We are “Welc’home”, the student organisation from the sds for exchange students. We developed a guidebook to help you to prepare your stay at Nice.
Hi!

We are happy to welcome you at the SDS! We will be your buddies during your exchange semester, if you have any questions or requests please contact us!

Come as you are! And let’s get in touch!

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Dear incoming student,

the Sustainable Design School at Nice is looking forward to be the place of your international experience. The mixture of nationalities on our campus is a major part of our identity. For us it’s important that you become a part of the school community!

Welcome to the SDS!
France, Nice
France got a very strong multicultural identity, the culture is an important point for us, and we like to share that, we like to share our way of life, our way of cooking (really good food) and for sure our way of enjoying life! You can easily travel and visit different places in France, like Lyon, Marseille or even Bretagne. And for sure you can go to Paris by plane, it will take 1 hour to go there.
Nice

Nice is just between the sea and the mountains, you can practice a lot of outdoor sports and discover different aspects of nature! It’s a young city where you can go out easily in the old town, it’s a cultural place too where you can find beautiful architecture. And obviously you can take the road on the sea side and go to visit all the places near to Nice like Monaco, Villefranche or Cannes.
The SDS values and teaching
Welcome to the SDS

The SDS is a sustainable design school. In all of the student and school projects, the human being is at the center of the project. We work with the principle of sustainable development. We propose solutions in product design, space design, service design and car design.

The SDS is based in The Crown which is a new complex composed of two buildings. The first is occupied by IBM on seven floors and the second is occupied by The Sustainable Design school on the ground floor and by EDF on the other floors.
“Thanks to the international students we become more open-minded!”
Julianne

“The cultural exchange is a source of inspiration”.
Mathis

“I don’t speak English very well but I know that the language will not be a difficulty.”
Lucie

“I can’t wait to share our experience.”
Vincent

“I really want to share our lifestyle!”
Ella

Testimonies of the students
Values of the SDS

- Experiment
- Sharing
- Curious
- Having fun
- Open-minded
- Humanism and empathy
- Awareness and responsibility
Partnership project

During the year, we work with major companies such as Renault, Amadeus or Hermes. Those companies propose partnerships with us in connection with the sustainable aspect. These projects last for three months during which we work together. It's the opportunity for you to face the realities of the world a head of you, change things and improving them.

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th levels are mixed: this allows each of us to contribute our ideas, to share our various experiences. Group work is essential to the philosophy of the SDS, because it creates a positive, open-minded work environment. Some students are engineers, graphic designers, others are space designers and this is makes up the richness of the school.
The program

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<td>Bacalauriat or equivalent University entrance qualification</td>
<td>1st year: Sustainable design, Upgrading drawing skills, Social sciences, Rapid prototyping, Rough 2D, 3D digital tools</td>
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<td>2nd year: Eco-conception, Process of design &amp; d.thinking, Virtual model, Social sciences, 2D, 3D digital tools, Drawing</td>
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<td>3rd year: Instruction dedicated to project, Sustainable innovation methodology, Culture of innovation and sustainable development, 2D, 3D numerical tools, Drawing, Internship, international exchange</td>
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<td>4th year: Instruction dedicated to project, Culture of innovation and sustainable development, 2D, 3D digital tools, Drawing, Internship, international exchange, Thesis (manuscript and multimedia)</td>
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<td>After completion of BTS in Design or Secondary level+2 years, 2 years University level, technical degree</td>
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The instructors

Coming from different and complementary fields, the teaching staff is international. Passionate and enthusiastic about giving their time to transmit their experience. The educators take pleasure in accompanying students.
Practical information
Essential for you

- Think of getting an international phone subscription before you come in France, until we help you to obtain a French number.
- You will have to subscribe and pay for student health service.
- Passport
  Visa’s copy
- We are here to help you to find housing. You will need a guarantor to ensure payment of the rent, if you don’t have one we can help you for that too!

To have an apartment, you will need a bank account in France. It’s easy to open one, but we will help you for that too!

Good to know
Find accommodation in Nice

The price of a room at the crous residence Jean-Medecin is 380 €, it’s basically the place where the other internationals students are going.

Of course if you want a bigger place or just your own appartment you can find a colocation or an appartment in town by your own mean, or just ask us for help!
The CAF (French Social Security Office) is a service which allows tenants to receive financial support to help you to pay your rent. The aide is calculated according to the amount of your rent. To receive this aide, you must have a french bank account.

Good to know, you will have to bring a french translation of your birth certificate.

We try our best to got the CAF advantages but it’s not automatic!

Web site to inquire
www.crous-nice.fr
http://www.crous-nice.fr/logement/montebello/
http://www.crous-nice.fr/logement/jean-medecin/
http://www.crous-nice.fr/logement/saint-antoine/
http://www.crous-nice.fr/logement/baie-des-anges/
http://www.crous-nice.fr/logement/les-collinettes/
Student’s office

In France, the student’s Office is called BDE. The BDE organizes events, sports events after courses and takes care of the animation at the school.

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So come as you are and let’s enjoy together!
See you soon!