GROUPE ISA LILLE

Guide for International Students 2014-2015

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Arrival in Lille

By train

Lille has two train stations located in the center of the city. High speed trains arrive from all major cities in France and Europe, including Brussels, London, and Paris Charles de Gaulle airport.

From Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport (Paris):

Take a TGV from the airport's SNCF station (located in terminal 2F) to Lille-Europe or Lille Flandres train station. It takes about an hour.

From Brussels Zaventem airport:

Take the local shuttle from the airport to Brussel-Zuid (Bruxelles Midi) train station, then Thalys train to Lille-Europe or Lille-Flandres station. The train ride takes about 35 minutes.

By plane

You can arrive to local airports coming from some European cities.

Lille/Lesquin airport (http://www.lille.aeroport.fr/).

A shuttle will then take you to Lille-Flandres train station. It costs 7 € for a one-way ticket.

Charleroi airport (http://www.charleroi-airport.com/en/)

A shuttle will then take you to Lille Flandres train station. It costs between 5€ and 16€ for a one-way ticket (http://www.charleroi-airport.com/en/passengers/acces-and-parking/navettes-lille/index.html).

By bus

Most European cities have regular lines to Lille (http://www.eurolines.fr/en/). The drop-off place is at the center of the city, near Lille-Europe train station.

Pick up service

The ISA International Office can organize pick up in Lille. If you want this service, make sure that you arrive in Lille on a weekday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Please give all your travel information to the International Office as soon as possible.

Accomodation on campus

On-campus

Campus Housing Services : A.E.U. (Association d'Entraide Universitaire):
http://en.asso-aeu.fr/logement/index
You have to apply online for a room in a residence. The sooner you apply, the more chances you have to get one of your room choices.

Budget estimation for on-campus housing:

- Application fees: 195€
- Service fees: 85€
- Security deposit: 560€ (refunded at the end of the stay)
- Rent: 260€ to 400€ per month

Residences services include:

- Breakfast served in the common kitchen every weekday
- Laundry room
- Lounge
- Bed linen on loan
- Activities
- Regular room cleaning

The housing office (AEU) is located 47 Bd Vauban (2nd floor) - 59800 Lille
E-mail: logement@aeu.asso.fr - Tel: +33 (0)3 20 15 97 78 – Fax: +33 (0)3 20 28 52 42 80

Accomodation off campus

Off-campus:

You may choose to live off campus in a shared apartment or with a host family.

For housing offers, you can go to the CRIJ website: www.crij-npdc.asso.fr

CROUS residences

French Government Scholarship recipients are entitled to rooms in residences run by CROUS (French public student services office). As soon as you have the confirmation of your scholarship, you can apply for a room online: http://www.crous-lille.fr/p/english.

VISA

"Non-European students must obtain a long stay study visa (VLSTS) from the French Consulate of their home country."

Before departure

To obtain a long stay visa you must provide the French Consulate with:

-ISA admission letter
-A proof of financial support (official bank letter attesting that you have a minimum of 530€ per month for the academic year)
-A proof of accommodation in Lille
-A valid passport
-A recent passport-size photograph

When the French Consulate grants you the visa, they will also give you a document called "Demande d'Attestation OFII". ***It is important that you bring this document with you.***

Once in France

The International Office will help you through the next steps of the visa procedure. The visa in your passport needs to be validated in France by the French Office of Immigration and Integration (OFII). The procedure is as follows:

- During orientation week, the International Office sends your documents (Demande d'attestation OFII, passport copies and birth certificate) to the OFII
- Within a few weeks, you will receive an attestation of receipt
- Within another couple of weeks, you will receive an appointment date for a medical examination.
- Documents to bring to the appointment:
    - Passport
    - Passport-size picture
    - Tax stamp (57€) that you can previously buy online
    - School registration attestation
    - Attestation of accommodation
- After the medical appointment, a stamp will be added to your passport, validating the visa dates of validity.

For students who stay for a second year, the visa will need to be renewed for the second academic year.
Instructions will be given by the International Office

Health Care

"Sécurité Sociale"

It is mandatory for all students in higher education institutes to have health insurance coverage.

European students:

Bring with you your European health insurance card or the health insurance certificate provided by your health insurance company in your home country.

Non-European students:

If you are under 28 when you arrive in France:

You will be affiliated to the French Sécurité Sociale through the school. It covers a maximum 70% of all medical expenses (http://www.smeno.com/etudiants/420_secu-etudiante.html).

ISA charges the student for the Sécurité Sociale's cost. In 2012-2013, the affiliation costs were 207€. These fees are waived for students who are on a French government scholarship. For a 100% coverage, you will have the possibility to subscribe to an optional complementary insurance through the student health insurance company. (http://www.smeno.com/etudiants/402_complementaire-sante.html).

If you are over 28 when you arrive in France:

You will have to subscribe to a private health insurance on arrival. More information at the International Office.

Medical Center

The campus medical center ("CPSU") is located 67, boulevard Vauban, 1st floor.

Opening hours: Monday to Thursday, 8 am to 7 pm, Friday 8 am to 6 pm. Closed during university holidays.

You don't need to take an appointment.

Life on Campus

Eating:

- University cafeteria ("RU"), run by the AEU services.

The campus cafeteria is located at 47 boulevard Vauban and has 4 different lines (with different kinds of food). The fixed price of a meal is 3.10€ (price in 2012-2013). It includes a starter, a main course (usually meat with vegetables or fries), dessert and bread. Students need to get the AEU services card, on which they can put credit for meals. The card can also be used to buy a snack meal (sandwich/potato chips/fruit) at the Espace Détente located 25 rue Meurein, and at the sandwich shop located in the hall of the university's main building (60 boulevard Vauban).

- Many affordable fast food places around campus (sandwiches, kebabs, Chinese food, pizza, etc.)

Extra-curricular activities:

ISA students are organized in many student unions according to their interests. It includes:

- international cultural exchanges (Melt'ISA)
- sports (AS)
- theater (ISActeurs)
- music (MusISA)
- wine tasting (VinISA)
- hunting (ChassISA)
- beer tasting (BièrISA)
- cooking (CookISA)
- etc…

All the activities will be presented during the orientation week.

Life in Lille

Transportation (Transpole)

Lille has a good public transportation system. It includes buses, tramway and subway lines. All the information is on the Transpole website: http://uk.transpole.fr/. Students under 26 of age get a discounted rate.

Money and banking

The International Office will help you open a bank account during the orientation week.

Documents needed to open a bank account:

- passport
- school registration
- proof of accommodation

Several banks have branches around campus: Société Générale, BNP Paribas, Crédit Agricole. All offer similar student banking services.

Weather

Lille weather and climate is similar to the UK's with four main seasons: spring (March to June), summer (June to August), autumn (September to November) and winter (December to February). Summer weather in Lille has temperatures of around 23°C with the lowest winter temperatures of -2°C in January. Lille has regular rainfall with occasional snow in winter.

Lille, a city in northern France, enjoys a temperate oceanic climate that features a hot summer, a colder winter and abundant of rainfall.

Expected expenses for international students

This chart is an estimation of the MONTHLY expenses international students have to be aware of when studying at ISA, Lille (excluding tuition fees, when applicable).

ACCOMMODATION (per month)	
Rent	260 to 400 €

LIVING EXPENSES (per month)	
Food	100 to 200 €
Transport	0 to 40 €
Personal expenses	50 €

Some expenses are to be paid once for the whole year, no matter how long the students stay:

EXPENSES TO BE PAID ONCE FOR THE WHOLE YEAR	
Health insurance (French Sécurité Sociale) *(for non-European students)*	207 €
Health insurance (complementary insurance) – optional	*95 €*
OMI fiscal stamp for the resident permit *(for non-European students)*	57 €
Books and equipment	180 €

IF HOUSED IN AN AEU RESIDENCE HALL:	
Accommodation booking fees	195 €
Accommodation security deposit (refunded at the end of the stay)	560 €
Services fees	85 €
Accommodation insurance	40 €

Documents to bring with you:

- passport (or identity document for EU students)
- "Demande d'Attestation OFII" (given by the French consulate) for non-EU students
- Birth certificate (mentioning your complete name and father and mother's complete names) in the original language
- Official translation of your birth certificate

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