/study-at-uca-as-an-exchange-student/learning-agreement

Classes, exams and resits

Exchange students may take courses only in fields which have been included in the agreement of cooperation with their home university.

The list of courses provided by the pedagogical contact in each school or faculty. They will be able to advise foreign student on which courses are most suitable for them. During the first weeks in Clermont-Ferrand, students have to choose their courses and complete their Learning Agreement in accordance with the requirements of their home institution.

Exams

A student who follows a course is required to take the corresponding exam. The courses chosen can be changed during the first weeks (if courses turn out to be different from the student's expectations

or if there is a problem with the agenda during the academic year). If there is any change in the courses taken, the student will have to change his learning agreement and have it signed by both home and host universities. This document has to be signed by each party during the exchange period so that a Transcript of Records may be delivered at the end of the program (ToR).

Resits

For students whose grade is under 10/20, a resit exam may be organised at his or her request. The new grade will replace the old one if it is better. If the student misses the exam he or she will not be permitted to take the resit unless he or she provides a doctor's certificate or has a very good reason for missing the exam.

Transcript of records and UCA grading system

The transcript of records will be directly transferred by your contact in the school or faculty within 5 weeks after the publication of the results. The grading system at UCA is out of 20 points.

ECTS Scale	Definition	Percentage of successful students normally achieving the grade	UCA Grades Equivalents
A	EXCELLENT - outstanding performance with only minor errors	9,96 %	16 to 20
B	VERY GOOD - above the average standard but with some errors	9,80 %	14 to 15,99
C	GOOD - generally sound work with a number of notable errors	10,43 %	13 to 13,99
D	SATISFACTORY- fair but with significant shortcomings	26,31 %	11 to 12,99
E	SUFFICIENT - performance meets the minimum criteria	16,84 %	10 to 10,99
FX	FAIL - some more work required before the credit can be awarded	12,13 %	8 to 9,99
F	FAIL - considerable further work is required	14,54 %	0 to 7,99



UNIVERSITY COURSES



French as a foreign language

The FLEURA Centre offers French as a Foreign Language courses.

For Erasmus/Bilateral students:

Erasmus students and those on bilateral agreements who wish to take French courses as part of their study plan (and earn ECTS credits) can benefit from these courses for free.

Students who do not wish to earn credits can also take courses at the FLEURA Centre.

Learners can choose to take one or two courses from the following options :

- **General French (A1 to A2)**
5 hours per week | 7 ECTS
- **General French (B1 to C1)**
3 hours per week | 4.5 ECTS
- **Modules (B1 to C1)**
2 hours per week | 3 ECTS
- **"Academic Writing" Module (C1)**
3 hours per week | 4.5 ECTS
- **Evening courses (only for students unavailable during the day)**
A1 to C1 | 4 hours per week | 6 ECTS



Students who are part of the Bilateral programs may require additional courses and will be accommodated accordingly.

Registration:

Students will receive detailed information by email approximately 2 months before the start of the courses. If you do not receive this information, you can contact the Erasmus coordinator at the FLEURA Centre's administration.

Centre FLEURA : Français Langue Etrangère et Universitaire en Région Auvergne

Centre des Langues et du Multimédia (CLM) -
room 003

34, Avenue Carnot
63006 Clermont-Ferrand
Tel. 0033 (0)4 73 40 61 40

fc.centre-fleura@uca.fr
[https://www.uca.fr/international/
apprendre-le-francais/centre-fleura](https://www.uca.fr/international/apprendre-le-francais/centre-fleura)

Contact person :
Yvette VERBARD

U.E. STAR: Unveiling the Wonders of Auvergne

In collaboration with the International Relations and Francophony Office (Direction des Relations Internationales et de la Francophonie), the Common Service for Modern Languages (Service Commun des Langues Vivantes) will give you the possibility to immerse yourself in the vibrant culture, intriguing history, and thriving economy of Auvergne – an enchanting region in the heart of France! Exclusively designed for exchange students at Université Clermont Auvergne, this captivating English taught optional course (“UE libre”) offers an exciting journey through the region’s remarkable treasures.

Course Overview:

Each semester (Fall and Spring), students enjoy four engaging modules, each lasting 6 hours, totaling 24 enriching hours per semester. Upon completion, you’ll earn 3 ECTS credits.

Exciting Modules Include:

- **Auvergne’s Gourmet Secrets:** Indulge in the rich culinary traditions and exquisite craftsmanship behind Auvergne’s world-famous cheeses.
- **Mammoths, Volcanoes, and Timeless Tales:** Embark on an unforgettable exploration of Auvergne’s extraordinary geological wonders and historical narratives.
- **Iconic Auvergne brands:** Discover the fascinating history of world-famous brands such as Michelin and the renowned craftsmanship of Thiers.

Practical Information:

- **Location:** Centre des Langues et du Multimédia (CLM), 34 Avenue Carnot, 63006 Clermont-Ferrand
- **Contact:** Mr. Olivier Kajfasz (olivier.kajfasz@uca.fr)
- **Group Size:** Limited to 24 students per semester – reserve your place quickly!

Join U.E. STAR and transform your academic exchange experience into an extraordinary academic and cultural adventure in Auvergne!

Courses taught in English

An adequate knowledge of the French language may be required as classes are taught mainly in French. The University also proposes a vast range of courses taught in English. The exchange students can enroll for classes in English in the following departments.

<https://www.uca.fr/international/venir-a-l-uca/je-suis-etudiant/etudier-dans-le-cadre-d-un-programme-d-echange/cours-en-anglais/>

School of Management



POLYTECH - Engineering graduate School



Law School



Institute of Computer Science



School of Economics



Faculty of Letters, Culture and Human Sciences



Faculty of Languages, Cultures and Communication:

- International Business with French
- Information & Communication
- European Studies in English
- Applicable foreign languages



Faculty of Science and Technology of Physical and Sports Activities



Libraries

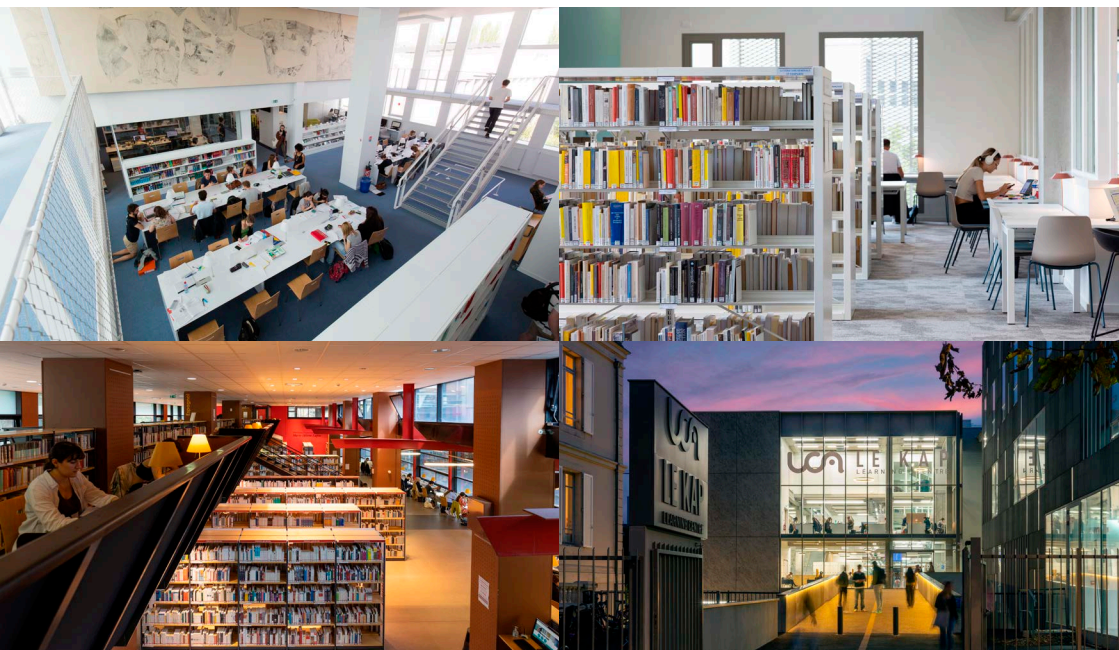
The network of university libraries in Clermont-Ferrand consists of 12 libraries spread across the city and various regional sites. Three major libraries, located in and around the city center, welcome you from Monday to Saturday with extended opening hours. Designed to meet the documentary needs of the entire academic community, these libraries are also spaces for discovery, discussion, and culture, hosting exhibitions, conferences, and events. Our teams are here to assist you with your research and facilitate access to documentation.

Our Services:

- Access to over one million documents
- 70 databases covering various fields of academic research
- Online catalog and virtual library available 24/7
- Training sessions on research methods, bibliography management, and open science
- Free registration with the Clermont-Ferrand public library network
- Regular exhibitions and conferences
- On-demand document scanning service
- Book and article purchase suggestions, plus interlibrary loans (including international)
- Extended opening hours to fit your schedule
- Stay updated on Instagram and Bluesky
- Librarians available to assist you in person and online
- Copiers and printers available in our libraries

 bu.uca.fr

 <https://bu.uca.fr/bibliotheques/les-bu>



DAILY LIFE



Transport

Buses and tramway: T2C (Transports de Clermont)

 www.t2c.fr



The tram goes across the city from the North to the South and serves around 35 stops. The ticket is valid for buses and tram, it costs 1.60€ and remains valid for 70 minutes. If you're intending to use public transport all year long it's advisable to buy the T2C yearly season ticket. Students aged under 26 benefit from a 50% discount.

Trains: SNCF (Société Nationale des Chemins de Fers/ National Society of railroads)

 www.sncf-connect.com



The SNCF has two stations in Clermont-Ferrand; one situated next to the city centre while the other one is in the zone of la Pardieu. SNCF offers specific discounts for students such as the carte Avantage Jeune 12-27.

Flights : Aulnat (CFE) Clermont-Ferrand Airport

 www.clermont-aeroport.com

The airport is situated at the periphery of Clermont-Ferrand. You can book international flights from Clermont. The airport is accessible via car, train or bus.

Carpools

 www.blablacar.fr

Offers the opportunity to travel at a low price and meet people at the same time.

Taxis

 www.taxiradio-clermontferrand.fr
 www.taxi63.fr

Taxis are available but contrary to the Anglo-Saxon system, the price is often very expensive...

How to open a bank account?

Why do you need to open a French bank account?

If you plan to stay in France for more than three months, it's highly recommended to open a bank account in a French bank. Indeed, many organisations such as the CAF or the French Health insurance (Sécurité Sociale) only grant you money via bank transfers. Furthermore, opening a bank account allows you to get a cheque book or/and a debit card.

Opening conditions

In order to open a bank account it is imperative that you supply the following documents:

- A valid identity card or a passport
- A residence permit or a receipt (except for European students)
- A proof of domicile (electricity bill, a receipt for rent payment, proof of residence)

How to find a bank?

Before following any procedures, inquire at your main bank in your home country if they have a partnership with a French bank which would simplify your arrangements. If it's not the case, be careful to compare the differences

between various banks. Indeed some of them offer preferential rates to students (half price services, loyalty points). Once you've made your choice, contact the bank and make sure to deposit the minimum required in your new bank account. You generally get your cheque book and debit card a few days after the opening of your account.

French characteristics

The debit card is not free (you have to pay between 60€ and 120€ per year). Cheque books are often free but some banks can make you pay for it. Cheques are sometimes necessary to pay your rent, bills, deposit etc. Make sure to always keep another means of payment on you.

How to find a job?

Legislation and principles

Foreign students are allowed to find paid employment regarding their visa. Make sure your visa permits you to work while in France, by contacting the préfecture.

The contract of employment between the student and the employer must be in writing and must be signed at the latest on the first day of work.

Student jobs

You can go directly to organisations that specialise in student job offers such as.



University Health Service (SSU)

The "Service de Santé Universitaire" (SSU) offers free consultations in the following fields: general medicine, gynaecology, infirmary facilities, vaccination services, free tests for HIV and hepatitis C, psychological help, psychotherapy for any student in distress...

This service is free of charge (medicine preventive)

 25, rue Etienne Dolet
63037 Clermont-Ferrand
Tel. 00 33 (0)4 73 34 97 20

 <https://sante.uca.fr/>

University Sports (SUAPS)

For this new academic year, the SUAPS is ready to welcome you and offer you a multitude of leisure sports activities and outdoor outings. You can sign up for two activities until the end of September and from the month of October, you will be able to add activities.

A team of teachers : Ten teachers of physical and sports Education and many individual contractors are responsible for organising and framing the proposed sports activities.

A service : Service available to the students but also to the staff of the universities.

A panel of sports activities : More than thirty proposed activities. Varied practice times (evening, day, lunch, weekend)



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63000 Clermont-Ferrand

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suaps.uca.fr

University Culture Service (SUC)

The cultural Service of the UCA & Associates, is an area of artistic practices, workshops and internships, aimed primarily at students.

It implements the university cultural policy for singular encounters with art. It is also a place of passage from the Act to reflection. Interface between research, teaching and creation, it is involved in the cultural life of the city through a network of partners and actions.



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