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HANDBOOK

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The following information will guide you
to prepare your stay in France.

COVID19 TESTS

There are several possibilities to get tested in France for Covid 19. In most cases you need to make an appointment in order to get tested. Appointments can be made via the test center/pharmacy website, phone or the [Doctolib](#) system. You may need to present your EHIC insurance card or your French health insurance certificate.

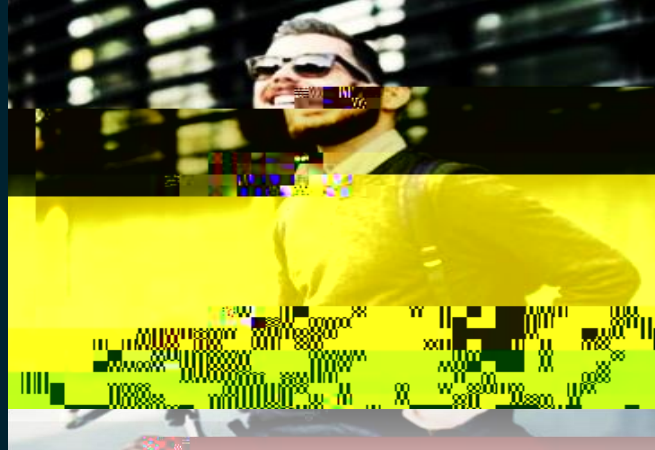
The [PCR test](#) is used to screen for CoV-2-SARS infection conducted in a laboratory. To locate the nearest screening centres and laboratories follow the link [here](#).

The interactive map will show you the closest medical centre according to your location.

The [Antigen test](#) can be conducted in pharmacy. The result is faster but less reliable than with the PCR test.

The [Serologic test](#) measures the antibody response in an individual. It indicates that a person





Schengen Visa

No actions required upon arrival



HOUSING SERVICE [2]

Private market

Another possibility is to rent a room or a shared flat on the private market (flats run by landlords).

The prices can be very different as it depends on the location of the flat, its size, if it is furnished or not and if all or part of the charges are included (household rubbish collection tax, water, electricity, heater, internet, etc.).

Rents generally do not include electricity, water and internet access and range from 450 700€/month for an individual

flat and 300 700€/month per person for a shared flat (2 people or more).

If you are asked to pay management fees around 200€, be careful because it may be a fraudulent ad as the estate agency will offer you a list of flats which, most of the time, are no longer available.

ATTENTION: Always check if the advertisement is not a scam. You can contact our housing service should you have any doubts.

French guarantor

Most of the landlords/ estate agencies only agree to rent their accommodation if you can provide a French guarantor. In that case, they may require many documents in order to rent you an apartment. This is to assure them that you can afford to pay the rent. As you are a student and do not have a regular income, your parents are your guarantors.



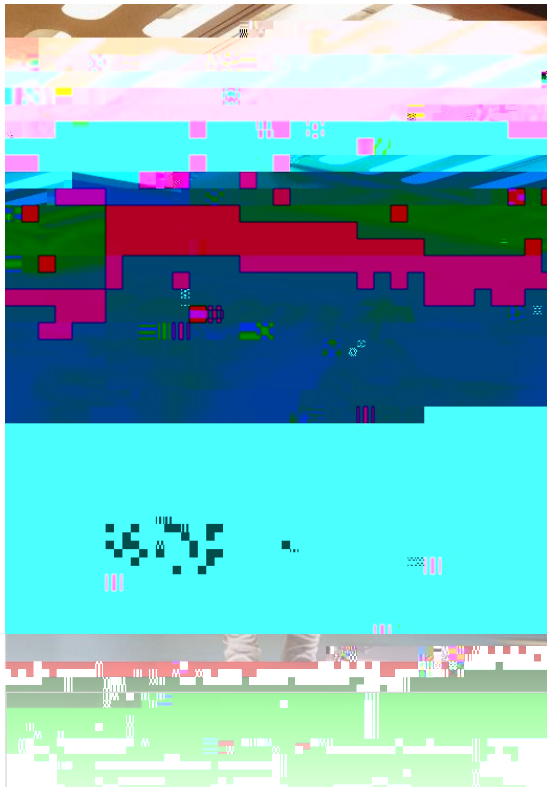
Housing benefit from the CAF

The French Caisse d'Allocations Familiales (C.A.F) grants a monthly amount to help to pay rent to students staying in the same place more than 5 months (if your stay is shorter you will not be eligible). The housing benefit is subject to income conditions and depends on the size of the flat, the amount of the rent, if you are living alone or in a shared apartment, etc. You will be able to have an idea of how much you can get (once you have found your housing) by doing a simulation on their website.

Note that the first and the last month are never paid.

Non-E.U. students may receive or not this housing benefit depending on the type of visa they are holding. Please note that

BE PREPARED FOR A CULTURAL TRANSITION!



Interesting web sites about our Region and city

<https://www.marseille-tourisme.com/en/>

<https://uk.france.fr/en/provence>



Information about studying and living in France

<http://www.campusfrance.org/en>

<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en>

<https://uk.france.fr/en>



Arriving in France

You are about to come and live in France and you should know that arriving in a country with different culture, climate, traditions and language can become an unsettling experience. Indeed, whereas they are small or big differences between the French culture and your home country's culture, your state of mind can evolve.

Culture shock

Culture shock is defined as, "the mental shock of adjusting to a new country and a new culture, which may be dramatically different from your own". It is also said that it is a normal stage in the acculturation process that all newcomers go through. Being in a strange place and losing the power to communicate can disrupt a person's worldview, self-identity, and systems of thinking, acting and feeling. France has many cultural differences from your home country. Some of these differences can become so overwhelming that you will want to leave France forever (culture shock). Learning how to deal with these differences and understand the French reasoning is the key to coping with culture shock.

Preparation is the key.

Adjusting to life in new country can be challenging but also rewarding. One good way to cope is to prepare so you know what to expect. Culture shock can hit you in many different ways. You might experience culture shock all at once or feel it at different times.

Patience and humour are helping to acclimate oneself to the different environment. By accepting the differences and acknowledging them, it is easier to get some perspective for both the good and bad moment during this international experience.

TIPS TO BETTER ADAPT TO THE FRENCH CULTURE

1. Learn to speak French
This is one of the best ways to settle in among locals.

2. Be patient
Administration is rather complicated and takes time. Be prepared!

3. Be attentive
Adapt to the French schedule: meal time, shops opening days and hours, party time.

4. Learn to enjoy your meal

There is no need to hurry. Most French people eat with no hurry.

5. Be open minded
Sometimes you will have to get out of your comfort zone, it does not mean you cannot enjoy the experience.

<https://student.kedge.edu/student-services/prepare-my-studies-abroad/practical-information>

From the train station

The best way to get to KEDGE from the train station is to take the subway "Metro" (the entrances are near the taxi stand or inside the train station itself). Students have to take Line 2 (direction Sainte Marguerite-Dromel) and get off at the "Rond-Point-du-Prado" station, then take the boulevard Michelet exit (the one to the left) and cross the road to reach the bus stop for bus #21 or #921 (JETBUS) to Luminy, both leading directly to KEDGE Business School (stop: Luminy ESCAE).

Another option is to take metro line 2 to Dromel station, and then take the bus #24S to stop Luminy ESCAE. Bus line #24S arrives directly to the entry-gate of the school. Bus #21 will take you to the last stop and you will have to walk 5 minutes to reach the school up a rocky path.

RTM PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Public transport consists of fleet of buses, two metro lines and three tram lines. Bus and metro routes are well connected with the main train station Gare Marseille Saint Charles.

A "solo" ticket (one way) costs 2.00€ if purchased in all buses, and 1.80€ if purchased at subways.

From the airport

You will be landing to Marignane city at the Marseille-Provence Airport. This is the closest airport to travel to

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Pick up service

Kedge BS Marseille offers every semester a pick-up service from the airport or the train station. This assistance is developed by the Interact Students Association. More information [here](#).

Tips to prepare your arrival

1. Make sure you have mobile phone connectivity when you arrive (and need maps /internet/phone the most). Prepare with your provider at home at least for the first few days.
2. Make sure your bank is aware you'll be travelling and can withdraw cash from an ATM in France. Your credit card will need a Chip to use the cash machines.
3. Be "street smart" when travelling. Make printed copies of important documents (passport, etc.) and keep separate from the originals, don't put all your valuables in the same place.
4. Have the address where you're going printed and identify the closest bus stop/metro.
www.rtm.fr

WELCOME ORIENTATION SESSION

Kedge BS organizes a mandatory orientation session for its newly arrived Incoming students at the beginning of each semester. During this session, you will be provided with



general and academic information.

You can as well participate in workshops related to different administrative formalities (residence permit, opening a bank account, health insurance...), as well as cultural events to meet other students and start making friends.

ANY QUESTIONS?
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