

Foreign students

1. If you hold a Swiss or EEC passport you may study in France without any further formality.
2. If you hold another passport and...
 - you plan to stay in France for less than three months, you may need a short-stay visa. To verify whether you do or not, see the official web site of the French government: www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/venir/visas.
 - you plan to stay for more than three months, you will need both a long-stay visa and a residence card (*carte de séjour*). For further information, see the official web site of the French government: www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/venir/visas.

To obtain a long-stay student visa

1. Send your application form to the Campus along with 80 euros to cover administrative costs.
2. If your application is accepted, the Campus will provide you with a pre-enrolment certificate.
3. Upon presentation of your proof of enrolment and any other documents that may be required of you, the French Consulate of your country will then grant (or refuse) you a "D étudiant" visa (long-stay student visa).
4. Any adult person accompanying you in France must also be a student in France and obtain the same visa.

Immediately upon arrival in France

Stamped on your "D étudiant" visa will be the words: "You must apply for a residence card upon arrival in France" or something along those lines.

The Campus secretary will help you with the necessary paperwork related to your application for a residence card. He or she will also assist you with the renewal of your card each year, for as many years as you study on the Campus.

Useful information is available on the official French government site: <http://vosdroits.service-public.fr/particuliers/N8.html>. Click on "Séjour et travail des étrangers" (*Foreigners working and residing in France*) then on "Etudiants étrangers" (*Foreign students*) and "Titre de séjour des étudiants étrangers" (*Proof of residence status for foreign students*).

Your rights to government assistance in France

1. You will be entitled to French social security, health and accident insurance at the same (excellent) rates as the French. Advice is available from the Campus insurance service. You may also visit the [site](#) mentioned above under the same heading and sub-heading and look for "Sécurité sociale" (*Social Security*).
2. You may ask for a rent allowance (if you rent an apartment) and / or family allowance if you have one or more children. Applications should be made to the Caisse d'allocations familiales, 2 rue Emile Romanet, 74000 Annecy. Tél. 04 50 88 53 50.
3. Upon receipt of your residence card (NB: the whole process usually takes at least six months), you will have the right, as a student, to work part-time (17 hours ½ per week calculated on a yearly basis). Your employer will have to apply to the Direction départementale du travail et de l'emploi (*Departmental Employment office*), 48 avenue de la République, 74960 Cran Gevrier. Tel. 04 50 88 28 00. You may also visit the [site](#) mentioned above, under the same heading and sub-heading and look for "Exercer une activité professionnelle" (*Practising a profession*).