



# Student life Handbook

2017 - 2018

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## Welcome to ebs Paris!

We are very pleased to welcome you to ebs Paris and to France!

We hope that this guide will assist you in preparing your arrival at ebs Paris and that your stay here will meet all your expectations so that you can make the most of your experience in Paris. The International Office team members are always happy to assist you with your stay here in Paris, and answer any questions you may have at any time. Please come by or contact us if you are in need of assistance. We wish you an enriching and enjoyable experience at ebs Paris, and we look forward to meeting you soon!



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## 1. Location of the Campus

Situated in the heart of Paris, inside beautiful renovated premises, ebs Paris campus is conveniently accessible by all means of transportation just steps away from the magnificent Eiffel Tower.

### How to access the Eiffel campus?



#### Metro



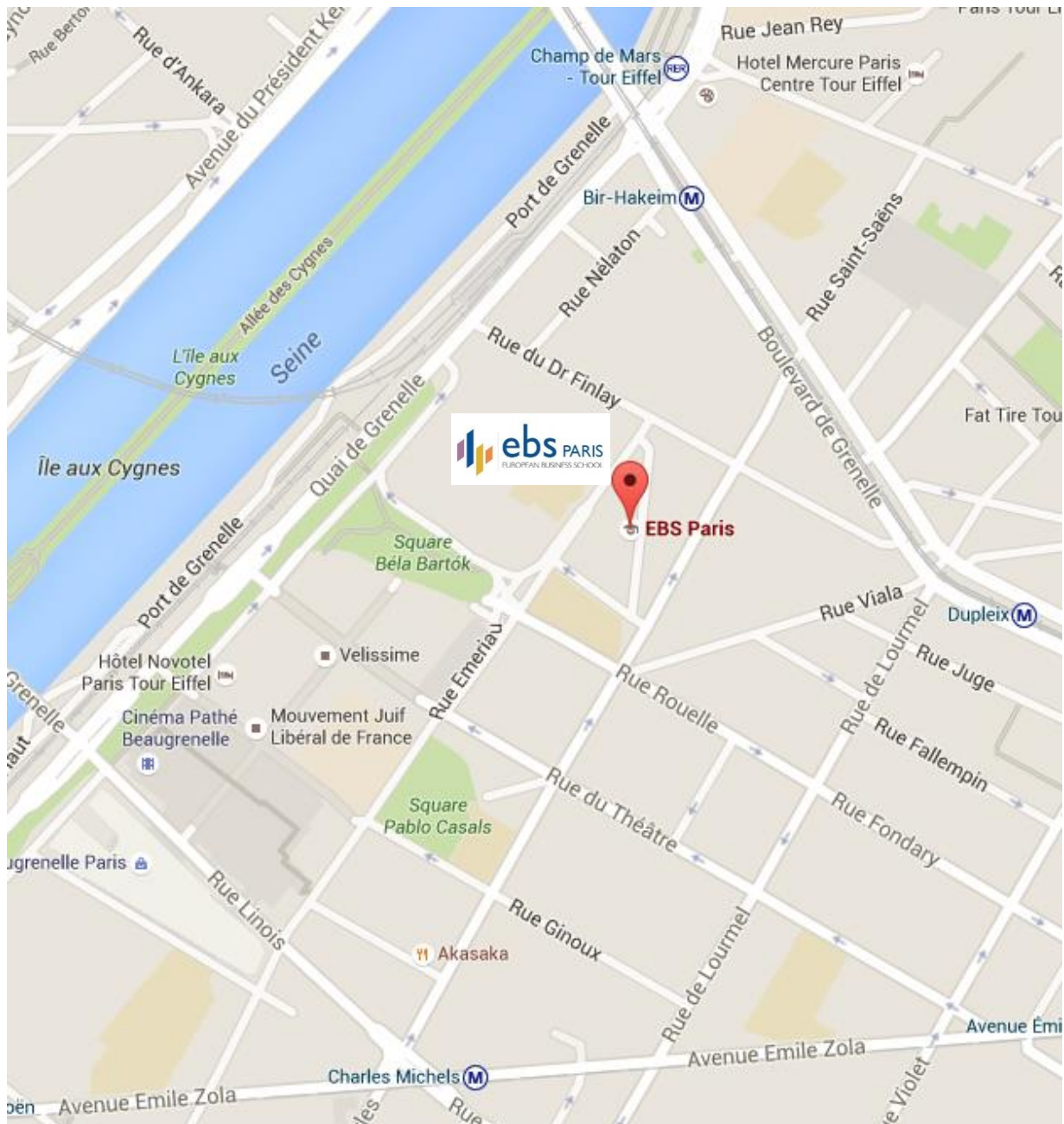
Line **6** - Station: Bir Hakeim or Duplex  
Line **10** - Station: Charles Michel

#### RER



RER **C** - Station : Champ de Mars-Tour Eiffel  
Follow the exit Metro Line **6** Bir-Hakeim

## How to get to the ebs Paris International Office?



### Metro



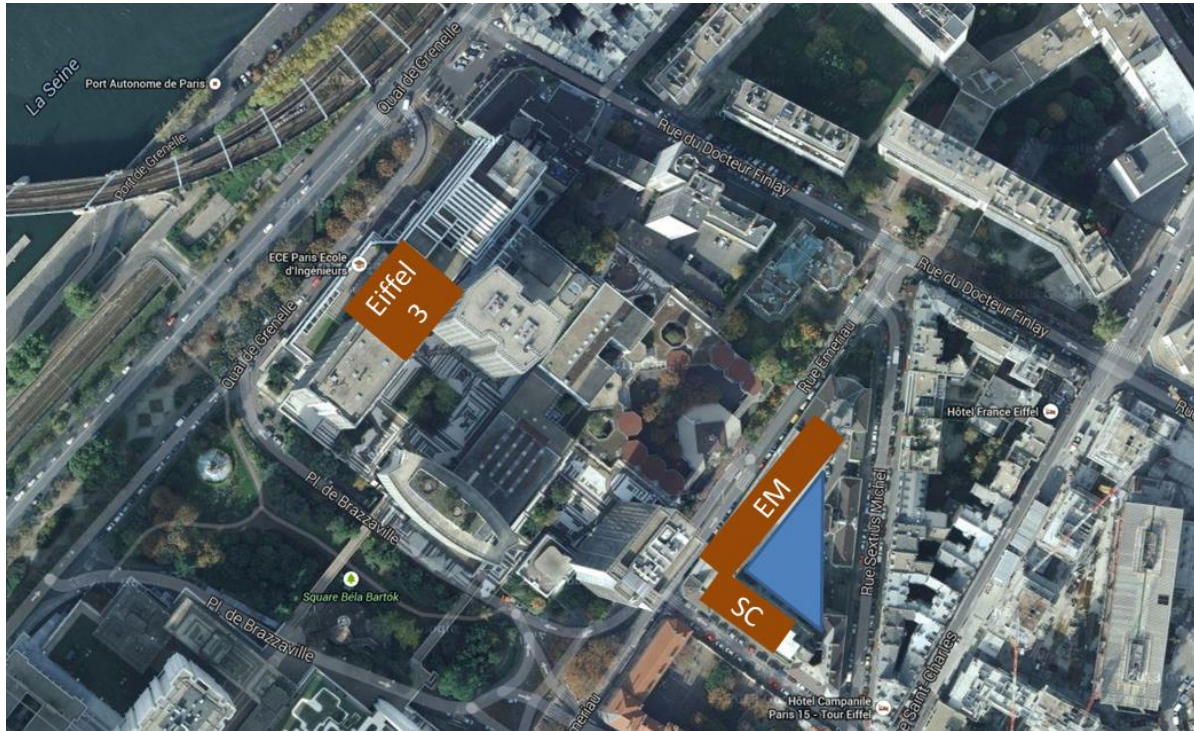
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## Offices at ebs Paris



### Eiffel I building (SC Building)

- > Ground floor:
  - International Office – SC004
  
- > 1st Floor:
  - Registrar's Office – SC106
 Delphine DAVID (3rd year assistant)
  
- > 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor:
  - Professors
  - Internship Department
  
- >3<sup>rd</sup> Floor: Academic Departments

### Eiffel III Building (Castor)

- > Ground Floor:
  - IT Department

## 2. Academic calendar 2017-2018

### FRENCH BANK HOLIDAYS 2017/2018

**All Saints day:** 01/11/2017  
**Liberation day 1918:** 11/11/2017  
**Christmas day:** 25/12/2017  
**New Year's day:** 01/01/2018  
**Easter Monday:** 02/04/2018  
**Labor day:** 01/05/2018  
**Victory day 1945:** 08/05/2018  
**Ascension day:** 10/05/2018  
**Whit Monday:** 21/05/2018  
**Bastille day:** 14/07/2018  
**Assumption:** 15/08/2018

## 3. General rules and regulations

A more detailed list of the academic rules and regulations at ebs Paris will be provided to you upon your arrival in Paris.

### Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for all classes. All students in the program must be present in class at all times and at all assessments. Attendance is checked and may have an impact on the overall grades of the students.

### Assignments

There will be some assignments and projects given during the program. All students must complete the given assignments and projects to receive a final grade for the program. The detail assessment of the courses will be explained by the instructors at the beginning of each course.

### Final Examination

Students must successfully complete the final examination in order to complete the course.

### Plagiarism and Cheating

Fraud, attempted fraud, plagiarism or any form of cheating is taken as great offense according to the ebs Paris academic regulations. These cases will be treated on an individual basis and will be considered by a Disciplinary Committee. Suspensions from the course may be taken according to the regulations.

## 4. Information on French Visa and Temporary Stay Permit

### 4.1 French Visa

If you are a citizen of a Non-European Union country, and if you are in France for your studies for more than 3 months, you **will require a French long-term visa to study in Paris**. Since January 2010, all students should follow Campus France procedures to apply for a study visa:

[www.campusfrance.org](http://www.campusfrance.org). Campus France will assist you step by step. Please note that the process may take a while, therefore your early action is encouraged. You will need to apply for the visa at the nearest French Embassy or French Consulate in your city to get your visa before arriving in France.



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If your country doesn't follow a campus France procedure; please contact the nearest French Consulate in your country to obtain information regarding your visa requirement well in advance before your departure date from home. The necessary documents required to apply for the Visa may differ from one country to another. However, your passport and the official invitation letter from the school are always among the required documents.

If you are a citizen of a European Union country, you normally do not need a visa to study in France for 6 months unless you hold a special status of citizenship or residency in your home country. When in doubt, please contact Campus France or the nearest French Embassy or the French Consulate in your city to obtain information on whether a visa is required for you. It is your responsibility to obtain this visa before your arrival in France.

**Masters & visiting students only:** Your acceptance letter required for the Visa will be sent as soon as you have paid your Registration deposit into the program. This letter provides proof that you are indeed registered in the program and it specifies the dates you will physically need to be in Paris.

In general terms the following documents are required in order to obtain a student's long stay visa for France:

- The student should apply for the visa no more than 3 months before the beginning of the program
- Photo - following the consulate specifications
- Evidence of sufficient financial means for the full study period - €615 per month
- Proof of accommodation for the first 3 months of the stay
- **Proof of registration** - The acceptance or enrollment letter from the French institution
- Valid passport

If the student is from one of the countries in the following list, they should go to the Campus France website of their country and complete all their requirements before going to the consulate.

Algeria	China	Guinea	Morocco	Taiwan
Argentina	Colombia	India	Mauritius	Tunisia
Benin	Comoros	Indonesia	Mexico Peru	Turkey
Brazil	Congo(Brazza	Japan	Senegal	USA
Burkina Faso	ville)	Lebanon	Russia	Vietnam
Cameroon	Cote d'Ivoire	Madagascar	South	
Chile	Gabon	Mali	Korea	

In this case the visa process will follow this sequence:

- 1 - Campus France application process ([www.campusfrance.org](http://www.campusfrance.org))
- 2 - Visa process through French consulate
- 3 - Arrival in France
- 4 - OFII procedures

It's important to verify with the French consulate of each country the specific documents that are necessary!

## 4.2 Different types of VISA

### Short-term stay in France – for Non-European Union citizens

If you are in France at ebs Paris for less than 3 months (ie. summer program), depending on your country of citizenship, you may or may not need a visa. Please contact the nearest French Consulate in your country to obtain information regarding your visa requirement well in advance before your departure date from home.

#### Short-Term visa:

If your visa says “**dispense temporaire de carte de séjour**” you don't need to do anything (with the Préfecture or the OFII office) when you are in France. You won't be able to work or apply for the housing subsidy, AND when your visa expires you need to go home; with this indication you can't get a residence permit. If you want to extend your stay you need to go back to your home country and ask for a new visa.

#### Long-Term visa:

This type of visa should indicate that a temporary residence permit should be solicited upon arrival in France or it should indicate “**carte de séjour à solliciter dès l'arrivée**”.

To apply for the temporary residence permit, upon arrival in France you will need the following documents:

- ETR, ETUD, CERFA and ANAEM forms (given by the French consulate or embassy)
- your housing contract
- a bank statement
- an attendance certificate (given by Ebs)
- your birth certificate translated in French by a person certified by the French government
- copy of your passport
- copy of your visa
- 3 ID pictures

#### VLS-TS (long stay):

The French Consulate provides the visa VLS-TS (long stay) which indicate “**Carte de séjour**” (residence permit). They will provide the **OFII Form**.

When you arrive in France, your passport will be stamped at the airport (date of entry in France). As soon as you arrive in

France you need to apply through the OFII office. It is mandatory within the three months after your arrival in France to do this procedure. When the VLS-TS visa is issued, the consulate will give the applicant an official form (with instructions) that the applicant must present to the French

office of immigration and integration (OFII). With this visa you are able to apply for the housing subsidy and work for a maximum of 20 hours a week (960 hours per year). In case you want to stay longer in France, it will be possible but only if you apply for the “carte de séjour” at least two months before the expired date of your first visa. VISA is required in France for Non-European Union citizens who study in Europe with Schengen visa or residence permit.

## **TO DO UPON ARRIVAL IN FRANCE FOR LONG TERM OR VLS TS VISA**

**Holders of the VLS-TS visa** no longer have to obtain a residency permit from the prefecture having jurisdiction over their place of residence in France, but they do have to report to the OFII and complete several administrative formalities. Specifically, a VLS-TS holder must, **upon arriving in France, send to the OFII by registered mail** (return receipt requested):

- The official form received from the consulate that issued the visa.
- A copy of passport pages showing the visa holders identity and the stamp indicating entry into France (or into the Schengen area).

Upon receipt of these documents, the local office of the OFII will send the visa holder, by regular mail to the address provided by the visa holder, a letter acknowledging receipt of the form and possibly asking the holder to report for a **medical examination** if such an examination was not performed in the holder's country of origin or upon entering France.

Special cases:

1. Students residing in Paris must bring the above documents to the OFII. During the months of September, October, and November, students may use the OFII office at the Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris (CIUP).

At other times of the year, they must bring the documents to OFII's Paris headquarters.

2. Some institutions (including many of France's universities) have entered into agreements with OFII. Where such an agreement exists, the student must submit the above documents to the institution's international student office. Students are strongly advised to learn, before arriving in France, whether an agreement exists between their host institution and OFII.

**In all cases, a tax of €58 must be paid by purchasing a tax stamp marked "OMI" or "ANAEM."**

The stamp may be purchased:

- online at [www.timbresofii.fr](http://www.timbresofii.fr)
- in certain shops that sell tobacco products (Tabacs)
- at tax offices.

## 5 Medical Health Insurance

### 5.1 For European Students

All European Union citizens should have the European health coverage and should provide one copy with the application form.

### 5.2 For Non-European Students

All Non-European students staying more than 3 months are required to purchase a French health insurance. The cost of a doctor's visit can be expensive (between 23€ to 80€). In France, you will have to pay for a doctor's visit at the time of your visit, and if you have health insurance, you are able to claim it back after the visit by submitting the receipts. The amount and the eligibility of the claim depend on the type of insurance you have.

**IMPORTANT: ALL THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM A NON-EU COUNTRY NEED TO APPLY FOR THE FRENCH HEALTH INSURANCE. IT WILL COST AROUND 213€ (2014-2015 prices).**

The Student Social Security Fee should be paid by bank transfer only to ebs Paris before arrival. All the information about the Health Insurance can be found on the following website:  
<http://www.smerep.fr/secu-etudiante/etudiants-etrangers>

Contact for English speaking doctor:  
Docteur Françoise BARRO LECOMTE  
28 Rue Viala 75015 Paris  
01 45 77 38 29

Contact for German speaking doctor:  
Docteur François Besson  
114 rue de Vaugirard 75006  
01 42 84 09 20

### Procedures for Non-European Students \*Choose a referent doctor

Go to the doctor with your French social security attestation. If it's the first time you see this doctor, you need to choose him as a referent doctor. In order to do so, you need to complete the "**Déclaration de choix du médecin traitant**" (delivered by the doctor or which can be downloaded on internet)  
[http://www.ameli.fr/fileadmin/user\\_upload/formulaires/S3704.pdf](http://www.ameli.fr/fileadmin/user_upload/formulaires/S3704.pdf) .



1-You really need to do it as soon as you see the doctor. If you don't do the "Déclaration de choix du médecin traitant" you will be reimbursed 30% instead of 70%. If you have an international insurance, please contact them to have the complementary reimbursement (if it's possible).

2-For the first time, you need to send as well to the French social security your **bank Information ("RIB")** to have the money back directly on your bank account.

3-The third document you need is the “**Feuille de soin**” (brown paper given by the doctor) that you have to send back to the French social security each time you go to the doctor.

To sum up you have 7 documents to send back to the SMEREP:

- 1st document: The “**Déclaration de choix du médecin traitant**” when you go for the first time to the doctor.
- 2nd document: Your Bank Information (“RIB”) to send at the beginning with the 1st document written at the back your Last Name, First Name, Date of Birth and Address in France
- 3rd document: your Identity card/passport to send at the beginning with the 1st and 2 nd documents.
- 4th document: the copy of the Health Insurance attestation with the 3 documents at the beginning
- 5th document: An original of your birth certificate in French provided by the French consulate or embassy in your home country (with the apostile) or a multi languages birth certificate
- 6th document: Copy of your Visa
- 7th document: The “**Feuille de soin**” that you need to send back each time you go to the doctor.



**For your information, when you send your “Feuille de soin” it can take up to 2 months to get the money back.**



### 5.3 Doctors and pharmacies around the school

#### General Doctor

##### **English speaking :**

Françoise BARRO LECOMTE  
28 Rue Viala 75015 Paris  
01 45 77 38 29

##### **German speaking Doctor :**

Docteur François Besson  
114 rue de Vaugirard 75006  
01 42 84 09 20

##### **Loy Françoise**

22 Rue Rouelle  
01 45 78 61 67

##### **Etudes et Santé**

12 Rue Viala  
01 53 95 30 01

##### **Barro-Lecomte Françoise**

28 Rue Viala  
01 45 77 38 29

#### Dentist

#### Otorhinolaryngologist

##### **Karaa Raymond**

47 Boulevard de Grenelle  
01 45 79 12 29

##### **BELNOUE Alexandre**

22 Rue Saint-Charles  
75015 Paris  
01 45 77 38 05

#### Ophthalmologist

##### **Dr Michele Stagel**

4 Rue Robert de Flers  
01 45 79 00 79

##### **Camilleri Lionel**

105 Quai Branly  
01 45 77 21 48

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**Pharmacy**

**Derhy Victor**

39 Boulevard de Grenelle, 75015  
Paris  
01 45 79 53 19

**Pharmacie du théâtre**

42 Rue du Théâtre,  
75015 Paris  
01 45 77 15 65

**Pharmacie Centrale**

9 Rue Robert de Flers,  
75015 Paris  
01 40 59 00 76

**24/7 Pharmacies:**

84, avenue des Champs-Élysées  
– 75008 Paris - M° Georges V (01  
45 62 02 41)

6, place Clichy – 75009 Paris –  
M° Place de Clichy  
(01 48 74 65 18)

## 6 Accommodation in Paris

Housing in Paris can be quite difficult to find and can also be expensive. If you want to rent a flat in France, you will need a guarantor (someone paying taxes in France or your parents giving proof of their salary to secure payment of your rent). If you don't have a guarantor, you will be required to pay all your rent in advance!

When making reservations, you will be required to pay:

- Administration fee (nonrefundable) usually one extra month of your rent
- Deposit (one month of rent refunded within two months after your departure date if there is no damage in your flat)
- First month of rent

ebs Paris will not be able to find you an apartment in Paris. However, we will be happy to advise you. Please note that ebs Paris does not take responsibility for accommodation offers listed in this guide. Be aware that there are numerous spams on Internet. Do not send any money before being sure the accommodation does exist!

### 6.1 Homestay

Homestay is certainly the best housing option for international students who wish to learn about French culture, the daily life in Paris or practice your French in a non-structured environment, aside from your French language lessons. Homestay is an option with a secure and safe environment in a happy and comfortable home in central Paris and residential areas, at walking distance from public transportation such as the metro and bus. This is a choice of accommodation with suitable options with your daily schedule, duration of stay and budget.

#### France Accommodation

By working with hundreds of Paris hosts, France Accommodation may be able to provide a beneficial and higher quality homestay experience for each participant. FAC ensures carefully screened qualified and culturally aware hosts to match your requirements as closely as possible with a suitable host, type of family, area, close to your school.

All the homestays should include:

- A private bedroom, properly furnished, including a working table and a closet.
- A bathroom to be shared with the other residents. In some cases a private bathroom is facilitated.
- Linen and towels are changed weekly and laundry facilities are available once a week as a minimum
- Access to utilities (TV, Internet, Wifi)

You will be given a key on arrival. In case of loss or theft, it will be your responsibility to have it replaced and the lock repaired or even changed.

More information on: [http://www.fac-paris.com/us/options\\_fees.php](http://www.fac-paris.com/us/options_fees.php)

### Atome

Another trustful link between students and families, ATOME will take complete charge of setting up your accommodation with a host family in Paris. It will provide service and select your host families (they are connected to more than 200 families in Paris) according to rigorous standards.

They visit and select your host families based on the following criteria:

- Their motivation for welcoming a “foreigner” into their home.
- Their willingness to participate in an exchange with a culture that is not their own.
- A dedicated room for the student and the condition of the apartment.
- Their ability to invest themselves in such an exchange.
- Their determination to project a positive image of France.

They are fully aware that financial considerations are important for these families but in no case should be the primary motivation for seeking a home stay.

More information on: <http://www.unautrepv.com/UAPDVClients/Atome/>

### Intergenerational homestay

To stay in as senior’s apartment: you can just rent a room in a senior’s apartment and/or do some favours (as doing his shopping food, cleaning etc...) and pay a participation to the accommodation fees.

For more information follow the links below:

[www.leparissolidaire.com](http://www.leparissolidaire.com)

[www.ensemble2generations.fr](http://www.ensemble2generations.fr)

[www.logementintergeneration.org](http://www.logementintergeneration.org)

## 6.2 Residences

Résidence	Address	Website	Time to school <sup>1</sup>	Type of room
<b>Studea</b>	Bleuzen 27 rue Bleuzen 92170 Vanves	<a href="http://www.nexity-studea.com/">http://www.nexity-studea.com/</a>	30 minutes	Studio: own bathroom and kitchen
	Monnet 32/42 rue Marcheron, 92170 Vanves		38 minutes	
	Marcheron 26 rue Marcheron 92170 Vanves		40 minutes	
<b>Studelites</b>	119-121 bd Brune 75014 Paris	<a href="http://www.studelites.com/">http://www.studelites.com/</a>	30 minutes	Studio: own bathroom and kitchen
	10 rue fulton 75013 Paris		30 minutes	
	137 rue de la Saussière 92100 Boulogne		30 minutes	
	25 rue Auguste Perret 92100 Boulogne		30 minutes	
	6 Place Jacques Madaule 92130 Issy les moulineaux		30 minutes	
	4 allée Edgar Brandt 92320 Chatillon		35 minutes	
	2 rue Théophile Gautier 92120 Montrouge		30 minutes	
<b>Pythagore</b>	54 puvis de chavanne 92400 Courbevoie	<a href="http://www.adele.org/residence/97/pythagore-grande-arche-97/courbevoie/dispos-09-2015">http://www.adele.org/residence/97/pythagore-grande-arche-97/courbevoie/dispos-09-2015</a>	45 minutes	Studio: own bathroom and kitchen
<b>Estudines Nanterre</b>	50 rue des Vignes 92000 Nanterre	<a href="http://www.estudines.com/residence-logement-etudiant-nanterre-52-160.html">http://www.estudines.com/residence-logement-etudiant-nanterre-52-160.html</a>	30 minutes	Studio: own bathroom and kitchen

<sup>1</sup> Using public transportation

## 6.3 Other Accommodation Solutions

### Residences/Hostels

Auberge de jeunesse  
4 boulevard Jules Ferry  
75011 Paris  
+ 33 (0)1 43 57 55 60

Union nationale des Maisons  
d'Etudiants  
+ 33 (0)1 48 05 73 62  
<http://www.unme-asso.com/VillesUNME/Paris.html>

Estudines Nanterre  
50 rue des Vignes  
92000 Nanterre  
+ 33 (0)1 41 91 75 00

### Organizations that could help you with your search for housing in Paris

CROUS de Paris  
Service Logement  
39 avenue Georges Bernanos  
75005 Paris  
+ 33 (0)1 40 51 37 17  
<http://www.crous-paris.fr/article.asp?idcat=AAD>

Conditions :

-Be recognized as a Boursier du gouvernement français (BGF) or Boursier des gouvernements étrangers (BGE).

-You have to do it the year before your arrival

To know more about the process, you will have to ask you French embassy in your country.

Air bnb  
<https://www.airbnb.fr/>

**FIAP Jean Monnet**  
30 rue Cabanis - 75014 PARIS  
<http://www.fiap.asso.fr/>

St Christopher's Canal, Paris  
159 rue de Crimée  
75019 Paris, France  
+33 (0)140 343 440

Nestpick  
<https://www.nestpick.com>

Paris for students  
<http://www.parisforstudents.com>

ERASHOME  
<http://www.erashome.com>

Association des résidences pour étudiants et jeunes  
+ 33 (0)820 098 095  
[www.university.fr](http://www.university.fr)

CIDJ  
101 Quai Branly  
75015 Paris  
+ 33 (0)1 44 16 64 00  
[www.cidj.asso.fr](http://www.cidj.asso.fr)

## 6.4 Useful websites

### Apartments to share:

[www.appartager.com](http://www.appartager.com)  
<http://www.lacartedescolocs.fr>

### Rental offers :

<http://www.immojeune.com>  
[www.seloger.com](http://www.seloger.com)  
[www.immostreet.com](http://www.immostreet.com)  
[www.pap.fr](http://www.pap.fr)  
<http://www.fusac.fr>

### Halls of residence (for students):

[www.unme-asso.com](http://www.unme-asso.com)  
[www.mapiaule.com](http://www.mapiaule.com)  
[www.adele.org](http://www.adele.org)

### Furnished apartments/rooms :

<http://www.lamyresidences.com>  
[www.residhome.com](http://www.residhome.com)  
[www.sejours-affaires.com](http://www.sejours-affaires.com)

## 6.5 Agencies

There are a lot of agencies specialized in student housing. They will charge you a nonrefundable fee for their service.

### Agency Immojeune

Immojeune is an agency dedicated to student housing and a partner of ebs Paris. You can search for apartments close to the school on their website. Through the website you have access to virtual visits of the apartments, interactive maps, neighborhood descriptions, etc... As you know having a guarantor in France is really difficult, Immojeune has a special partnership with the bank "Caisse d'Epargne". The bank will be the guarantor for the rental process. If you are interested in their services, do not hesitate to register on the Immojeune website <https://ebs-paris-international.immojeune.com/en/>.

The Campus Code for future ebs Paris students is: ebsparisint2016



## **Uniplaces**

Uniplaces is an online booking platform for student accommodation. The website lists thousands of verified properties in 9 countries (France, UK, Germany, Spain, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Austria and Poland) and 41 cities across Europe. The website and its customer service are available in 6 languages, 7 days a week.

Created in 2013 by 3 young entrepreneurs from different countries - Ben Grech (UK), Mariano Kostelec (Argentina) et Miguel de Santo Amaro (Portugal) - Uniplaces currently counts

120 employees from 14 nationalities and has two offices in Europe (Lisbon and London).



Uniplaces raised a 22 M€ investment in October 2015, enabling the company to develop further across Europe and to help more students who wish to study abroad. Uniplaces is always looking at new ways to help international student with initiatives such as the Uniplaces Scholarship or its Student Brand Ambassador program (the Uniplaces Academy).

As a future ebs Paris student you will benefit from a discount regarding the service fee. The promotional code is: EBSUNI

Website: <https://www.uniplaces.com/>

## Other agencies

### *Lodgis*

6 rue Le Goff  
Paris 5ème  
01.70.39.11.11  
[www.lodgis.com](http://www.lodgis.com)

### *KHS Immo*

01.42.88.89.04  
[www.khs.fr](http://www.khs.fr)

### *Capitale Partners*

23 rue La Boétie  
Paris 8ème  
01.42.68.35.60  
[www.capitale-partners.com](http://www.capitale-partners.com)

### *De Circourt Associates*

11 rue Royale  
Paris 8ème  
01.43.12.98.00  
[www.parisrental.com](http://www.parisrental.com)

### *France Appartement*

97-99 avenue des Champs-Élysées  
01.56.89.31.00  
[www.rentapart.com](http://www.rentapart.com)

### *Paris select Apartments*

<http://en.paris-select-appart.com/>

### *Paris Appartement Services*

20 rue Bachaumont  
Paris 2ème  
01.40.28.01.28  
[www.paris-aps.com](http://www.paris-aps.com)

### *3,2,1...International*

01.45.80.73.32  
[www.321international.com](http://www.321international.com)

### *Locaflat.com*

01.43.06.78.79  
[www.locaflat.com](http://www.locaflat.com)

### *Renta*

01.56.62.24.20  
[www.rentacorporacion.com](http://www.rentacorporacion.com)

### *Parisian Home*

9 rue Mandar  
Paris 2ème  
01.45.08.03.37  
[www.parisianhome.com](http://www.parisianhome.com)

### *At Home In Paris*

01.42.12.40.40  
[www.athomeinparis.fr](http://www.athomeinparis.fr)

## 7 Information on Housing Subsidy – Government Aid (CAF)

Government housing subsidy is called “aide au logement”, and it is under the category of “Caisse d'Allocations Familiales” or simply CAF.



### CAF Application

#### *Who is eligible for the Housing Subsidy?*

The French government allows International students or other EU students who are studying in France and have a Temporary Stay permit to get housing subsidy.

#### The requirements are:

- Type of housing: individual studio or apartment with your name on official housing contract
- Having a French bank account (to be able to receive the bank transfer)
- Having a French health insurance or European Health insurance card for EU citizens
- Having applied for the OFII or for Temporary Residence permit (“carte de séjour”) if applicable

For example, a typical 18 m<sup>2</sup> single person studio at monthly rent of 700€ can benefit about 200€ maximum per month of subsidy. Please note that subsidies only start the month following the date of application (not when you move in). Therefore, we do advise you to apply as soon as you arrive in your apartment.

#### Documents needed to apply for housing subsidy

During the orientation, the International Office will assist you with your application documents. Please ensure that you have the following documents during the first week after your arrival in Paris:

#### For European Students:

- CAF Application Form (to download here: <https://wwwd.caf.fr/pdfj/al0.pdf>)
- Copy of your ID or Passport
- Your birth certificate translated in French by a person certified by the French government (<http://www.ceticap.com/>) or a multi languages birth certificate
- Copy of your Certificate of enrolment (given by the International Office)
- Copy of your European Health Insurance Card
- Your French Bank Account Information, called R.I.B (Relevé d'Identité Bancaire)

For Non-European Students:

- CAF Application Form (to download here: <https://wwwd.caf.fr/pdfj/a10.pdf>)
- Copy of your ID or Passport
- Copy of the visa
- Copy of the OFII form or the OFII stamp (if applicable)
- Your birth certificate translated in French by the French consulate or embassy in your home country (with the apostile) or by the French government (<http://www.ceticap.com/>) or a multi languages birth certificate
- Copy of your Certificate of enrolment (given by the International Office)
- Copy of your French social security number when you receive it.
- Your French Bank Account Information, called R.I.B (Relevé d'Identité Bancaire)

**PLEASE NOTE: Subsidy is not guaranteed!**

## 8 Opening a French Bank Account

Opening your Bank Account in France is one of the first steps you should make upon your arrival in Paris.

### Documents needed to open a French bank account

- Your original passport or EU citizen ID
- Proof of Residence in France – “Attestation de Logement” from your landlord
- A copy of your ebs Paris certificate of enrolment proving your registration

### List of French Banks

#### **Agence Crédit Agricole**

33 Boulevard de Grenelle, 75015 Paris  
01 44 37 29 75  
[credit-agricole.fr](http://credit-agricole.fr)

#### **BNP Paribas - Paris Duplex 15e**

26 Boulevard de Grenelle, 75015 Paris  
0 820 82 00 01  
[bnpparibas.net](http://bnpparibas.net)

#### **Crédit Mutuel**

70 Rue des Entrepreneurs, 75015 Paris  
0 820 09 99 71  
[creditmutuel.fr](http://creditmutuel.fr)

#### **Crédit Lyonnais**

61 Boulevard de Grenelle, 75015 Paris  
01 53 95 48 01  
[lcl.com](http://lcl.com)

#### **Société Générale**

27 Boulevard de Grenelle  
75015 Paris

## 9 STUDENT'S ASSOCIATIONS

### CREATIVITY

#### CATCH'IT

Association photography & video of the school, it covers all the student events

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Catch-It-EBS-Paris/152600028494?fref=ts>

#### EBS MUSIC

EBS Music trains musicians and singers once a week in a rehearsal room, aiming to perform concerts inside and outside the campus

2014-2015 : <https://www.facebook.com/tropicaltucocestcoolcestbeau?fref=ts>

#### EBS THÉÂTRE

EBS théâtre trains comedians for plays and improvisations aiming to create and perform a play at the end of the academic year.

<https://www.facebook.com/theatreEBSparis?fref=ts>

#### EBS MODE & LUXE

This association, created in January 2015 proposes closet clean-outs on the campus in order to enable students to exchange and renew their wardrobe. The association also organizes charity clothing drives and informs you about good plans for buying clothes.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/EBS-Mode-Luxe-Association/786411131438329>

### OPEN MINDEDNESS

#### EBS OENOLOGIE / VINUM

The students that form VINUM aim at acquiring knowledge on the species of each wine and on the different stages of its creation. Various activities are proposed.

<https://www.facebook.com/vinumasso?fref=ts>

#### ZUP DE CO

This association focuses on childhood, education and social action, aiming to fight against failing at school by helping a child from a disadvantaged background to obtain his or her first diploma – the junior school certificate.

### RESPONSABILITY

#### ABCDE VIETNAM

Association with a cultural aim and creative development. Every summer the association organizes a mission to Vietnam in order to give French lessons.

<https://www.facebook.com/ABCDEVietnam?fref=ts>

### CAMPUS UNICEF

A new UNICEF office at ebs Paris. The students who take part in this association transmit the message and campaigns from UNICEF France to ebs Paris students. They also cooperate with other associations carrying out projects with common aims.

<https://www.facebook.com/campusunicefebsparis?fref=ts>

### EBS FINANCE

The EBS Finance & Investment Association aims at supporting the exchange between students and the world of finance. Numerous activities and events proposed to ebs Paris students offer the possibility to meet professionals and alumni who work in different financial functions. This way students can get more familiar with the world of business.

<https://www.facebook.com/EBSFIA?fref=ts>

<http://www.ebs-fia.com/>

### ENACTUS

The association ENACTUS aims at carrying out social and sustainable entrepreneurship projects. These non-profit projects intend to meet the needs of the disadvantaged French and international population.

<https://www.facebook.com/enactusebs?fref=ts>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Computearth-Enactus-EBSParis/572989042736462?fref=ts>

### TEAM SPIRIT

#### BDE BUREAU DES ÉLÈVES

As the unifying element of the associations, the BDE is elected each year by all the students and aims at animating the internal network of the school, to contribute to develop and spread the image of ebs Paris to other schools, Universities and institutions.

<https://www.facebook.com/liste.smash?fref=ts>

#### BDS BUREAU DES SPORTS

This association organises sport events between different schools and participates in interacademic competitions.

EBS Paris Football Team : <https://www.facebook.com/Ebsfootball>

EBS Paris Rugby : <https://www.facebook.com/rugbyebs>

#### EBS PROMO

The team of students represents the school on different events such as student lounges, college visits and ebs Paris open days/evenings.

<https://www.facebook.com/equipeebs.promo?fref=ts>

#### EBS VOILE

EBS Voile aims at participating in the EDHEC cruise race, the biggest student sport event in Europe. Several trainings will be organized throughout the year.

<https://www.facebook.com/ebsParisSailingTeam?fref=ts>

## 10 On campus Facilities

### 10.1 Internet Access

You have Internet access (through the computers in the computer labs and through WiFi). Access is primarily dedicated to educational uses. The different websites you visit through Internet are recorded on our servers in accordance with the French law. An IT charter will be submitted to you, and it will indicate all points.

The campus has a secure wireless network. You can connect your laptops or your smartphones. You can access the wireless with the same user ID as above.

**IMPORTANT:** Some laptops can't connect to the wireless network. The most frequent cases are: the age of the equipment, the wireless driver card is outdated or bug. Please contact the IT department ([frontline@campuseiffel.fr](mailto:frontline@campuseiffel.fr)) for a computer diagnostic system (bring your computer).

### 10.2 The Media Center

- A physical space with comfortable sofas
- A physical space covered by wifi
- A digital library for students and teachers
- A website which offers an access to many resources on line

### 10.3 Cafeteria – lunch only

We have a cafeteria for you to enjoy your lunch on campus. You can use the cafeterias between Mondays and Fridays on campus.

## 11 Culture in Paris

Paris is a major cultural center and you will most likely find countless opportunities to go out and explore what the city has to offer. The City of Paris's official website is a good starting point to find information about anything you might be interested in: museums, libraries, sports facilities, markets, outdoors activities, etc. You will also find a calendar of free activities (exhibitions, screenings, etc.). [www.paris.fr](http://www.paris.fr).

### Museums / Art Galleries

You can find detailed information about the many Parisian museums and monuments on the following website: <http://www.parisinfo.com/visiter-a-paris>. Some of the most famous and “must-see” museums include le Louvre, le Musée d'Orsay, le Musée National d'Art Moderne (Centre Pompidou - Beaubourg), le Grand Palais, le Palais de Tokyo (Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris)... Most national museums are closed on Tuesdays. EU citizens under 26 get **free access** to permanent collections in national museums (there usually is a fee for temporary exhibitions). Other museums usually offer a discount fare for students (student ID is required).

Besides those major museums, Paris also offers the opportunity to visit many smaller museums and art galleries such as the Fondation Cartier pour l'Art Contemporain, Musée Rodin, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Fondation Henri Cartier-Bresson, etc. There are many small art galleries in several neighborhoods, but particularly around the Marais district (3ème, 4ème arrondissements). The “Arts & Culture” section of Time Out Paris can be a good starting point to find information about current exhibitions. <http://www.timeout.com/paris/en/arts-culture>

### Film / Theater

Paris has the highest density of movie theaters in the world (number of theaters per inhabitant), which will give you the opportunity to see almost any kind of movies you might be interested in, from independent foreign films to huge blockbusters. Some theaters, especially in the Latin Quarter, specialize in old classics or cult films. You will always be able to watch recent releases either in their original version with French subtitles or dubbed in French. General admission can be a little expensive (around 10 €) but most movie theaters offer student discounts (admission around 6 or 7 €). It is also often possible to buy a multiple-entry pass at a discount price.

Most chain multiplexes (Gaumont, UGC) focus on bigger releases, MK2 is a smaller chain that dedicates more screens to independent films and there are also many independent theaters that are well worth a visit for their program but sometimes also for their building, history and atmosphere (la Pagode, le Louxor, le Cinéma des Cinéastes, le Studio 28...) There are 2 weekly guides that can help you find out what movies are playing in any theater: l'Officiel des Spectacles and le Pariscope. Those guides will also include information about current plays and exhibitions. Check <http://www.offi.fr/cinema>.

For film buffs, the Cinémathèque Française is definitely a “must see” (screenings, festivals, museum, exhibitions, library, etc) <http://www.cinematheque.fr/>. During the summer, the City of Paris organizes free outdoors screenings of famous films.

## **Music**

Paris also offers many interesting options for live music enthusiasts ranging from large concert halls and outdoors festivals to small independent venues and cafés. Some of the most famous larger venues include Bercy (POPB), le Zénith or l'Olympia. Smaller venues include la Cigale, le Point Ephémère, le Nouveau Casino, la Maroquinerie and many more. All those venues offer an eclectic program but tend to focus on “indie” and electronic music. Jazz enthusiasts will find several jazz clubs around the city and particularly in the Latin Quarter district and around the 1er arrondissement. Those venues all have websites detailing their program. You can also find a detailed schedule of most concerts in a small free booklet called LYLO (Les Yeux Les Oreilles, <http://www.lylo.fr/> ) available in many bars and cafés.

As far as record stores are concerned, you will also be able to enjoy many options ranging from chain stores like FNAC and Gibert – both also large bookstores (<http://www.fnac.com/> and <http://www.gibertjoseph.com/> ) – to independent well-stocked record stores (Born Bad, Pop Culture, Music Fear Satan, Souffle Continu, Ground Zero, Silence de la Rue...). More details are available here: <http://www.timeout.fr/paris/shopping/vinyl-disquaires>.

Please do not hesitate to ask for more details as I know many of those places quite well. I'd be happy to help if I can.

### **11.1 Libraries**

There are different libraries in Paris that you can access:

- BNF, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, 75013. <http://www.bnf.fr/fr/> Annual card : 20€ per student
- BPI Beaubourg, 75004 : <http://www.bpi.fr> One of the biggest library in Paris with free access to students. Open from 12PM to 10PM except Tuesdays.
- Bibliothèque Sainte Geneviève, 75005. <http://www-bsg.univ-paris1.fr/> Library encyclopaedic and intervarsity. Free access after mandatory subscription. Le Centre de Documentation de la Documentation Française, 75007 <http://www.ladocumentationfrancaise.fr/> Free access
- At Eiffel 1 you have a media center where you can study and have access to the learning center.

## 11.2 Bookstores

### *English and French books/electronics/CDs*

#### **Darty (Electronics)**

Beaugrenelle Shopping Center  
12 Rue Linois, 75015  
Tel: 01 53 95 24 00  
Metro: Bir Hakeim (Line 6)

#### **FNAC (books, CDs, electronics)**

Beaugrenelle Shopping Center  
12 Rue Linois, 75015  
Tel: 01 53 95 24 00  
Metro: Bir Hakeim (Line 6)

### *English Bookstores*

#### **Brentano's**

37, avenue de l'Opéra  
75002 Paris  
Tel: 01 42 61 52 50  
Metro : Opéra (Lines 7, 8 OR RER A)  
Or Metro: Pyramid (Line 7)

#### **Shakespeare & Company**

37, rue de la Bucherie  
75005 Paris

#### **W.H.Smith**

248, rue de Rivoli  
75001 Paris  
Tel: 01 44 77 88 99  
Metro: Concord (Lines 1, 8)

#### **Galignani**

224, rue de Rivoli  
75001 Paris  
Tel: 01 43 25 40 93  
Tel: 01 42 60 76 07  
Metro: Concord (Lines 1 & 8)

### 11.3 Sports Facilities

You have different options around campus.

#### Forest Hill Aquaboulevard

4 rue Louis Armand  
01 53 78 10 90

#### Salle de fitness Neones (gym)

18 Rue Juge  
01 80 48 02 88

#### Front de Seine

44 Rue Emeriau  
01 45 78 88 00

#### Piscine Keller (swimming pool)

14 Rue de l'Ingénieur Robert Keller  
01 45 71 81 0

#### Squash Front de Seine

22 Rue du Théâtre  
01 45 78 88 00

### 11.4 Food

#### 11.4.1 Restaurants Universitaires

You can also have access to the “Restaurants Universitaires” around Paris. To access it you need to:

- Be a student
- Have a student ID card
- Have a CROUS card, which costs 2€. You need to ask for that card at the reception of one of the “Restaurant Universitaire”. You can charge it with money (cash or credit cards are accepted) at the entrance of each “Restaurant Universitaire”.

A meal (to stay or to go) costs between 3 and 10€.

You can invite a friend, but he or she needs to have his or her own student ID card.

You have 15 “Restaurants Universitaires” around Paris. You have the list below or on the following website: <http://www.crous-paris.fr/article.asp?idcat=AAAB&idart>

#### 11.4.2 Where to eat around campus

##### Between 5 and 12€

#### EXKI Beaugrenelle

12 Rue Linois, 75015 Paris  
01 53 95 24 00

#### Cojean Beaugrenelle

7 Rue Linois, 75015 Paris  
01 45 77 72 05

#### Mc Donalds

1 rue du commerce  
01 45 75 98 01

#### Panasia Beaugrenelle

7 Rue Linois 75015 Paris

#### Mypop cie burgers

7 Rue Linois  
01 45 77 23 95

#### Boulangerie café : Le Fournil de Pierre

10, rue du commerce  
01 45 75 16 48

#### Chipotle Beaugrenelle

1 Rue Linois, 75015 Paris  
01 45 78 17 49

#### Noura Beaugrenelle

2 Rue Linois, 75115 Paris  
01 45 78 22 16

**Boulangerie Le Gallic**  
133, Avenue Emile Zola  
01 45 75 20 64

**A la petite chocolatière**  
66, Avenue de la Motte  
Piquet  
01 47 83 32 87

**Boulangerie Poilâne**  
49, Boulevard de Grenelle  
01 45 79 11 49

**Boulangier Pâtissier SECCO**  
75, Boulevard de Grenelle  
01 45 67 17 40

**Il Bocancino (Italian restaurant)**  
19 rue michel sextius  
01 53 95 07 33

**New thai pacific (Thai restaurant)**  
110 boulevard de grenelle  
01 45 78 87 88

**Amalfi (Italian restaurant)**  
4 rue viala  
01 45 78 88 81

**Pistache et chocolat Okito (Japanese Restaurant)**  
**Darai (Korean Restaurant)**  
33/35 rue de lourmel  
01 45 75 56 03  
27 quai de grenelle  
01 40 59 86 51  
4 rue violet  
01 45 77 36 77

**Mario e lillo (Italian restaurant)**  
98, Rue du Théâtre  
01 45 77 76 68

**Matchan (Japanese Restaurant)**  
55 rue du théâtre  
01 45 77 03 50

**Brasserie Le Pont De Seine**  
1, Boulevard de Grenelle  
01 45 79 38 05

**Around 15€**

**Parisian Pub Beaugrenelle**  
7 Rue Linois, 75015 Paris  
01 45 77 91 40

**L'Atome (aveyronnais)**  
29, Boulevard de Grenelle  
01 45 78 72 6

**Le Bouquet de Grenelle**  
68, Avenue de la motte  
Piquet  
01 47 34 30 01

**Café du Commerce**  
51, rue du Commerce  
01 45 75 03 27

**Bistrot dupleix**  
62, Boulevard de Grenelle  
01 45 77 24 96

**Métropolitain**  
83, Boulevard de grenelle  
01 40 56 00 02

**Le Pierrot**  
67, Avenue de la Motte-  
Piquet  
01 47 34 17 76

**Samaya (Lebanese Restaurant)**  
21, Boulevard de Grenelle  
01 45 77 44 44

**Le Saint Martin's (Portuguese Restaurant)**  
8, rue Saint Charles  
01 45 79 18 14

**Café Créperie Suzette**  
117, Boulevard de Grenelle  
01 47 83 39 71

**Tipaza (Eastern Cuisine)**  
150, Avenue Emile Zola  
01 45 79 22 25

**Villa 15 (Italian restaurant)**  
47, rue Saint Charles  
01 45 77 14 43

**Au dernier métro (basque)**  
70 boulevard de grenelle  
01 45 75 01 23

**Chez Darius Tiam (Iranian Restaurant)**  
81 rue du théâtre  
01 45 79 41 22

**142 Crêperie contemporaine**  
59, rue Saint-Charles  
01 40 59 84 01

**Au Moka**  
92 boulevard de grenelle  
01 45 78 19 68

**Pastapapa**  
7 rue lourmel  
01 45 77 66 47

**Les prolongations**  
76 boulevard de grenelle  
01 45 75 62 05

**Di napoli (Italian restaurant)**  
31 boulevard de Grenelle  
01 45 77 05 06

**Ferouz (Lebanese Restaurant)**

8-10 rue de Lourmel  
01 45 78 07 02

**Royal couscous (Eastern Cuisine)**

22 rue Nélaton  
01 45 77 25 17

**Manna (Korean Restaurant)**

44 rue de Lourmel  
01 45 78 80 09

**Taki (Japanese Restaurant)**

54 rue du Docteur Finlay  
01 45 79 42 28

**Di Napoli (Italian restaurant)**

31 boulevard de Grenelle  
01 45 77 05 06

**Siu Yu (Chinese Restaurant)**

3, Rue Sextius Michel  
01 45 77 17 99

**More than 20€**

**Tagawa (Japanese Restaurant)**

37, bis rue Rouelle  
01 45 75 93 21

**Le concert de cuisine (Japanese Restaurant)**

14 rue Nélaton  
01 40 58 10 15

**Le court bouillon**

51 rue du Théâtre  
01 45 77 08 18

**Le bistrot d'en face**

24 rue du Docteur Finlay  
01 45 77 14 59

### 11.4.3 Grocery Stores

Around the school you have different grocery stores.

You also have a market on Wednesdays on boulevard de Grenelle between rue Lourmel and rue du commerce.

**Biocoop**

44, Boulevard de Grenelle  
01 45 77 70 14

**Carrefour City**

33, Rue Frémicourt  
01 44 49 04 89

**Super halle 2000**

45, rue du Commerce  
01 45 77 25 76

**Oliviers&Co**

85, rue du Commerce  
01 55 76 42 26

**Maison Gosselin**

1, rue de Lourmel  
01 45 78 70 06

**Marché Franprix**

23, Boulevard de Grenelle  
01 45 79 19 34

**Monop'**

27, Boulevard de Grenelle

**Monoprix**

111, Boulevard de Grenelle

**Dia**

97, Boulevard de Grenelle

**Picard**

72, Boulevard de Grenelle  
01 45 77 48 77

**Sitis Market**

31, Rue Saint Charles

**Ker primeurs**

96, rue du Théâtre

**Marks & Spencer**

**Beaugrenelle**

2 Rue Linois, 75015 Par

## 11.5 Museums (National museums are free the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)

### Musée d'Orsay

62, rue de Lille 75003 (Musée d'Orsay)

[www.musee-orsay.fr](http://www.musee-orsay.fr)

5,5€ (Students)

Tuesday – Sunday : 9.30am- 6pm

Thursday: 9.30 am – 9.45pm

**Musée du Louvre** (Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo, and many more) <http://www.louvre.fr>

**Every Friday after 6pm is free**

**The first Sunday of every month is free**

Métro : Palais-Royal-Musée du Louvre station.

### La Maison Européenne de la Photographie

5/7 rue de Fourcy – 75004 (St. Paul)

3€ (students) [www.mep-fr.org](http://www.mep-fr.org)

Wednesday – Sunday: 11am – 8pm

### Musée de Picasso

5 rue de Thorigny 75003 (St. Paul)

5,7€ (students)

[www.musee-picasso.fr](http://www.musee-picasso.fr)

9am – 6pm

### Palais de la découverte

Av. Franklin-D.-Roosevelt 75008 Paris,

[www.palaisdecouverte.fr](http://www.palaisdecouverte.fr)

(Metro: Franlin D. Roosevelt)

4,5€, planetarium: 3,5€ (students)

Tuesday – Saturday: 9.30am – 6pm

Sunday: 10am – 7pm.

### Petit Palais

Avenue Winston Churchill 75008

(Metro: Champs-Élysées-Clemenceau)

Free of charge (except for temporary expositions)

Tel : 01 53 43 40 00

Tuesday – Sunday: 10am – 6pm

### Musée Rodin

77, rue de Varenne 75007 (Metro : Invalides)

### Musée Quai Branly

55, quai Branly 75007

4€ (student)

[www.musee-rodin.fr](http://www.musee-rodin.fr)

Week : 9.30am-5.45pm (parc 6.45 pm)

Week ends: 1pm – 6pm

6 € – 9,5 € (students)

[www.quaibrantly.fr](http://www.quaibrantly.fr)

Tuesday-Sunday: 10am – 6.30pm.

Thursday: 10am – 930pm

### Musée de la Vie Romantique

Hôtel Scheffer-Renan

16 rue Chaptal - 75009 Paris

tél. : 01 55 31 95 67

Metro : Blanche (Line 2)

### Musée Carnavalet (History of Paris)

23, rue de Sévigné, 75003 Paris

Tel : 01 44 59 58 58

Metro : St. Paul

<http://carnavalet.paris.fr>

### George Pompidou Centre

Rue Saint-Marint, Paris

**Metro:** Rambuteau (line 11), Hôtel de Ville (line 1, 11),

Châtelet (lignes 1, 4, 7, 11, 14)

**RER:** Châtelet/Les Halles (line A, B, D)

**Opening Hours:** The Pompidou Centre is open all days

except Tuesdays and 1st of May. Hours : 11am to 10pm

<http://www.centrepompidou.fr>

## 11.6 Shopping Districts

### Galleries Lafayette HAUSSMANN

40, bd Haussmann, 75009 PARIS

Tel : 01.42.82.34.56

<http://www.gallerieslafayette.com>

### Boulevard Haussmann

Printemps, Galleries Lafayette, H&M, Zara,

United Colours

of Benetton, etc...

Metro : Line 9, Line 7 – Chaussé d’Atin

RER : A - Auber

### Le Marais (Art and creation)

Metro: Line 1 – St. Paul

Metro: Line 1 - Bastille

### Rue du Rivoli (shopping districts)

Metro - Line 1: Louvre Rivoli (souvenirs)

Metro - Line 1 : Hôtel de Ville, Châtelet

### Champs Elysées

Metro: Line 1 – Charles de Gaulle Etoile

### Le Bon Marché

24 rue de Sèvres, 75007 Paris

<http://www.lebonmarche.fr>

Metro : Lines 10, 12 – Sevre Babylon

### St. Germain area

Metro : Lines 10, 12 or 4 – Odéon, Sevres

Babylon, Rue

Rennes

### Madeleine Area

Metro : Line 8 – Madeleine

### Rue du Commerce

Metro : Lines 6, 8 or 10 – La Motte Piquet

Grenelle

## 11.6 Movie Theatres

### UGC Cinécity la Défense

Quatre Temps – La défense

Movies are shown in VO

### UGC/Geaumont sur le Champs Elysée

Champs –Elysée (Charle de Gaule Etoile,

George V, Franklin

D. Roosevelt)

### MK2 Bercy Village

Metro : Line 14 - Cour St. Emilion

### La Géode

26, Avenue Corentin Cariou 75019

Beautiful old cinema. No blockbusters, VO

## 11.7 Stage and Musical Theatres

For tickets for any stage shows, please either visit the direct websites of the theatres or visit FNAC stores. These are just a selection of Theatres in Paris. There are many more

### Opéra Garnier (National Opéra de Paris)

8 rue Scribe, 75009 Paris

Tel : 01 40 01 17 89

<http://www.operadeparis.fr/>

### Opéra Bastille (National Opéra de Paris)

120 rue Lyon, 75012 Paris

Tel : 01 40 01 17 89

<http://www.operadeparis.fr/>

### Olympia (concert hall)

18 r Caumartin, 75009 Paris

Tel : 01 55 27 10 00

<http://www.olympiahall.com/>

### Theatre Mogador

25 rue de Mogador

75009 Paris, France

Tel : 01 53 32 32 32

<http://www.mogador.net>

## 12 Transportation in Paris

### Metro

The Metro system in Paris is quite extensive and is the best way to get around. The Metro consists of 14 lines and covers Paris central region and extends to some suburbs. Upon arrival, you should get a monthly pass called « Navigo » for the weeks or months you will be in Paris. It is more effective to get a monthly pass instead of buying a ticket each time you take the Metro. Metro system stays within the first 2 zones. Since September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 the price for a monthly pass is the same for all zones (73,00 €). Ebs Paris campus is located at the “Bir-Hakeim” or “Dupleix” station on Line 6. All Metro and RER lines are color coded and to download a Metro Map, please visit the following website: <http://www.ratp.fr> (English version available).

### RER

The RER are the fast suburban trains which also cross Paris. You will have to purchase a ticket which has a different cost depending on where you are going and the zone. RER is a larger fast train compared to the Metro and goes through the city and its suburbs. RER lines are organized by alphabet from A to E. You will have to buy a special RER ticket if you chose to travel with this transportation system.

### Bus

Buses are also convenient to take for short distances however for longer distances, more than 6 city blocks, it is better to take the Metro or the RER. Please also find a bus map on the website above.

### 12.1 Fare and tickets

#### Tickets T+

- One ticket (for zone 1 and 2): 1.80€
- Book of 10 tickets (for zone 1 and 2): 14.10€
- One ticket in a bus: 2€

#### Tickets origin-destination

The origin-destination ticket allows you to travel between two stations in the region “Île-de-France” on the RER lines. It is used in one way or another, for example: Paris – la Défense and la Défense – Paris. The one way ticket from or to Paris from or to la Défense is 2.75€. Tickets to or from Paris can use correspondence metro and RER in Paris. For more information visit: [http://www.ratp.fr/en/ratp/c\\_21187/billet-origine-destination/](http://www.ratp.fr/en/ratp/c_21187/billet-origine-destination/)

## Navigo Pass

The other option is to get a **Navigo Pass**. The card is available immediately at the counter in metro stations and in authorized shops without having to complete an application, it costs 5€. It is open to everyone (no obligation to reside or work in Ile de France). It goes along with a name card with photo (25x30mm format). You can then “load” passes onto your card. A weekly pass (that runs from Monday to Sunday) for zones 1 to 5 costs 22,15 euros. A monthly pass for zones 1 to 5 costs 73,00 euros. With either of these passes, you will be able to make unlimited trips using the Metro, buses, RER, trains within zones 1 to 5 (covering a very large area including the city of Paris and its suburbs). We recommend you purchase a monthly pass as it usually is the best deal for students. To get more information about the monthly transportation passes, please visit the following website: [www.ratp.fr](http://www.ratp.fr) (English version available)

**Please be advised that most Metro stations do not have elevators or escalators. If you have heavy luggage to carry, you may have to carry them up or down the stairs.**

## Imagin’R Card

This is a transportation card valid for one year (for unlimited trips) and designed for students under 26. This card offers discounts up to 50% compared to the Carte Navigo but students can only enroll in this transportation plan if they are registered for at least one full academic year (2 semesters). For prices and more information, you can check the following webpage: <http://www.imagine-r.com/> .

## 12.2 Velib

Velib is a large-scale bicycle sharing program. In order to use the system, users need to take out a subscription, which allows the subscriber an unlimited number of rentals. Subscriptions can be purchased at €1.70 per day, €8/week, €29/year (Vélib' Classique), or €39/year (Vélib' Passion). With a subscription, bike rental is free for the first half hour of every individual trip; an unlimited number of such free trips can be made per day. A trip that lasts longer than 30 minutes incurs a charge of €1 to €4 for each subsequent 30-minute period. The increasing price scale is intended to keep the bikes in circulation. A Vélib' Passion subscription allows the user to have the first 45 minutes free on each trip, its price is reduced to €29 for users aged under 27, and to €19 for students receiving a scholarship. A credit card or debit card with a PIN is required to sign up for the program and to rent the bikes. The credit/debit card is charged a €150 deposit, to protect against bikes not being returned. The credit card is required to contain an EMV chip in order to get a subscription at a station;<sup>[18]</sup> short-term subscription can also be purchased online. 1-day and 1-week subscribers are given a subscription number to be used for future rentals during their subscription period, while 1-year subscribers are sent an RFID card. All types of sign-up can also be attached to a Navigo pass. The RFID card and Navigo pass allow direct use of the card readers at Vélib stations.

### 12.3 Taxi

French taxis are licensed by the local prefecture, which imposes strict rules on roadworthiness, passenger capacity (a maximum of 3) and working hours. Private minicabs do not really exist and all cabs operate in the same manner and to the same costs in each region. They do tend to charge more depending on the hour of the day (ie. early morning, and late at night). Taxis in Paris can be hailed in the streets, at the numerous taxi stations found in every district or booked by phone.

The main taxi company in Paris: **G7 (G sept) – Tel: 01 47 39 47 39** WeCab is a taxi service offering shared or private taxi's for journeys **to or from the airports Roissy Charles de Gaulle and Orly**. It is an economical and comfortable alternative to existing means of transportation to the airport: RER, **Paris airport shuttle, Paris airport bus, bus**, and other public transport or private vehicle. Book a **taxi to/from Paris airports** through the website [www.wecab.com](http://www.wecab.com) or by phone +33 (0) 1 41 27 66 77.

### 12.4 Transportation within Europe and other information

If you plan to travel around France or Europe in general after or during the program, the following websites might be useful for you:

#### Transportation from Airport:

<http://www.airport-shuttle.com/> (English version available)

<http://www.aeroportsdeparis.fr/ADP/en-GB/Passagers/home/> (English version)

#### Transportation (train) within France:

<http://www.sncf.fr> (cross country train): ouigo, id tgv , id bus

<http://www.ratp.fr> Metro, Bus & RER (English version available)

#### Transportation (train) within Europe:

<http://www.raileurope.com/us/index.htm> (English version available)

<http://www.eurostar.com> (Paris – London)

#### Useful links:

<http://www.fusac.fr/en/> (classifieds for the English speaking community in Paris)

<http://paris.en.craigslist.org/> (classifieds in Paris, English version)

## 12.5 Tours

Different Tour companies to take tours to such places as: Versailles Palace, Mt. St. Michel, Giverny Monet's Garden, Loire Valley Castles, etc...

A few sightseeing suggestions are: visiting the Museums (please see museum list), a tour of the Loire Valley and its Castles (day trip), a tour of the Abby of Mt. St. Michel (day-trip), visit the Versailles palace RER C (day-trip) or go on a Bike tour around Paris. All tours can be arranged through the different companies below. The information can be found on the following websites.

<http://www.parisvision.com>

<http://www.francetourisme.fr>

<http://www.fattirebiketoursparis.com> (Bike tours around Paris)

<http://www.parisinfo.com> (Paris visitors' bureau, English version)

<http://www.museums-of-paris.com/> (museums in Paris)

<http://www.4roues-sous-1parapluie.com/index.php> (original and authentic way of visiting Paris)

## 13 Miscelanous

### Currency

To find out the latest currency exchange rates, you should contact your local financial institution. The exchange rate varies from store to store. Euro coins are available in denominations of 1 cent, 5 cents, 10 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents, 1€, 2€. Euro notes (paper bills) are available in denominations of 5€, 10€, 20€, 50€, 100€ and so on. The 50€ and 100€ bills may not be widely accepted and it is better to have smaller bills on hand.

### Banks for money withdrawals (ATMs or Cadh points)

There are many ATMs for money withdrawals all around Paris however the exchange rate varies depending on the bank. Please note that all around Europe, most ATMs take 4 digit codes only. **Please ensure that your bank card has a confidential code of 4 digits before leaving your country. They do not accept letter codes.**

### Traveler's Checks

Traveler's checks (in Euros) can also be used in the largest stores and restaurants however you must present official picture identification (passport or citizenship card) at the time of its use. You will not be able to use your regular bank checks. **Traveler's checks must be in Euros and cannot be in any other currencies.** You must go to large banks to cash traveler's checks and must show your ID (Passport) when cashing them.

### Master Cards/ VISA/ American Express

The most widely used credit cards are Master Cards and Visa cards. The American Express cards are less used in Europe. Please note that some smaller restaurants may not be equipped to process North American Credit cards due to a different system used in France. Therefore, it is always a good idea to have some cash or traveler's checks on hand.

### The French Electrical System – voltage difference

The French electrical system, like most European countries is 220 volts at 50 cycles. Plugs take a standardized two or three round-pin format. Hair dryers, battery chargers, electric shavers and all other electric devices will require **an adapter and a voltage converter**. Most can be adapted with relative ease, but ask for advice and make sure you purchase an adapter and converter before leaving your home country especially for expensive equipment. **The school does not have any adapters or voltage converters.**

### **Cell phone connection**

If you would like to have a cell phone connection while you are in Paris, you have several options. You can get an international connection from your home country or buy a “pay as you go” card in France. Make sure your phone accepts international Sim cards.

### **Payphones in Paris**

Most payphones inside Paris do not accept coins. You will have to buy a phone card specially made to use at payphones. You are able to buy these cards at any “Tabac” stores (smoke shops), any newsstands, or any large departmental stores. They are called ‘carte téléphonique pour les cabines’. You can also use directly your debit card.

### **Sunday Store closures**

Most regular clothing, pharmacies and grocery stores are closed on Sundays in France. Most restaurants and bakeries are open on Sundays but are closed on Monday. Most banks are closed on Monday as well.

## 14. Security

Paris is statistically one of the safest major metropolitan areas in Europe. Violent crime rates are fairly low here. Following these basic Paris safety tips can go a long way in ensuring you avoid danger during your stay in Paris. Paris community police has about a hundred public reception points scattered all over the capital. Among them, the 20 district (arrondissement) central police stations are open 24/7, in order to attend to victims and provide help and assistance.

Foreign visitors can speak to bilingual police officers. The latter, either at the reception desk in police stations or patrolling the streets, throughout the summer, wear badges indicating, by means of a flag, the language(s) they can speak. They can answer simple questions such as basic information (geographic direction or tourist sites) as well as more sensitive questions, regarding theft or assault, and may thus bring valuable assistance to tourists who do not command the French language. When recording a complaint, the (Système d'Accueil des Victimes Etrangères - Reception System for Foreign Victims) software, available in twenty languages, now allows any police civil servant to record the complaint from a foreign tourist and provide him/her with a receipt in its original language, thus simplifying the visitor's forthcoming procedures at the embassy or in his/her own country.

### To avoid becoming a victim, follow these tips

#### *Be careful in the street:*

- Preferably use a small bag or a waist-bag / fanny-pack rather than a backpack;
- Take little cash with you;
- Do not put your wallet in your back pockets;
- If an assailant tries to snatch your bag, do not resist, or you may be injured;
- Beware of individuals who may divert your attention in order to steal your personal belongings.
- Some swindlers may impersonate police officers and ask for your identification and money. First of all, bear in mind that a real police officer will never ask for money. Ask for their white plastic three-color card indicating "Police" in the center, diagonally crossed in blue, white and red and bearing markings on both sides.

#### *Be careful in public transport:*

- Do not leave your luggage unattended;
- Do not let any individual go through the turnstile / gate directly behind you;
- Never buy tickets from scalpers who will charge you extra (up to ten times their value). Use ticket counters or ticket issuing machines in (train / bus / subway) stations.

**Never accept rides from someone who may offer their transport services in airports or in the street: this could be a "bogus/illegal" taxi, a crime punished by the French Labor Code.**

#### *In public places:*

- Do not handle money in public and never change currencies in the street, use bureau de change / currency exchange offices instead;
- Use small denominations, bank cards or checks (of course if they can be cleared in France) for any purchases;
- Do not leave your methods of payment in cloakrooms or in your coat on a chair (at restaurant or in cafés for instance), a pickpocket could sit behind you and steal your belongings;

- Never lay your bag at your feet and do not leave your mobile phone or your wallet on the table in a café or a restaurant;
- Do not put your phone in an outside pocket of your bag or garments;
- Do not lend it to a stranger;
- In restaurants and bars, do not hesitate to ask for the menu and pricelist, so as to avoid any unpleasant surprise

**Loss or theft of your identification papers:**

- Remember to photocopy all your identification papers and keep the copies in your hotel or your temporary place of residence;
- In case of loss, contact the consulate and in case of theft, also declare it to the police.

**What to do if you become the victim of a theft or an assault?**

- Should you become a victim of an assault, try to make the attacker go away by making as much noise as possible (shouting / screaming);
- Take refuge in the nearest shop and get someone to call the police;
- Give a description of your attacker: - sex, supposed age, hair color and cut, height and weight, distinctive features (beard, scars, tattoos, glasses, etc.).
- Indicate how and the direction in which they fled. In the case of a vehicle, specify the color, brand and, if possible, the license plate number (even partially).

Police officers will take you to the nearest police station so as to record your complaint. If you do not speak French, the S.A.V.E. (Système d'Accueil des Victimes Etrangères - Reception System for Foreign Victims) available in twenty languages allows officers to record your complaint and provide you with a receipt in your language. In the case of physical assault, the officer shall also provide you with a written document allowing you to get examined at the medical-legal emergency unit (1, place du Parvis Notre-Dame, 75004 Paris - M° Cité, RER St-Michel -Notre-Dame - 01 42 34 82 85/29 -24/7) which shall issue an official certificate to be added to your file. An investigation will then be opened to look for the assailant(s).

**Useful numbers:**

- Police emergency : 17
- Emergency number from a mobile phone : 112
- Fire brigade / ambulance : 18
- Emergency medical assistance service (SAMU): 15
- Lost or stolen credit card : 0 892 705 705 - 7j./7 (0,34€/min)
- American Express : 01 47 77 72 00
- Diner's Club : 0 810 31 41 59
- Lost and found service : 0 892 68 32 08 - 7j./7 (0,337€/min) 36, rue des Morillons, 75015 Paris 0 821 00 25 25 (0,12€/min)

**FRANCE EMERGENCY NUMBERS:**<http://www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/English>