

THINGS TO KNOW

SAINT-ÉTIENNE,

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

SAINT-ÉTIENNE METROPOLITAN AREA:

400,000 residents

CITY OF SAINT-ÉTIENNE:

170,000 residents

AUVERGNE RHÔNE-ALPES REGION,

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

Université Jean-Monnet de Saint-Étienne:

20,000 students,

including **3,200** international
students,

6 doctorate-awarding schools,

33 research units



**SAINT-ÉTIENNE, RANKED 25th OUT OF 44 FRENCH CITIES
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Campus France will guide
you through your first steps in
France and **exploring
Saint-Étienne**, your new
home.

WELCOME TO

SAINT-ÉTIENNE



ARRIVING IN SAINT-ÉTIENNE /

♦ One-stop Desk, the *Students Welcome Desk*

From end August to end October, a *Students Welcome Desk* is open for international students to provide different services:

- one-stop for residence permits with the Prefecture services (1st time applications and renewals).
- assistance in putting together the administrative files.
- housing assistance.

Address: Espace Info Jeunes,
6 rue de la Résistance, 42100 Saint-Étienne.
Hours: end August to end October, Monday to Friday,
10am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm.

♦ A Mission for Welcoming International Audiences

In Saint-Étienne, at Jean-Monnet University, the Mission d'Accueil des Publics Internationaux (MAPI), or the project for making international students welcome, is open year-round, and also has the task of helping and supporting foreign audiences (students, doctoral students, and researchers) when they arrive in Saint-Étienne.

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

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

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

Learn more:



- The **International Student Guide** (bilingual English/ French):
<https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr>
> International > Etudiant international > Vie Pratique > Guide

- MAPI presentation form:

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

- **Jean-Monnet University site:**

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

♦ Sponsors

You can be assisted by a sponsor in Saint-Étienne!

In some schools (for example, Télécom Saint-Étienne or Ecole des Mines), a student mentoring program has been put in place. Contact your school's International Relations Department.

♦ Your Higher Learning Institution

Depending on the institution, two information services are available:

- International Relations Department (welcome and orientation desk)
- the Admissions Department (enrollment and administrative procedures office)

♦ National Services

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

HOUSING IN SAINT-ÉTIENNE /

In Saint-Étienne, there are numerous solutions for finding lodging: the housing park reserved for students and managed by CROUS, student and private residences, and housing in private homes. What's most important is to take care of this as early as possible, before your arrival.

• **Jean-Monnet University** gives advice and tips for finding housing:

<https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr> > international > etudiant international > vie pratique > logement

• **The CRIJ, Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse, Info-Jeunes**, the regional youth information center for Auvergne Rhône - Alpes publishes classified ads:

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



• **The City of Saint-Étienne** publishes a guide, *Se Loger à Saint-Étienne*, with lots of information and addresses to help you in your rental housing search: <http://www.Saint-Étienne.fr> > sainté et vous > jeunesse > vie quotidienne > L'aide à la démarche locative

A FEW TIPS

♦ For short-term lodging

• **The Centre International de Séjour André Wogenscky**, a youth hostel located in the heart of the city center.

Address: 14 bis rue de Roubaix,
42000 Saint-Étienne.

Contact: 04 77 45 54 72.

Site: <https://www.cis-st-etienne.com/>

• **Other types of residences:** use the Saint-Étienne Visitor Center site's search engine which has a listing of all housing types:

<https://www.Saint-Étienne-hors-cadre.fr> >

s'organiser > dormir

♦ Long-term housing

• **CLOUS student housing, the Saint-Étienne Centre Local des Œuvres Universitaires**, the Regional Center for University Services, is a local branch of the Lyon CROUS.

Address: 11 rue Tréfilerie, 42000 Saint-Étienne.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Contact: 04 77 81 85 50.

The Lyon CROUS site: <http://www.crous-lyon.fr/>

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

• **Private Housing Platforms**

- www.studapart.com: A platform listing private accommodations which work with a Saint-Etienne establishment.

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

- <https://www.adele.org/>

- <https://www.location-etudiant.fr/>

- <https://www.immojeune.com/>

- <https://housinganywhere.com/fr/>

• There is also a **site managed by the CROUS, Lokaviz**, which includes a listing of student accommodations in private homes:

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

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

• **Other solutions available on the Campus France site:** www.campusfrance.org > s'organiser > logement

♦ If you need a guarantor to secure your lodging

Visale is a new and free guarantor system:
www.visale.fr

♦ If you want to apply for the APL (Aide Personnalisée au Logement -personalized housing aid)

The CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales - family allowances fund) is available to assess your rights: 08.10.29.29.29 or www.caf.fr

♦ If you need housing adapted to your special needs

Contact the CROUS Social Services which will take action with your institution.

Some establishments have specialized services for special-needs students (housing assistance and also transportation and tuition).

Jean-Monnet University in Saint-Étienne has put in place an **Disabilities Welcome Bureau** which is available and attentive to students with special needs: <https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr> > vie étudiante > études et handicap

GETTING AROUND SAINT-ÉTIENNE



To get to Saint-Étienne, Châteaueux train station, you can take a direct train from Paris (3 hours): <https://www.oui.sncf/>



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



To get to Jean-Monnet University campus from the train station, take Tramway T3 Châteaueux - Bellevue and stop at: Campus Tréfilerie.



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



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



For car-pooling, refer to the collaborative websites:

- local site <https://movici.auvergnerhonealpes.fr/>
- national website: <https://www.blablacar.fr>



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

ENROLLMENT IN YOUR INSTITUTION

◆ CVEC

It is mandatory that you download proof of payment of the Contribution Vie Etudiante et de Campus (CVEC) – the student and campus life contribution fee before you can enroll in your institution.

- Log in at: <https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>

- For additional information and special cases: <https://www.campusfrance.org/s'organiser> > 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

◆ Information

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

Address: Espace Info Jeunes,
6 rue de la Résistance, 42100 Saint-Étienne.
Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 1:00pm
and 2:00pm to 18:00pm.

• **At the Mission d'Accueil des Publics Internationaux (MAPI) the rest of the year.**

Address: Direction de l'International, 2^e étage,
21 rue Denis Papin, 42100 Saint-Étienne
Hours: Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 12:30pm and
1:30pm to 5pm, and Fridays, 8:30am to 12pm.

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

Address: 2 rue Charles de Gaulle,
42000 Saint-Étienne.
Hours (Residence Permit Department): Monday,
Wednesday, and Friday, from 9:00am to 11:30am
and from 1:00pm to 3:30pm.
Contact: 04.77.48.48.48, Monday to Friday, 7:30am
to 7:30pm, and interactive vocal server 24/7:
04 77 48 45 54.

<http://www.loire.gouv.fr> > prefecture de
Saint-Étienne

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



EVERYDAY LIFE /

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

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

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

HEALTH CARE

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

Connect to the
<https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr> **site to**
register, to understand your rights, and to take
the necessary steps.

Learn more:

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > S'organiser > Santé

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

INSURE YOUR HOME

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.

Learn more:

www.smerra.fr

www.assistance-etudiants.com

www.assurances-etudiants.com

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SAMU: 15 Emergency Medical Services

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

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

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

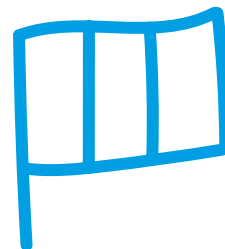
LEARNING FRENCH

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

3 addresses:

• **Internships:** Jean-Monnet University presents a very complete list of useful links to help you find an internship: <https://www.univ-st-etienne.fr> > formation > orientation/insertion > insertion professionnelle

• **Jobs:** the Saint-Étienne CRIJ (Info Jeunes Auvergne Rhône-Alpes, the regional youth information center) has a list of job postings available: <https://www.info-jeunes.fr/> > Emploi/Job
• **Student jobs:** find a student job that's compatible with your studies on the CROUS Jobaviz site: <http://www.jobaviz.fr/>



THINGS TO DO IN SAINT-ÉTIENNE /

PLAYING A SPORT

• Your school or university provides special access to sporting activities. Contact your institution's Sports department.

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

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

BE ACTIVE

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

Learn more:

- contact your school (Campus Life Bureau) for information.

- visit the pages reserved for campus associations on the Jean-Monnet University site, which counts over 50 associations in different domains:

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

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

GAINING CULTURE AND PARTYING

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

• In Saint Etienne, www.saintepass.fr is an Internet site which inventories all the best deals for young people! It allows you to take advantage of free cultural and sporting activities: Movie theaters, concerts, theaters, operas, sports matches, exhibitions, festivals, museums.

This service is for young people up to age 25. It is offered by the City of Saint-Étienne in partnership with 80 cultural and sports establishments.

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

• For entertainment or to pick up some culture, in Saint-Étienne, there are:

- 4 movie theaters with multiple screens (student rates, rewards program), including 1 art-house cinema, Le Méliès, and the municipal Film Library.
- 5 important museums (reduced student rates) including the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, with an important collection of contemporary works, and the Cité du Design. **Saint-Étienne is the French city designated "Creative city for design" by UNESCO:** <https://www.citedudesign.com/fr/home/>
- around ten performance halls, theaters, opera, and a **Center for Scientific, Technical, and Industrial Culture**, the Rotonda, installed within the Saint-Étienne École Nationale Supérieure des Mines (School of Mines).

- a dozen book stores, including an institution, Librairie de Paris, opened in 1961.
- 6 convenient media libraries, a network organized around the central media library:

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

• In Saint-Étienne, for going out or staying abreast of events, read **the leading regional daily paper**, Le Progrès, available in newsstands or on the Internet: <https://www.leprogres.fr/loire-42-actualite>

You can also check the very comprehensive **agenda** on the Saint-Étienne Métropole Visitor Center website: <http://Saint-Étiennetourisme.com/>

MUST-SEE PLACES /

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Learn (and see) more:

<http://Saint-Étiennetourisme.com/>



IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

- International Design Biennial, a major design event in France

- Festival des Curieux Voyageurs, the festival for curious travelers, a film festival for travelers and explorers with multiple events (reduced rates).

MAY

- **Fest'U, the city's unavoidable must-see university cultural event.**

- European Night of Museums: another way to discover museums, and for free.

JUNE

- Fête de la musique: music everywhere in town (free concerts).

- Trax, a dance festival for hip-hop in all its forms and styles.

JULY - AUGUST

- The *Couriot Before*, in the park located at the base of the Mining Museum. An open-air dance hall ambiance and musical events.

- Festival des 7 Collines, the 7 Hills multi-disciplinary festival centered on dance and the contemporary circus.

SEPTEMBER

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

- Journées du patrimoine (Heritage days), free visits of cultural venues.

OCTOBER

- **Science Festival**, in numerous venues throughout the city.

- **Science Village**, in the Saint-Étienne Rotonda, a space for playful exploration (events, exhibitions, performances).

NOVEMBER

- the SaintÉLyon, a night race between Saint Etienne and Lyon, the most important nature raid in France.

DECEMBER

- Saint Barbara Festival, a Saint-Étienne tradition with parade and fireworks (the Mining Museum has free visits on this occasion).

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



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

Remember to sign up on the **France alumni** network to take part in discussion groups on various subjects, take advantage of cultural outings, and consult job and internship offers.

