

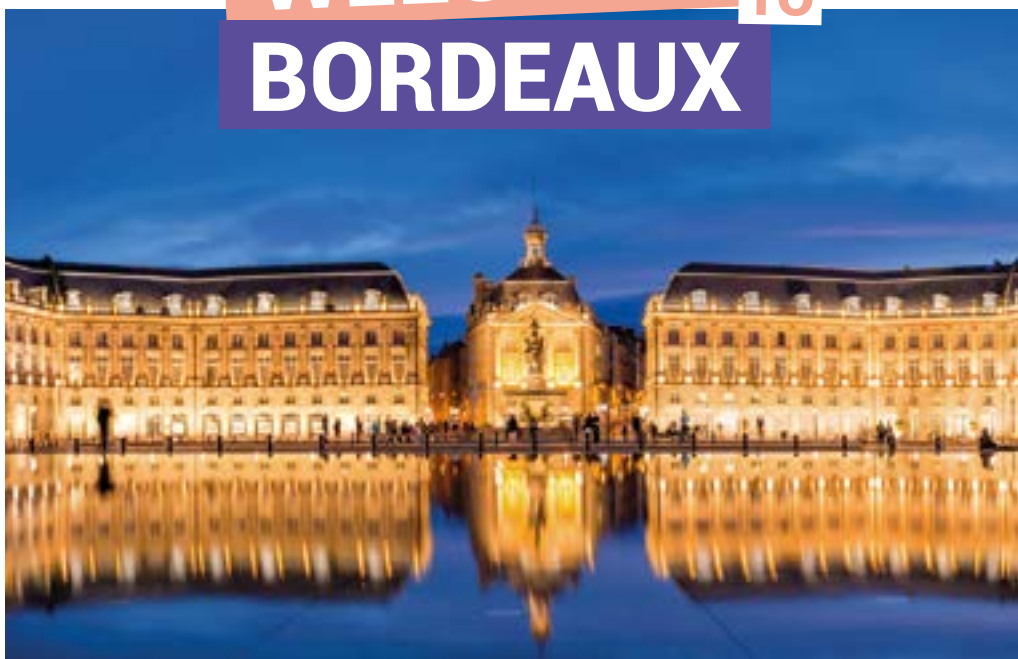


**DISCOVER  
YOUR CITY**



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

**WELCOME TO  
BORDEAUX**





- **The CRIJ** (Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse, or Regional Youth Information Center) of **Nouvelle Aquitaine** offers free classified ads on its website:

<http://logements.pourlesjeunes.com>

- **The City of Bordeaux** provides practical information about accommodations for young people and students: <http://www.bordeaux.fr/> > Bordeaux et vous > Jeunes et étudiants

## A FEW TIPS

### ◆ Short-term housing:

- **The Bordeaux Youth Hostel**, located near the train station and the historic city center.  
Address: 22 cours Barbey, 33000 Bordeaux  
Contact: 05 56 33 00 70  
Site: <http://www.auberge-jeunesse-bordeaux.com/>

- **For other types of temporary residences, use the search engine on the Bordeaux Tourist Office**, which includes all types of accommodations at all price levels:  
<https://www.bordeaux-tourisme.com/> > Préparer son séjour > Hébergements

### ◆ Long-term housing

- **Private Housing Platforms**  
**Most of the institutions of higher learning in Bordeaux belong to Studapart**, a private accommodations platform: [www.studapart.com](http://www.studapart.com)

Other offers for student lodging, managed by private organisms, are also available in Bordeaux.  
Try these sites:

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

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

## GETTING AROUND BORDEAUX



**The easiest way to get to Bordeaux from Paris** is to take the train: 2hrs by TGV (high-speed train).

**To get to the Université de Bordeaux campus**, consult the practical information on the web site: <https://www.u-bordeaux.fr> > Campus > Vie pratique

**To get to the other institutions**, you will find information on your host institution's web site.



**If you arrive at Bordeaux international airport**, take the 30-minute shuttle to Saint-Jean train station: <https://30direct.com/>



In the city and its surrounding areas, you are eligible for the student fare on public transport (trams, bus, river transport) of the TBM network, which manages public transport in the Bordeaux metropolitan area: <https://www.infotbm.com/fr>

There are regional trains for getting around the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region: <https://www.ter.sncf.com/nouvelle-aquitaine>  
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  
- national website: <https://www.blablacar.fr>  
- regional website: <https://covoiturage.transgironde.fr/>



To be more independent, **you can rent a bike from V3**, the Bordeaux bike-share system: <https://www.infotbm.com/> > Titres et Tarifs > Les abonnements > Pass V<sup>3</sup>

• Other solutions available on the Campus France site: [www.campusfrance.org](http://www.campusfrance.org) > Getting Organized > Accommodation

◆ **Visale provides a free service for students who need** a co-signer (guarantor) to secure housing: [www.visale.fr](http://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](http://www.caf.fr)

## **FIRST THINGS FIRST /**

### 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 validate your enrollment with the institution's Service de la Scolarité (Admissions) as soon as you arrive.

### RESIDENCE PERMIT (TITRE DE SÉJOUR)

#### ◆ Information

• With the Cellule carte de séjour (Resident Card unit) at the Université de Bordeaux.

**At the start of the academic year, from end September to end December, a one-stop desk for student residence permits (Cellule Carte de Séjour) is set up in coordination with the Préfecture.**

Address: 166 cours de l'Argonne, 33000 Bordeaux.

Contact: [accueil.etudiants@u-bordeaux.fr](mailto:accueil.etudiants@u-bordeaux.fr)

Website: <https://www.u-bordeaux.fr> > International > Venir à Bordeaux > Etudiants internationaux > Informations pratiques > Carte de séjour Etudiant

• **At your institution's Service des Relations Internationales.**

• **At the Gironde Prefecture (Bordeaux).**

Address: Préfecture, Direction des migrations et de l'intégration, Esplanade Charles de Gaulle, 33000 Bordeaux

Contact: 05 56 90 60 60

Site: <http://33.accueil-etrangers.gouv.fr/>

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

[www.service-public.fr](http://www.service-public.fr) > Etranger > 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 170 bank agencies located in Bordeaux.

In France, opening a bank account is a right:  
[www.service-public.fr](http://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 and nurses who can give personalized advice about health and prevention.

**This is the case in Bordeaux, where two sites of the Student Health Clinic (Espace santé étudiants) are open to all students:**

• **Espace santé étudiants - Pessac**

22 avenue Pey-Berland, 33600 Pessac

Contact: 05 33 51 42 00

• **Espace santé étudiants - Bordeaux Victoire Campus**

3 place de la Victoire, 33000 Bordeaux

Contact: 05 57 57 19 07

Site: <https://www.u-bordeaux.fr> > campus > espace santé étudiants

## SIGN UP FOR 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** 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 to be seized! 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

• **the Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse** (Regional Youth Information Center) of Nouvelle Aquitaine posts classified ads on its website:

<http://jobs.pourlesjeunes.com/>



## THINGS TO DO IN BORDEAUX /

### TAKE UP A SPORT

• **In Bordeaux**, you can also find a sports activity among the sports disciplines offered by the city, at the site: <http://www.bordeaux.fr/> > Découvrir et sortir

> Sports et loisirs

## 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:

- To learn more, visit the following sites:

[www.animafac.net](http://www.animafac.net) or

[www.letudiant.fr](http://www.letudiant.fr)

The ESN Bordeaux association (International Exchange Students) organizes events to promote the integration of international students:

<https://www.facebook.com/ErasmusBdx/>

## GAINING CULTURE AND PARTYING

• Bordeaux offers many ways to cultivate yourself or party. Movie theaters, concerts, theaters, operas, museums, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students: <http://www.bordeaux.fr/> > Découvrir et sortir > Culture

### For entertainment or to pick up some culture in Bordeaux, you can choose from:

- a dozen movie theaters in the Bordeaux metropolitan area, including multiplexes (student rates, rewards cards) and two arthouse movie theaters: the Utopia in Bordeaux and Cinéma Jean-Eustache in Pessac.

- 11 major museums, including two scientific museums: the Musée de Bordeaux (Natural History Museum) and the Université Bordeaux Montaigne's Musée d'Ethnographie (Museum of Ethnography).

In Bordeaux, the city's museums are free on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month (excluding July and August). The **Pass'Musées** also allows you to visit museums at reduced rates:

<http://www.bordeaux.fr/> > Découvrir et sortir > Culture > Musées > Pass Musées Bordeaux

- about 30 auditoriums (Bordeaux Metro area), including the Grand Théâtre, one of the world's most beautiful theatres, opened in 1780:

<https://www.opera-bordeaux.com/> > L'Opéra

> Les salles > Le Grand Théâtre de Bordeaux

- 15 bookshops, including Librairie Mollat, which is the largest independent bookshop in France, founded in 1896!

- a network of 8 municipal libraries and a portal of 60 media centers:

<http://www.bordeaux.fr/> > Découvrir et sortir > Culture > Lecture et bibliothèques

In Bordeaux, for going out or staying abreast of events, read **the leading regional daily paper**, Sud Ouest, available in newsstands or on the Internet:

<https://www.sudouest.fr/>

You can also check out the cultural **agenda** of the Tourist Office: <https://www.bordeaux-tourisme.com>

> A voir à faire > Agenda des événements



### Bordeaux's historic city center has been registered in the UNESCO World Heritage List since 2007.

- Old Bordeaux, an architectural ensemble of 18<sup>th</sup> century buildings.
- Quartier Saint-Pierre, in the historic city center, with its old picturesque streets.
- Place de la Bourse, a beautiful, horseshoe-shaped square, and the "Miroir d'Eau" or reflecting pool next to it.
- Quartier and Quai des Chartrons, the old district for Bordeaux's wine merchants along the River Garonne.
- Cité du Vin, housed in a futuristic building, for an interactive, sensorial journey through the world of wine (drink with moderation!).
- Musée d'Art Contemporain de Bordeaux (CAPC), or Contemporary Art Museum, housed in renovated warehouses.
- Saint-André Cathedral, with its separate bell tower, Tour Pey-Berland.
- Musée d'Aquitaine, or Aquitaine Museum, one of the largest regional history museums in France.
- Jardin Public, or Botanical Gardens, a green space in the heart of the city.

**For more information, consult the Tourist Office website:** <https://www.bordeaux-tourisme.com>

> Discover Bordeaux > Must See



## IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

### MARCH

- Carnaval des Deux-rives, a fun, festive occasion.

### APRIL

- **Journées des Arts et de la Culture (JACES)**, Art and Culture Days to highlight cultural and artistic accomplishments in higher learning.
- **Moissons d'avril**, a festival of student creations, organized by Université de Bordeaux: <https://www.u-bordeaux.fr/> > Actualités > Moissons d'avril 2019
- Bordeaux Marathon: 20,000 runners in the city center and neighboring vineyards.

### MAY

- **Pint of Science**, a European initiative for learning about research in atypical venues.
- The Nuit Européenne des Musées (European Museum Night), an occasion to visit museums differently (and for free).

### JUNE

- Fête de la Musique: Music everywhere in town (free concerts).
- Bordeaux fête le vin (Bordeaux Wine Festival) / Bordeaux fête le fleuve (Bordeaux River Festival): these two festivals are organized in even and odd years, respectively, with a number of popular events and activities.

### JULY - AUGUST

- Quai des Sports, free sports activities on the quays.

### SEPTEMBER

- **Les Campulsations**, a student festival in September, organized by CROUS of Bordeaux Aquitaine: <http://www.crous-bordeaux.fr/> > Culture > Les Campulsations
- Les Journées du Patrimoine (Heritage days), free visits of cultural venues.

### OCTOBER

- **Students of the World Night**, guided tours to different spots in the city, consulting and information with student associations.
- **Fête de la Science** in the University laboratories.
- FAB, the Bordeaux International Arts Festival (theater, dance, performance art, circus acts, music and visual arts).



**& SHARE PARTICIPATE**

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

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



## THINGS TO KNOW

**Bordeaux Metropolitan area:**

**760,000** residents

**City of Bordeaux:**

**250,000** residents

**No. 1** CITY IN THE REGION

**9<sup>th</sup>** LARGEST CITY IN FRANCE

**BORDEAUX,**

SEAT OF THE GIRONDE

DEPARTMENT,

and capital city of the

Nouvelle Aquitaine Region,

the largest French Region

with 12 departments

**NOUVELLE-  
AQUITAINE  
REGION,**

**7<sup>th</sup>** FRENCH  
REGION

in terms of hosting  
foreign students  
(21,000 international  
students)



**Bordeaux:**

**92,000**

students

including **13%**  
international students



**BORDEAUX** RANKED 9<sup>th</sup> (out of 44) AMONG FRENCH UNIVERSITY TOWNS  
AS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND STUDY (awarded by L'Étudiant 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/nouvelle-aquitaine-554>

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