

Welcome Guide for international students – 2019/2020

Useful information before, during and after arrival at Nice

ACCESS TO SCHOOL

You can find here different ways to access the campus, located at 1 chemin du Val Fleuri,
06800 Cagnes-sur-Mer :



BY PLANE

Nice International Airport
+ Bus
Stop : Val Fleuri



BY TRAIN

Stop : Cros de Cagnes
+ 5 minutes walking
(approximately 600m)



BY BUS/TRAMWAY

<https://www.lignesdazur.com/>

Stop : Val Fleuri
(In front of the school)



BY VELO BLEU (bike renting at Nice and Cagnes-sur-Mer)

Station n°317
+ 5min walking
(approximately 450m)

Information about housing is probably the most important one for you. There is a big section starting on page 4. Here's some other information first, which is partly related to housing.

1. French housing



When you rent a flat or student accommodation in France, private or public, the landlord requires the signature of a third person, to grant for your ability to pay the rent monthly. This is an issue for international students, because most of the time they don't have someone in France who would sign this paper for them. It needs to be a relative or very good friend/colleague. VISALE is a deposit granted by Action Logement for international students, to cover the guarantee situation. It doesn't cost anything, it is only some paperwork to be done. **Please proceed before arrival.**

Conditions:

- ✓ Being between 18 and 30 years old: with any professional situation.
- ✓ Being over 30 years old and employed by a private or agricultural company
- ✓ The rent charge does not exceed 1300 euros
- ✓ The accommodation is not covered by other guarantees (personal guarantee or insurance)
- ✓ In case of roommates, VISALE is individualized for each roommate.

A) VISALE application

- ✓ I create my personal space on www.visale.fr in "My VISALE space"
- ✓ I fill in my information and download my documents.
- ✓ I validate my application online.
- ✓ I can follow my file at any time.

B) I get my VISALE

- ✓ After verification, Action Logement issues you a certified visa.
- ✓ I am informed by email or SMS of its availability.
- ✓ I download it from my personal space.

C) I give my VISALE to my future landlord

- ✓ My landlord verifies the authenticity of my visale via his personal space.
- ✓ He applies for a Visale online, and by accepting this contract, he has a free and secure guarantee.
- ✓ You can sign the lease together safely.

2. Banking

Having a French bank account will be substantial for you. In many occasions you'll be asked your French bank account reference (R.I.B. = relevé d'identité bancaire): paying your rent, paying insurances, getting back your deposit from the residence, demanding housing aid (CAF), etc.

The SDS has an agreement with the French bank BNP. If you open your account there, it is free of cost & fees. Of course, you are free to open a bank account at any other bank.

Your bank account needs to remain active until one month after your stay, because the deposit of the residence will not be paid back earlier.

The BNP bank is at 2 Boulevard Victor Hugo, 06000 Nice (downtown, take bus n°9, direction Garibaldi, get off the bus at “Longchamp”. Walk 2 minutes). If you decide to take an account there, we can arrange an appointment for you with an English-speaking officer.

3. Insurances

Mandatory insurances in France:

- ✓ **Housing insurance** (about 29€ for 6 months)

The residence and any other private landlord will require a certificate of housing insurance from you. You must have an insurance for your house, so you have to go on the website : <https://logement.heyeme.care/>.

- ✓ **Strongly recommended:** social liability insurance, about 13€/year. <https://heyeme.care/fr/assurance/responsabilite-civile>

- ✓ **Health insurance:**

You have the choice to either have your own health insurance from your home country, or you may enrol for the French social security system. This is for free and will pay partly your medical costs here in France. If you wish 100% coverage, you need an additional private insurance. More information in. Subscription to social security : www.etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr

Additional health insurance for full cover: <https://heyeme.care/fr/mutuelle/>

4. Local transportation

Bus/tramway: You'll use the local transport system quite often: to get to the campus or to go to the city. There's a flat rate of about 20€ per month, if you're between 19 and 25 years old. Plus 8€ at the first payment

(administrative costs). Timetables are here: <https://www.lignesdazur.com/>. The office, where you can purchase your monthly ticket, is near the BNP bank.

Train/Zou bus: If you choose the train system to travel between Nice and Cagnes, you can buy a “Pass ZOU! Etudes” <https://www.ter.sncf.com/sud-provence-alpes-cote-d-azur/offres/cartes-abonnements/nouveau-zou-etudes>

This pass includes all trips between your accommodation and Cagnes sur Mer, for as often as you like. Other trips in the entire region of Sud-Provence-Alpes-Côte-d’Azur are also included via the website “billet gratuit” <https://www.ter.sncf.com/sud-provence-alpes-cote-d-azur/offres/cartes-abonnements/nouveau-zou-etudes>.

The cost of the Pass Zou is 110€.

Bike: At Nice you can rent shared bikes. “Vélo Bleu” <https://www.velobleu.org/> You'll need a French credit card for this and a French cell phone. Then it's really easy.

5. To bring with you

To get all the administrative issues done smoothly, please bring along to France:

- ✓ several copies of your passport (the page with the picture) and of your visa

- ✓ several passport size photographs (about 10)
- ✓ banking information from your bank account at home (SWIFT, IBAN, etc)
- ✓ the translation into FRENCH of your birth certificate, if you wish to apply for housing funding and to enrol for the free French health insurance.

6. CVEC

The CVEC does not concern exchange students.

This is the « student and campus life contribution » which must be paid before your inscription in a school. The amount is 91 euros. You have to pay it, by card, on www.cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr

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HOUSING :

There are many ways to find a house in Nice and its surroundings. There is no on-campus student housing at The SDS. Most of our students live at Nice downtown, which is easy to reach by train (15min) or by bus and tramway (45 min). You can either choose to rent a room in a public student residence (Crous), which are cheap, but not all very comfortable (small rooms and some are not very modern. For the modern ones it is hard to get a room, but it's worth a try.).

Here below are links and indications.

My suggestion: get in touch with our current exchange students. Some have rented rooms from private landlords, and you may take over the apartment. Some share flats, some live alone – all really depends on your budget. In any case: The SDS will assist you and help you getting a place to stay.



The SDS has an agreement with public student housing at the residence Jean Médecin,

based at **25 Rue Robert Latouche, 06200 Nice**: <https://www.crous-nice.fr/logement/jean-medecin/>

How to book ?

To obtain accommodation for the Crous you must first create a **dossier social étudiant (DSE). Instructions on request (Inken).**

When you create it, check the box "I apply for housing". Then, complete your request in parallel by going to:
<https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr>.

Prices

218 € for a 9m², non-renovated and 249€ for a renovated room.

Prices at other residences:

For more informations, you can always visit : www.crous-nice.fr



There is another alternative to student residences. You can always find a private house or room from the LOKAVIZ platform. www.lokaviz.fr

These accommodations have single rooms, apartments for rent collocation, or apartments to live alone. The site includes many houses verified by the CROUS, near the school. There are ads on Nice, but also on Cagnes sur mer ! To find the ads, just enter the location of your choice.

Private residence “Les Estudines” located near the sea and shops, and only 20 minutes from the school.



Les Estudines Méditerranée

37 Avenue de la Bornala – 06200 Nice

Phone : 09 69 39 08 98

E-mail : centralereservation@estudines.com

Prices : discount of 5% for The SDS students

Qualities of this residences

- ✓ Private apartment, fully equipped, with kitchen
- ✓ Recent residences, pleasant and functional
- ✓ Comfortable and bright studios
- ✓ Free and unlimited Wi-Fi Internet in all apartments
- ✓ Car park
- ✓ Easy access to transport

How to book

Online: www.estudines.com

1. Choose résidence Méditerranée
2. Fill out the booking form by clicking on « Réserver »
3. Send to the adress in the confirmation e-mail.

House Size	Monthly Rent	Costs	Security Deposit
Between 17 and 28 m ²	Between 399 and 610€ (discount of 5% for SDS student)	Between 221 and 364€	1 month rent
Between 24 and 37 m ²	Between 690 and 715€ (discount of 5% for SDS student)	Between 312 and 479€	1 month rent

Private Housing offers for The SDS students

Some private landlords contact us directly to rent their property. Please request information from us if you're interested.

Very often international students find accommodation through AirBnB, by negotiating a long-period stay. This is very common. Landlords are often willing to rent their vacation flats to students during the winter season, as the touristic season at Nice is only mid-June to mid-September.

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DRAWING MATERIALS : while studying at The SDS you'll have some drawing classes. Please make sure to bring with you the required material. You'll probably have most of these already.

For everybody :

- 1 connector computer/video projector
- 1 pile of STICKY NOTES
- White Blu Tack (Patafix)
- Tube glue
- Ream of paper A4 and A3.
- 1 hard disc or key USB.

Rough, everybody :

- 1 paper block Layout A3 (Sholershammer or Canson)
- 1 role of tracing paper for sketch (30g or 40g)
- 1 BIC pen orange in black (carbide tip)
- Colouring pencils (best, but expensive : Derwent Artist) or 4 different ranges of grey.
- Colouring pencils of your choice (typical school pencils are sufficient)
- Some "Drawing Traces" with different shapes (pistolets Minerva..)
- 1 anti-stain ruler 50 cm
- 1 round trace and some ellipsis traces (Minerva or others)
- Some grey markers Charpack (or Pantones or others)
- Some colour markers, set of 10 different colours Charpack (or Pantones or others)
- Some dry pastels (not mandatory).
- 1 white pencil of good quality

Perspective drawing, 4th year

- 1 T Graph'it plexi graduated length 65 cm; Réf : 5---29587.
- 1 triangle 45° plexi graduated hypotenuse 20 cm; Réf : 21153.

- 1 triangle 60° plexi graduated hypotenuse 32 cm; Réf : 5---21158.
- 1 compass type "Noris Club" Staedler length 15.6 cm; Réf : 55002
- 3 mine pencils 0.5 mm, black (hard mine), red and blue.
- 1 eraser.
- 1 set of technical drawing paper Canson A3 (29.7x42 cm) 160g; Réf : 13271
- 1 ream of paper A4.
- BIC pen yellow (mini 10).
- 1 felt pen black fine tip (Paper mate Flair M / mini. 5)

Watercolour, 3rd year

- 3 primary colours: Schmincke, tubes of 15ml: yellow pure N° 216, red magenta N° 352, blue phtalo N° 484
- paper: watercolour paper block 30x40cm, fine grain (for example Etival-Clairefontaine, 300g).
- 1 plastic palette (ref 23159), with a large mixing space and round pans
- 2 brushes: medium size, mixed hair recommended (sable hair and synthetics). Ref:
DA VINCI COSMOTOP (set 5530, sable hair and synthetics), N° 8
DA VINCI COSMOTOP (set 5530, sable hair and synthetics), N° 12
or AQUAFINE synthetic fibre round tip, Daler-Rowney N°12 (réf. 80778)
- cloths: minimum 3 pieces of absorbent cloth (from an old bed sheet for ex)
- cup: for water
- grey pencil 3B
- 1 art eraser
- 1 blackstone pencil 2B (or a black colour pencil)

Story board, 3rd year

- paper A4
- paper format raisin
- pencil
- mine pencil
- eraser
- black felt pen
- ruler 30 cm

Prototyping, everybody :

- protection masks type FFP3

- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 cutter or X-Acto
- 1 ruler 20 or 30 cm (small metallic ruler - 0,5 mm indications)
- 1 hot glue gun + hot melt glue sticks
- 1 cutter + spare blades
- 1 scalpel
- 1 paper pencil + block of white paper
- 1 non-repositionable spray glue bomb

Drawing :

3rd and 4th year

- 8 sheets of paper format raisin
- 1 range of graphite pencils (range of grey from 4H to 6B)
- 1 cutter
- White Blu Tack
- colour pencils
- paper in other sizes
- gouache
- brushes

LE GÉANT
DES BEAUX-ARTS 
Magasin de Nice - 20 rue Gubernatis



***Students buy the material at Le Géant des beaux-arts, with special prices for The SDS members.
Important: it might be necessary to purchase more material in the course of the year.***

PLANNING 2019-2020

The SDS : Academic Calendar 2019-2020																														
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