

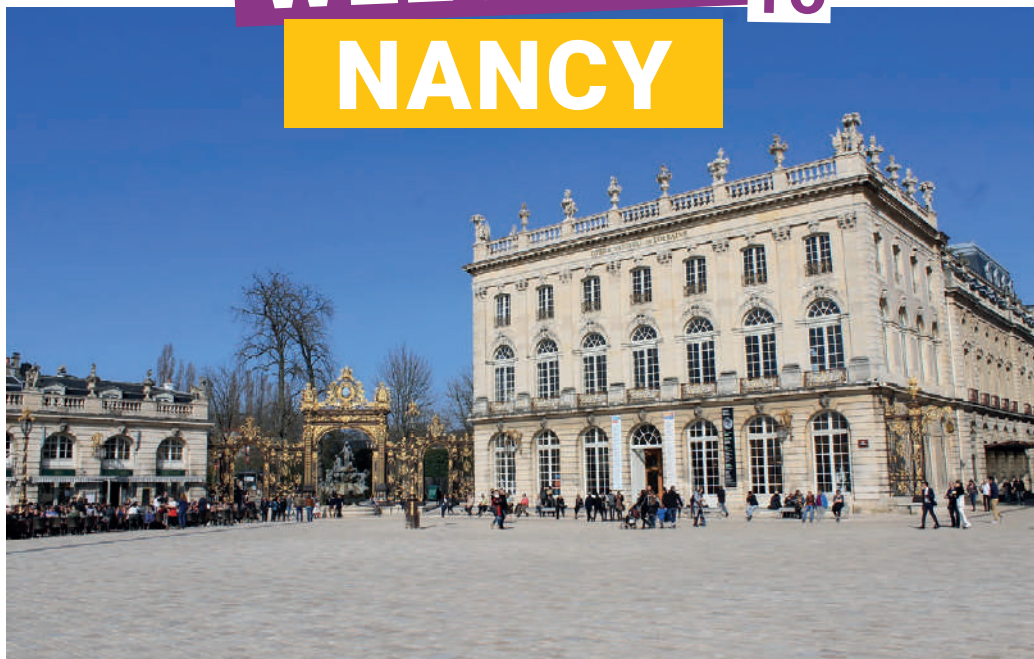


DISCOVER  
YOUR CITY



Campus France will guide  
you through your first steps in  
France and **exploring Nancy**,  
your new home.

WELCOME TO  
NANCY





## YOUR ARRIVAL IN NANCY /

- ♦ **The International Welcome Desk (Accueil International)** is open year-round for **Université de Lorraine** students.

At **Université de Lorraine** on the **Nancy** site, the **International Welcome Desk (Accueil International)** is a one-stop information desk. You will find information on day-to-day life and administrative procedures before, during, and at the end of your stay.

It is the place to go for carrying out many of the required administrative procedures, which can be completed on the spot. These include applications for residence permits, in partnership with the **Prefecture of Meurthe-et-Moselle**.

In addition, a **Welcome Desk** is provided all year round on the premises of the **Direction des Relations internationales et européennes**, to support you via video conference, email or telephone, in order to assist you with online procedures (CVEC, validation of your visa, signing up for French social security, applying for a residence permit, applying for housing benefit etc.).

**Address:** Direction des relations internationales, 91 avenue de la Libération, 54000 Nancy.

**Hours:** Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm.

**Contact:** 03 72 74 05 04 or [drie-accueil-nancy@univ-lorraine.fr](mailto:drie-accueil-nancy@univ-lorraine.fr)

**To make an appointment:**  
<https://rdv.univ-lorraine.fr/international/>

**To find out more**, please visit the **Université de Lorraine's** dedicated website: <http://welcome.univ-lorraine.fr> in French, English and German, which includes a wide range of practical information regarding administrative formalities and student events.

- ♦ **Welcome and orientation for researchers and doctoral students**

**At Université de Lorraine**, researchers and doctoral students can use the **Euraxess** network.

Website: <http://welcome.univ-lorraine.fr> > accueil des étudiants et chercheurs internationaux > accueil des chercheurs internationaux

For all your practical questions, contact: [drie-euraxess-contact@univ-lorraine.fr](mailto:drie-euraxess-contact@univ-lorraine.fr) or 03 72 74 05 01.

**Maison du Doctorat** in **Nancy** offers international doctoral students a personalized welcome. It centralizes all the information you will need for your academic studies:  
<http://doctorat.univ-lorraine.fr/fr/international/votre-accueil-lul>

### ♦ **Buddy System**

You can be assisted by a local student in **Nancy**!

Thanks to the **ESN Nancy** (Erasmus Student Network) association and the **Buddy System**, you can be welcomed by a student who will help you and accompany you during your stay.

**For more information:**  
<https://buddysystem.eu/en/>

### ♦ **Welcome services at other institutions**

If you are registered in another institution, please consult the **Campus France** website which presents a series of **Information Sheets covering the different higher learning institutions in France:**  
<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Students > Documentary resources > Practical information for students and researchers > Reception arrangements in institutions

If you cannot find your school in this list, then go directly to their website.

### ♦ **National Services**

- students: [www.etudiant.gouv.fr](http://www.etudiant.gouv.fr)  
- doctoral students, researchers:  
<http://www.euraxess.fr/fr>



Making you feel at home is a major concern for all French higher education institutions! The **Welcome to France** label is awarded to institutions that fulfil exacting criteria in the way they take care of their international students.



## ACCOMMODATION

**Finding somewhere to live is not always easy.**

Rents are often high, and landlords require financial guarantees (such as a deposit). Nevertheless, there is a wide range of accommodation on offer: halls of residence that are exclusively reserved for students and managed by the CROUS, student halls and private lodgings, rooms in private homes, flatshares...

**The main thing is to start preparing for this as early as possible, before leaving your home country.**

• **The Université de Lorraine website** offers you:  
- information and tips for finding accommodations in **Nancy**: <http://welcome.univ-lorraine.fr> > accueil des étudiants et chercheurs internationaux > accueil des étudiants internationaux > préparer son séjour > Logement

- a list of student housing:

<http://welcome.univ-lorraine.fr> > accueil des étudiants et chercheurs internationaux > accueil des étudiants internationaux > préparer son séjour > Logement > à Nancy

• **The Ville de Nancy** has included a student accommodations section on its website: <https://www.nancy.fr> > utile > logement > je cherche un logement étudiant

• **The Lorraine CRIJ** (Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse), Jeunes en Grand Est, provides a guide and listings on its website: <http://www.crijlorraine.org/> > Me loger

## A FEW TIPS

### ♦ Short-term housing

The city of Nancy does not currently have a **youth hostel**, see:

- Within the Résidences Habitat Jeunes, there is the **Foyer Maraé hall of residence**:

<http://www.residence-marae.fr/>

- Within a social housing association, there are the Adali **halls of residences**: <http://www.Adali-Habitat.fr> > Adali Logement > Les FJT

- **For other types of temporary residences, use the search engine on the Nancy Visitor Center website**:

<https://www.nancy-tourisme.fr> > Menu > préparer son séjour > séjourner à Nancy

### ♦ Long-term housing

**The Lorraine CROUS** (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires - Regional Center for University Services) for **student housing**.

Address: Accueil des étudiants de nationalité étrangère, 75 rue de Laxou, 54000 Nancy.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 12:00pm and 1pm to 4:30pm. Contact: 03 83 91 89 38.

Site: <http://www.crous-lorraine.fr/>

Site *Trouver un logement*:

<https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr/>

### • Private Housing Platforms

Three higher education institutions in Nancy, including Université de Lorraine, are members of **Studapart**, a private housing platform:

<https://www.studapart.com>

• **Université de Lorraine** also subscribes to *Housing Anywhere*: <https://housinganywhere.com/fr/Nancy-France/universite-de-lorraine/sign-up>

Other offers for student lodging, managed by private organisms, are also available in Nancy.

For example, visit:

<https://www.a dele.org>

<https://www.immojeune.com>

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

<https://housinganywhere.com>

• 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](http://www.campusfrance.org) > Getting Organized > Accommodation

### ♦ If you need a guarantor to secure your lodging

Visale is a new and free guarantor system: [www.visale.fr](http://www.visale.fr)

### ♦ If you want to file an application for APL funds (Aide Personnalisée au Logement, or personalized housing aid)

CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales) can check your eligibility: 32 30 or [www.caf.fr](http://www.caf.fr)

## GETTING AROUND IN NANCY



**The easiest way to get from Paris to Nancy** is to take the train (1½ hrs by the TGV high-speed train). **To get to the International Welcome Desk (Accueil International) from the Nancy train station, take the Corol-C2 bus towards Plateau de Haye and get off at the Cavalier stop.**



**For getting around the city and suburbs**, use the public transportation (bus and tramway) network, managed by Stan for transportation in Nancy: <http://www.reseau-stan.com>



**There are Grand-Est** regional trains for getting around the region: <https://www.ter.sncf.com/grand-est>  
Buses are also an option for low-cost travel: <https://fr.ouibus.com/> or <https://www.flixbus.fr/>



**For ride-sharing**, refer to the collaborative websites  
- national website: <https://www.blablacar.fr>  
- regional website: <https://www.tedicov.fr/>



For greater independence, rent a bike with **Vélostan'lib**, the Grand Nancy bike-share system  
<http://www.velostanlib.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 students with disabilities (assistance for housing, and also transportation and tuition).

**At Université de Lorraine, there is a special system** for accompanying students with disabilities, regardless of their type of disability, with training and places of study:  
<https://www.univ-lorraine.fr> > étudier à l'UL > études et handicap

#### The CROUS, at your service everywhere

**Do you need any help and/or advice, somewhere to eat or to live, a job - or do you just want to find out all there is to know about student life? Then the CROUS is what you need!**



The CROUS (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires - Regional Centre of University and School Services) has branches in all major French university towns.

It manages university halls of residence and canteens, allows you to meet social workers, and offers cultural activities and job opportunities.



## FIRST THINGS FIRST /

### ENROLLMENT IN YOUR INSTITUTION

#### ♦ CVEC

Before you can enroll in your institution, you must download proof of payment of the Contribution Vie Etudiante et de Campus (CVEC) – the student and campus life contribution fee.

- Connect to <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 confirm your enrollment with your institution's Service de la Scolarité (Admissions) as soon as you arrive.

### RESIDENCE PERMITS

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

• If you have just arrived in France on a long-term VLS-TS student visa: you must **validate it online as soon as you arrive in France**, on the ANEF (Administration numérique pour les Etrangers en France - Digital Administration for Foreigners in France) website. This validation must be carried out within the three months following your arrival: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

• If you have Algerian citizenship or you are a student holding a “concours” visa or a visa bearing the mention “carte à solliciter dans les deux mois” (“card to be requested within two months”): your request for a residence permit must be carried out at the Préfecture.

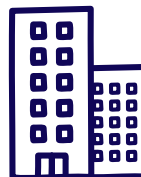
• If you hold a “mineur scolarisé” (“minor in education”) visa and you have since attained your majority, you must request a residence permit directly on the ANEF website or at the *préfecture* of your place of residence within the two months following your attaining the age of legal majority: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

Please note: if you wish to renew your residence permit or VLS-TS, you must make your request during the third month preceding the date of end of validity of your current residence permit, on the following website: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

The following tutorial can help you with this procedure: <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/tutorials-to-help-international-students-in-their-application-process>

• Your institution's student support services can assist you in case of any difficulties.

To find out more about your rights and obligations: <https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N110>





## PRACTICAL INFORMATION /

### 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 bank agencies located in Nancy.**

In France, opening a bank account is a right:  
[www.service-public.fr](http://www.service-public.fr) > Argent > Comptes bancaires > Droit au compte (> Finances > Bank Accounts > Right to Open an Account)

### ACCESSING HEALTHCARE

Accessing healthcare in France is almost free, but you must be insured. **You must therefore be registered with the national health insurance programme.**

Please go to the <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr> website to register, understand your rights and to carry out the requisite procedures.

Learn more:

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Getting Organized > Health

**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 and nurses who can give personalized advice about health and prevention.

**This is the case for Université de Lorraine which has a Service de Santé étudiante (SSE), or Student Health Service, on two sites:**

- SSE-Nancy Vélodrome

Rond-point du Vélodrome, 6 Rue Jacques Callot, 54500 Vandœuvre-lès-Nancy.

Contact: 03 72 74 05 51.

- SSE-Nancy Campus Lettres et Sciences Humaines

Maison de l'étudiant, Pôle Santé, 23 boulevard Albert 1<sup>er</sup>, 54000 Nancy.

Contact: 03 72 74 05 71.

Site: <https://www.univ-lorraine.fr/welcome/le-sse-service-de-sante-etudiante/>

### TAKING OUT COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH INSURANCE ("MUTUELLE")

**We recommend you take out complementary health insurance in order to cover the totality of your healthcare costs, which are not all covered**

**by the compulsory and free national health insurance programme.**

Please note: options and levels of insurance vary from one insurer to another. In order to choose the complementary insurance that is best adapted to your situation and your budget, you can access more information on a student "mutuelles" price comparison website.

### 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.

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**SAMU: Call 15** Emergency Medical Services

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

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

**Call 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 that's not to be missed! 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:

<https://ecoledete.campusfrance.org/#/main>

- by asking in your institution, at city hall, or in your host city's Maison des Associations - community centers.

### FINDING A JOB OR WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT

**It is important that you have sufficient financial resources to come and study in France.**

Working in France as a foreign student is possible within limits, namely for a maximum duration of 964 hours per year. This can therefore only be a way of earning **supplementary funds.**

Please note: to work in France, if you are not a citizen of the European Union, you must hold a valid **student residence permit**.

### To help you find a job or work experience placement, 3 addresses:

- the **Platine** portal of **Université de Lorraine** gives advice and tools for finding a job or internships: <http://platine.univ-lorraine.fr>
- the **Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse de Lorraine (Jeunes en Grand Est)** has a site with classified ads: <http://www.jeunesenlorraine.org> > offres de jobs
- the **Jobaviz website**, run by the CROUS, can help you find a student job compatible with your studies: <http://www.jobaviz.fr>



## THINGS TO DO IN NANCY /

### TAKE UP A SPORT

In your institution, contact the Service des Sports for free access to sports facilities.

**At Université de Lorraine**, the Sports Service (SUAPS) offers 70 supervised activities: <http://sport.univ-lorraine.fr> > suaps: le sport pour tous > informations générales

**At Nancy**, you can also find an activity among the 80 sports disciplines provided by the City Council: <https://www.nancy.fr> > utile > sport

### 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.

To learn more, check with your school (Service de la vie étudiante, Student Services) or visit the following sites: [www.animafac.net](http://www.animafac.net) or [www.letudiant.fr](http://www.letudiant.fr)

#### • The Maison de l'Étudiant

At Université de Lorraine, the Maison de l'Étudiant (student union) is a place for meeting up with other students and where the student associations are located: <https://www.univ-lorraine.fr> > vie de campus > Maison de l'étudiant de Nancy

### CULTURE AND NIGHTLIFE

• Nancy offers many ways to cultivate yourself or party. Movie theaters, concerts, theaters, operas, museums, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students: <https://www.nancy.fr> > culturelle > culture à Nancy

• In the area of culture, the **Ville de Nancy** has set up a system of subscriptions and discounts, a **Carte Jeunes Nancy Culture** (Nancy culture youth card) and free offers that are available to everyone: <https://www.nancy.fr> > culturelle > culture à Nancy > tarifs et bons plans

• **At Université de Lorraine**, the Direction de la vie universitaire et de la culture, the university student life and culture department, develops an ambitious cultural strategy for all students: <https://www.univ-lorraine.fr> > culture-s

#### • For entertainment or to pick up some culture, you can choose from:

- 6 movie theaters, with multiple screens (student rates, rewards card), including 2 arthouse movie theaters, the Cameo Commanderie and the San Sebastián.
- 10 major museums, including two that are jointly managed by Université de Lorraine and the Métropole du Grand Nancy (Greater Nancy council): the Botanical Garden and the Museum-Aquarium <http://www.jardinbotaniquedenancy.eu>
- a dozen auditoriums, including the National Opera of Lorraine, one of the five French national opera houses, and a more contemporary room for modern music, the Autre Canal.
- about fifteen bookshops, including a historic institution, Hall du Livre, founded in 1925.
- a municipal network of 4 book-media libraries and 2 online libraries: <https://www.nancy.fr> > culturelle > bibliothèques/ Médiathèques

• In Nancy, for going out or staying abreast of events, read the **leading regional daily paper, l'Est Républicain**, available in newsstands or on the Internet: <https://www.estrepublicain.fr> > Nancy ville

You can also check out **the cultural agenda** of the Nancy Visitor Center:

<https://www.nancy-tourisme.fr> > Menu > à voir, à faire > Agenda et grands événements > Agenda



## TOP ATTRACTIONS /

**Three major architectural complexes in Nancy have been listed as World Heritage sites by UNESCO since 1983.**

- Place Stanislas, a majestic square with its wrought iron and gilded gates.
- Place de la Carrière, a long piazza formerly used for equestrian tournaments and games.
- The Museum of Fine Arts, on Stanislas Square, with an exceptional collection of Daum crystal exhibits.

- The Renaissance styled Ducal Palace, which houses the historical museum of Lorraine.
- The museum of the School of Nancy, which offers an overview of the decorative arts (Art Nouveau) movement that grew in Nancy at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- The Villa Majorelle, the architectural jewel of the Art Nouveau movement.
- The Parc de la Pépinière, the largest park in the city
- The recently created water garden on the banks of the Meurthe

#### Learn (and see) more:

<http://www.nancy-tourisme.fr> > Menu > Découvrir Nancy



## IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

### APRIL

- **Journées des Arts et de la Culture (JACES), the Festival of Art and Culture**, promoting cultural and artistic achievements in higher education and student night at the museums (free admissions): <https://www.univ-lorraine.fr> > culture-s > Culture – Arts > JACES 2019
- Biannual Nancy international image show, with photography-related events.

### MAY

- **Pint of Science**, a European initiative for learning about research in atypical venues.
- The Nuit Européenne des Musées (European Museum Night), an occasion to visit museums differently (and for free).
- Nancy Voix du Monde, an international gathering of choral singing performances.

### JUNE

- **Fête de la Musique**: Music everywhere in town (free concerts).

### JULY - AUGUST

- The rendez-vous Place Stanislas, provides a sound, image and light show on the royal square (free show, every night).

### SEPTEMBER

- **Welcome Days** for international students (organised at the start of each semester in Nancy and in Metz).
- **Préambule, the University of Lorraine Freshers' Festival**.
- **Nocturnes étudiantes** (student nightlife festival), free events and concerts.

- The Journées du Patrimoine (heritage days), offering free admissions to sites of cultural heritage, some of which are only open to the public for this event.

- The Livre sur la Place (book on the piazza), a major national show celebrating the literature at the start of the University year (exhibitions, literary cafes, meetings).

### OCTOBER

- **Fête de la Science** in the University laboratories.
- Nancy Jazz Pulsations, a jazz festival of contemporary music and world music.

### NOVEMBER

- Faim d'Échanges (Hungry for Dialogue) is a friendly rendezvous organized by CROUS de Lorraine to share a meal with residents of Nancy or the surrounding area: <https://www.crous-lorraine.fr> > International > Faim d'échanges-Nancy

### DECEMBER

- The Feast of Saint-Nicolas, an important traditional festival of Lorraine with events, street performances, parades, markets, etc.



**& SHARE  
PARTICIPATE**

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

*Don't forget to join the **France Alumni** network. Take part in discussion groups on various subjects, take advantage of cultural outings, and consult job and internship offers.*



# THINGS TO KNOW

## Métropole du Grand Nancy

(GREATER NANCY METROPOLITAN AREA):

**260,000** residents

**55,000** students

## City of Nancy:

**105,000** residents

**2<sup>nd</sup>** LARGEST TOWN IN THE GRAND EST REGION

## NANCY,

THE CAPITAL OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF  
MEURTHE-ET-MOSELLE,  
one of the 10 departments  
of the Grand Est region

## GRAND-EST REGION,

**4<sup>th</sup>** FRENCH  
REGION

region in terms of  
hosting foreign  
students

(31,000 international  
students)

## Université de Lorraine in Nancy:

**38,500**  
students

including **15%**  
international students



**NANCY, RANKED 6<sup>TH</sup> OUT OF 46 FRENCH CITIES WHERE IT'S GOOD  
TO LIVE AND STUDY (awarded by l'Étudiant magazine)**

Most of the information presented in the Campus France City Information Sheets concerns all international students regardless of their institution.

In France, in each of the host cities, most foreign students study at universities. Accordingly, the City Information Sheets attach great importance to them without overlooking the other higher education institutions even if it is not possible to list them all here with their specific information.

For more information on the institutions' welcomes and orientations:

<https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/recherche/categorie/grand-est-551>

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