



Welcoming International students

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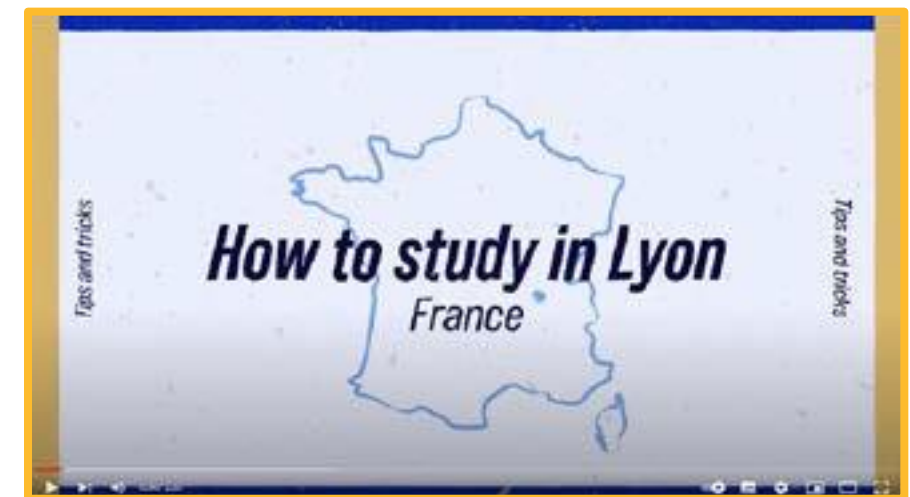
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International student guide

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Step I : Study at Isara



A dynamic environment

Isara is located in Lyon, south-east of France, in a very dynamic environment surrounded by a wide number of companies, research centers and professionals working in the field of agriculture, food industry, rural development and environment sectors at large.

An ideal location...

Apart from its worldwide renown in terms of culture, gastronomy and sports, the city of Lyon is also well known for being a big city, yet convivial and easy to visit on foot. Beyond that, not only does Lyon share borders with Italy and Switzerland, it is easy to escape to the mountains and the sea - which will give you the opportunity to take part in a variety of leisure activities.



A vibrant student city

Second-ranking city in France in regards to its number of students, Lyon has a rich cultural and gastronomic tradition and an 'old town' which was designated World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Our lively city will offer you an exceptional quality of life.

Studying in Lyon is an opportunity for each of its 130,000 students to enjoy fascinating sites and events, including evening parties organized on barges, the renowned Festival of lights (Fête des Lumières), The Dance Biennale (Biennale de la Danse), the Nuits de Fourvière (outdoor music, dance and theatre festival held in an ancient Roman Amphitheatre). Or, if you prefer, you can enroll for free in organized roller-blading tours, offered every Friday, to discover Lyon by night...

With a nice climate

The natural diversity of this area (Mediterranean and temperate climate, plains and mountains) provides an easy access to a wide range of activities related to agriculture and food: various crop products (fruit, cereal plants, vines, vegetables, etc.), cattle breeding, and many other activities which are strongly linked to a huge network of food-processing industries.



✈ By Plane

Lyon-Saint Exupéry international airport (99 international and 20 national links - 25 km east of Lyon) is less than an hour drive from Lyon. It can be more easily and quickly reached via the Rhônexpress shuttle:

- Departure: every 15 minutes – Duration: 30 minutes <https://www.rhonexpress.fr/>
- Cost: 10,50 € per person under 25
- 17.10 € per person over 25 (16€ if prepaid online)

🚂 By Train

SNCF is the main French train company www.sncf-connect.com

From Paris «Roissy-Charles de Gaulle» airport or Paris «Gare de Lyon» train station to Lyon «Part-Dieu» or Lyon «Perrache» station : 25 TGV high-speed trains daily (2-hour journey)
From Marseille: 1 hour and 40 minutes

You may also want to use the Ouigo high speed train service, which usually operates from/to remote train stations but at a more affordable price (starting price from Paris «Marne-La-Vallée» to Lyon «Saint Exupéry»: 10 €). www.ouigo.com/

Or the Trenitalia line between Paris and Lyon : www.trenitalia.com

🚌 By Bus

Broad range of destinations at very affordable prices (starting price from Paris to Lyon: 5€):

- Flixbus: www.flixbus.fr/
- BlaBlaBus: www.blablacar.fr/bus



From Lyon «Part-Dieu» train station to ISARA:

- At Part-Dieu station, take the exit "Vivier Merle" to find the subway
- Take the subway line B (blue) toward "Gare Saint Genis Laval"
- Get off the subway at "Stade de Gerland"
- Take the exit "Parc Relais TCL" (up two flights of stairs)
- Walk straight for 50 meters; then turn on your right and cross a large parking lot. On the other side of the parking lot, you will find the street "Jean Baldassini". Continue walking straight. Isara is located 100 meters down this street, on your left.

Your host university

Isara was created in 1968 with the aim of training students to become managers specialised in agriculture. Isara delivers engineering degrees (master level diploma accredited by the French State) and international masters. Since its creation, rural development has been an important part of Isara's higher education and research activities.

Key figures on Isara

- Non-profit organization
- 330 professional lecturers
- Over 1300 students and apprentices
- 153 lecturers, scientists and administrative employees

Isara has developed its higher education and R&D partnership in the Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur area through the integration of ISEMA (Institut Supérieur Européen de Management Agroalimentaire) and as a member of the "Fruits & Vegetables" Cluster.

Isara is situated at Agrapole, a centre of excellence created by Rhône-Alpes local authorities, specialised in agriculture and food, which includes over fifty professional organisations working in these sectors.

New curricula were created, among which vocational engineering training (MSc level), engineering training in apprenticeship (MSc level), 2 MSc in Agroecology and, 1 MSc in Sustainable Food Systems.

Over the last 20 years, applied research, study, consulting and expertise activities, innovation, entrepreneurship have also been developed by Isara.

These activities play a very important role in our higher education programmes as they continually help improve our teaching staff's skills, create linkages with professional and scientific stakeholders, and develop Isara's reputation, among others.



Academic calendar

Courses open to International Students:

Fall semester (September to December or January): specialty courses (full semester courses)

- In English: Agroecology; Sustainable Development in Food Industries
- In French: Animal science; Agroecology; Food technology; Territory management; Viti-viniculture

Spring semester (January to June): elective modules in agriculture, food and environment science

Required level of the language of instruction: B2 (C1 for the Agroecology course).

Admission steps:

Nomination: By e-mail from your home university' IR office to student@isara.fr

Deadlines: For Fall semester and full academic year : April 21st. for Spring semester : October 12th

Application: Through the on-line form . Deadlines: April 28th / October 19th

Answer: Mid-May (for Fall semester) – Mid-November (for Spring semester)

Academic calendar

Study year	Start of the school year	Classes end
4 th year (1st year MSc level)	early September	end of June
5 th year (2nd year MSc level)	early September	mid-December for English taught classes/ end of January for French taught classes
Holidays in 2025-2026		
Christmas Break Two weeks: Dec 22 nd to Jan 2 nd	Winter Break One week in February	Easter Break One week in April
Public holidays (no courses) :		
1 st November (All Saints Day); 11 th November (Armistice World War I); 6 th April (Easter Monday); 1 st May (Labour Day); 8 th May (Armistice World War II); 14 th May (Ascension Day)		

Facilities at Isara

La Source: library and documentation resources

In the library, comfortable seating is at disposal to surf on the Internet, with tablets available to all students. You can also keep up with the latest news by reading a range of daily newspapers.



Internet and computer resources

Isara also offers free WI-FI connection to all students in the whole building as well as 80 computers available in several IT rooms.

Furthermore, our students have access to their schedule, information on classes, Isara-emails and contacts with teachers directly through our [Intranet](#).

The student common room

The student common room called “Le Foyer” provides fridges, a few microwaves, running water, sandwiches, coffee and tea, and places to seat and eat. This is where the students use to meet and spend time together outside class.

Snack-bar and cafeterias

There is one small snack-bar inside Isara called “**Prestal Vente à emporter**” located in the ground floor. Here you can buy sandwiches, salads, warm plates, fruits and drinks.

🕒 It is open every day from 11:15 to 13:30.

Two restaurants (“restaurant universitaire” or “Resto’U”) are located inside the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, near Isara.

- **Resto’U ENS, site René Descartes:** 15, parvis René Descartes 69007 Lyon
- **Resto’U ENS, site Monod:** 46, allée d’Italie 69007 Lyon

<https://www.crous-lyon.fr/se-restaurer/>

One meal at the cafeteria is 3.30€ and can be paid with your student card. The card must be activated at the desk of the cafeteria. You will then have to charge it with your credit/debit card.

Students associations

Settling into campus life - students associations

There are different students associations at Isara:

ISAR’RIVENT: The student club dedicated to International Students.



ISAR’RIVENT is composed of a group of Isara students. Its goal is to welcome and to ensure the integration of international students. They do their best to accompany and help international students, from their arrival (at the airport or at the train station), to their departure. They organise a lot of different events like: hiking, outings in restaurants and the celebration of Traditional French events.

A buddy program is offered for all international students thanks to the help of French volunteer students (from second year to fifth year). **Do not hesitate to contact them at isarrivent@etu.isara.fr**

BDE: the Student Union (Bureau Des Étudiants), with its team of more than 30 members, will give you useful information regarding all student activities offered at Isara (sport, music, event...). The BDE is available every day from 13:00 to 14:00 and also usually during the 10:00 morning break.



ISARAMAP: an association supporting small farming that creates a direct link between producers and consumers. You will be able to register for a semester or a year in order to get vegetables, bread, fruits, eggs, cheese weekly. [Isar’amap on Instagram](#)

APE: The Junior entreprise of Isara [Facebook page](#)

FF Sport: (French Federation of Sport at University), it offers a wide range of sports to all students. To register, you’ll need a Medical Sport Certificate to be filled-up by your doctor.



Step 2: International Programs

International Student Syllabus

Isara offers international students the opportunity to choose courses within different types of programmes: academic exchange, MSc and summer school programmes.

All classes offered at Isara are listed on our website on this page: [here](#)!

Come and study at Isara as an exchange student:

Exchange students can study at Isara for one or two semesters. Courses are taught in English, French or both, and students can choose among different specialisations:

- [Agriculture, environment and resource management](#)
- [Sustainable rural development](#)
- [Markets and corporate management](#)
- [Food science and the management of food industries](#)

Please note that courses chosen will be attributed upon availability.

Requirements: Students must at least have a Bachelor level to study at a master level during the 4th year (M1) or the 5th year (M2) at Isara.

It is important to have a good command* of French and/or English for courses taught in these languages.

*Level B1 (B2 for the MSc programmes) in the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Application deadlines: 2024 / 2025(exchange)

- Fall semester: **May 1st**
- Spring semester: **October 15th**

The complete application documents must be sent by email to: student@isara.fr
We cannot guarantee accommodation if applications are submitted after these dates.

Come and study in our MSc Agroecology / Sustainable Food Systems

Several international MSc programmes are offered to international students in collaboration with partner universities worldwide. More information on our dedicated websites:

- **European MSc Agroecology** in cooperation with the Norwegian University of Life Science: <https://www.agroecos.fr/>
- **MSc Agroecology-Organic Agriculture** in cooperation with Wageningen University: <https://www.agroecology.fr/>
- **Sustainable Food Systems**: <http://www.susfoods.eu/>

Two options are available if you want to study at Isara over the summer.

The Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems

Summer School is a comprehensive programme of French language lessons, scientific courses on Agroecology as well as excursions, visits and hands-on learning opportunities.

This 5-week English taught programme takes place each year between mid-June to mid-July.

Watch our Agroecology Summer school video below !



Application deadline:
April 15th
Registration on
www.iplsummerschool.com



Step 3: Before coming



Useful documents to bring

Once selected and before your arrival, please contact us to let us know when you will be arriving (date - time - place). It is also important to contact your coordinator in your home university for administrative formalities such as visa, insurance coverage and so on...



CHECK-LIST:

ALL students: please make sure to bring all the following documents with you to France:

- ✓ **Your passport or national identity card** (the latter for European Union citizens only)
- ✓ **Your birth certificate** for some French administration procedures, you will need to have a certified translation or an apostille. If necessary you can translate your document in Lyon upon arrival.
- ✓ **Proof of your insurance policy** including your civil liability and repatriation insurance
- ✓ **Your European health insurance card** for EU students
- ✓ **1 set of headshot pictures of you**



You will be asked to provide these documents to complete various administrative files (CAF, CROUS, bank, insurance, etc.).

Immigration: Visa for Non-European Students

We strongly recommend you to apply for a VLS-TS (Students) (Visa long séjour valant titre de séjour) which will allow you to renew your visa if needed, work (20 hours/week max.) and ask for social housing allowance (CAF) in France. You will need to validate your VISA online upon arrival.

Apply for the visa at the French consulate or embassy of your current country of residence, do not hesitate to be very clear and describe your academic project (wish to make an internship after an academic semester for instance) and your situation in France to make sure you will be given the appropriate VISA.

For the MSc Sustainable Food Systems and Agroecology, you will apply for a French VISA in the country where you are studying during the second semester.

You must schedule an in-person appointment at the closest French consulate via its official website. **We encourage you to book your appointment at least 6 to 8 weeks before departure.** Your visa appointment at a French consulate must take place no more than 90 days before, and at least 2 weeks before, your departure to France.

Please note that sometimes it may take up to four weeks until the next appointment is available, especially in summer.

You are required to attend the visa interview at the consulate in person.

The main documents to supply are:

- **Your passport** (the validity of the passport must correspond to the duration of the visa requested).
- **Isara certificate of enrollment.**
- **Proof of income.**

Depending on the country, other documents can be required.

Campus France online application process

If you live in one of the [72 countries](#) concerned, you MUST complete the Campus France online application process BEFORE you start your visa application.

After you have created your Campus France account through the online [PASTEL](#) system and have filled out the personal information section, you will be automatically assigned to the closest French consulate to your permanent address. Then, you must schedule an in-person appointment at your assigned consulate via the official [France Visa website](#).

Please note:

- The Campus France application will NOT be carried out by Isara. You must therefore enroll in BOTH Campus France and Isara (2 separate files).
- You will have to pay administrative fee for Campus France registration and visa fee.

CVEC Procedure

Only for MSc and double degree students: Contribution Vie Étudiante et de Campus

In France, all graduate students must pay a Student Life Contribution to the CROUS (in French: “Contribution Vie Etudiante et de Campus” - CVEC) of 103€/student/academic year. CROUS issues a reference number upon payment of the contribution by the student. The attestation is to be submitted by the student to Isara before your arrival.

For more information: [CVEC Procedure](#)



Step 4: Upon arrival



Student Welcome Desk

The Université de Lyon and its partners are working together to greet you and help you get settled.

At the beginning of each academic year, the [Students Welcome Desk](#) offers a reception desk where you will find all the services and information you might need, and receive support for all your administrative procedures, including your residence permit, long-stay visa, housing and jobs, transit, health and access to healthcare, culture, tourism, etc.

The Students Welcome Desk also organises “Meet & Greet” on various themes, both during the daytime and in the early evening, so you can meet and talk to people involved in student life, and settle into the city.

You must participate in this Student Welcome Desk so you can get off to a good start: all your administrative procedures at a glance!

The Student Welcome Desk is open from September until December.



More information on the [website](#).
Université de Lyon,
Helpline : +33 (0)4 37 37 43 00

Accommodation

There is no student hall on Isara campus.
The CROUS is the institution providing student accommodation in France.

Isara has an agreement with the CROUS enabling us to provide rooms for our International students (according to rooms availability).

You cannot book these residences yourself.
Therefore, you must send us your Accommodation Form filled in and signed in order to book a room.

Since the demand is very high and because only a few rooms are available, there are 2 requirements:

- You have to send your accommodation application to us as early as possible.
- You must agree to rent a room for a full period (For example: from September to the end of December and/or from the beginning of January to the end of June/July).

Accommodation will be given on a first-come, first-served basis and according to Isara's availabilities.



- Here some examples of CROUS student halls,
<https://www.crous-lyon.fr/logement/residence-benjamin-delessert/>
<https://www.crous-lyon.fr/logement/residence-la-madeleine/>
<https://www.crous-lyon.fr/logement/residence-des-girondins/>
- Try not to arrive during the week-end, the reception desk might be closed.

Description of the different rooms:

- Room:**
(around 10 m²) includes a private bathroom and toilet. The kitchen is shared but there is an individual fridge in each room, No kitchenware (at your charge). Blanket, bolster and bed linen are not provided but can be rented for 10€/month. **Price: 283€/month** (water, electricity, internet & heating included, (2024-2025 price)).
- Studio:**
(12 to 20m²) includes a bathroom and toilet as well as a private kitchen. No kitchenware (at your charge). Blanket, bolster and bed linen are not provided but can be rented for 10€/month. **Price: 420€/month** (2024-2025 price)
- Shared flat:**
(generally for 5 people) includes a bathroom, toilet and a kitchen shared by all roommates. No kitchenware (at your charge). Blanket, bolster and bed linen are not provided but can be rented for 10€/month. **Price: 340€/month** (2024-2025 price)



Students can choose alternative accommodations, without the help of Isara:

- Be hosted by a French family in Lyon: <https://www.expats-lyon.com/>
- Be part of an intergenerational experience: [Tim & Colette](#) and [Pari Solidaire](#)
- Rent a small apartment in a private student Hall (18 to 40 m²): <http://www.studilodge.fr/fr>

Housing insurance

You will be required to subscribe to housing insurance policy upon arrival, whichever housing choice you make. It is mandatory in France.

We suggest, for instance, the services of the [ADH](#), which offers both civil liability and housing insurance at a very affordable price (basic “Formule 2”), or [Heyme](#)
Cost is about 35€/year

Housing allowance

CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales) is a family benefits organisation. As a student renting a flat in France, you are eligible for housing allowance - called “**Aide Personnalisée au Logement**” (**APL**) - provided by this organisation.

The amount depends on the location of the flat, its surface area and the revenues of the student. You can apply [online](#), go directly to the CAF (67 Boulevard Marius Vivier Merle, 69003 Lyon) or seek for help during the Welcome desk Days.

Create your CAF account and apply for the housing benefits on : <https://connect.caf.fr> .Then, click on « Mes services en ligne/Faire une demande de prestation »

List of documents :

✓ **Identity**

- You are European : ID card
- You are not European : Passport + Visa and visa validation or residence card

✓ **Birth certificate with names of your parents + certified translation***

Caution: make sure to not crop of your birth certificate (and its translation) while scanning. Stamps must be fully legible.

** The translation is not needed for following countries : Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Rep, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and UK*

✓ **Lease Agreement/Contrat**

Crous accomodation : ask for the document “Aide au logement étudiant -Attestation de loyer Crous” at your CROUS residence or download it from your personal account on Mes services étudiants.

✓ **School certificate**

✓ **European students: European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)**

✓ **Bank account details (RIB/IBAN)** -Your bank must be in France or in the SEPA zone (EU/ EEA/ Switzerland).

Please note that the housing allowance entitlement will become active the month after you move in. The CAF will therefore NOT pay the allowance for the 1st month spent in the accommodation. Allowance usually arrives at the very end of the month.

Bank Account



Once in Lyon, you can open a bank account. A French or European bank account is useful if you want to apply for housing allowance.

How to open a bank account in France? (recommended by previous International students)

Make an appointment by phone or go directly to an agency and bring:

- your passport,
- your visa,
- a proof of residence,
- the Isara enrollment certificate
- a scholarship certificate if you have one

Usually, opening a bank account for a relatively short period of time is free. However, prices depend on the agency. Here are some examples of banks: Crédit Agricole, BNP, Crédit Mutuel, Crédit Coopératif, Banque Populaire. Online banks like **REVOLUT** are also a good alternative with an English speaking customer service.



Do not forget to close your bank account when you leave France after receiving the CROUS deposit.

- Check beforehand with your bank (in your home country) if there is any partnership with French Banks.
- If needed, bank agencies also offer housing insurance for students.

Health & Insurance

Non-European students

Students must be enrolled in the French General Social Security scheme. All students will be able to register for free at the French Healthcare Scheme to benefit from the basic social healthcare. You must register on the Social security website: <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr> (available in French, English and Spanish). It is a free healthcare system that allows you to benefit from advantages concerning illness, accident, medication (usually free), etc. (E.g. if you go see a doctor, a consultation is $\approx 25\text{€}$; with it you will be refund 17€ (by presenting your Social Security number to the doctor). Also, if you have a complementary insurance, the total sum could be refund).

European students or non-EU students living in Europe

You are eligible to ask for the **European Health Insurance Card** (E H I C) at your national health care provider. Please bring the original Card with the appropriate expiry date. Note that you will be covered for the same risks than in your home country, therefore you have to check that your insurance is covering the following items: medical costs & hospitalisation, civil liability, repatriation, work accidents. **It is important to keep all your receipts to be reimbursed once back in your country.**

Complementary insurance

In all cases, if you have not already subscribed to a complementary insurance in your home country (that it is covering all the following items: medical costs & hospitalization, civil liability, repatriation, work accidents), **we strongly recommend you to subscribe to one (for instance SMERRA, PartirAssur, Heyme).**

The French social security website <http://www.ameli.fr/> is a mine of information that can provide you with the names and addresses of all practitioners in any city in France.

MSA complementary insurance

Every students, teachers and staff are covered by the MSA accident insurance. It covers injuries endured at school or at work (laboratory, field trip, practical work, etc.). It is a mandatory complementary insurance. 150€ will be required from the ISARA accountancy department. You will receive an invoice upon your arrival.

Daily life



There are several mobile phone operators in France, offering a wide range of plans. We suggest you ask for a plan "sans engagement" (without obligation). Getting a mobile phone deal through a mobile virtual network operator is usually more affordable (for example: Free, B&YOU, Red, Sosh, NRJ Mobile, La Poste mobile, etc.)

Please note: To get a mobile phone plan you **MUST** open a bank account beforehand and provide a French address. Do not forget to close your mobile phone plan.



During weekdays, supermarkets and shops are open from 08:30 to 19:30. Most of the shops are closed on Sundays in France. However, some supermarkets are open until midday and most of the restaurants in the city center are open.



Voltage is 220 V 50 Hz in France. Electrical outlets are European type. We recommend you to check prior to departure whether you need a power plug adapter / voltage converter or not.



France has a mostly temperate climate but also includes many regional differences. **Average winter temperatures** range from 0 to 7°C (32°F to 46°F) and **average summer temperatures** from 16 to 35°C (61°F to 90°F). Winters are a lot colder in Lyon area due to the proximity with mountains. During summertime, you can have very warm days (38°C ≈ 100°F) but also some chilly days (14 - 18°C ≈ 57.2 - 64.4°F).

Please also note that facilities are rarely air-conditioned, and there are no mosquito screens at the windows.



You are in need of support or answers ? You are feeling stressed, anxious, depressed or lonely ? You are struggling with your studies or having family problems ? **Meet a psychologist for free at PEPS** - Point Ecoute Psychologique du Supérieur - Call : 06 27 86 91 83 or by email to apsytude@gmail.com. Website [apsytude](http://apsytude.com)!

Call SOS Help: 01 46 21 46 46
Find English-speaking counselors and therapists in France :
<https://www.counsellinginfrance.com/>
or <http://www.talking-online.com/>

For more information, please check the website of Lyon university/Campus Life: [here](#)!

Public Transportation



The TCL network (Transports en Commun Lyonnais) offers a wide range of services as it includes **4 "metro" lines, 6 tramway lines, 2 funicular lines and over 130 bus lines**. You can easily go from one place to another in the city using different lines. However, do not forget to validate your ticket each time you change lines.

Type of ticket/card

- **Single ticket:** valid 1 hour from the time of validation
- **Ticket «24H»** unlimited travel on the TCL network for 24 hours)
- **Ticket «soirée»** unlimited travel on the TCL network from 7pm to the end of the service
- **Student book of 10 tickets**
- **TCL student card** «abonnement 18-25 ans» or «abonnement étudiants 26-27 ans» - unlimited travels

How to create your TCL student card?

- Go to a TCL Agency (Bellecour, Gorge de Loup, Part-Dieu, Grange Blanche, Vaulx en Velin – La Soie)
- Each month, you can top-up online or in a TCL agency or vending machine in the metro's and tramway's stations using your credit card.

Documents to bring :

- ID card or your passport
 - Isara enrollment certificate
 - Housing certificate (ask for one at your student residence or ask for an Attestation de domicile)
- A 5€ fee applies at the creation of your TCL card.

Price

- **2,10€ (2,60€ on the bus)**
- **6,70€**
- **3,60€**
- **17,00€**
- **25€/per month**



You can book an appointment with a TCL sales office on the website to create your card and avoid the wait:
<https://www.tcl.fr/services/rendez-vous-en-ligne>
Download the Citymapper app to find your way around: <https://citymapper.com/lyon>
TCL's interactive map (bus, tram, subway):
<https://plan-interactif.tcl.fr/>

Other means of transportation in Lyon: (prices may vary).

- **Vélo'v:** bike service that is simple and practical for short journeys in Lyon.
- **Vélo'v SINGLE RIDE** : 1 € 80 + rental period (first ½ hour is free)
- **Vélo'v** : DAY PASS : 4€ (valid for 24 hours)
- **Vélo'v** : 14-25 yrs ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: 16€50 for the whole yr (first ½ hour is free)
- **Trottinettes électriques Lime-S:** open-access Electric Scooters (App).

Budget

The following is the expected average monthly budget for students **under 28 years old staying at a Public Crous Residence for 2022-2023:**

Rental costs in a CROUS student room:

283€ to 420€ / month

+ **1 month deposit:** 250€ (reimbursed at the end of your stay)

+ **Entrance fee:** 200€ or 300€ (to be paid once and not refundable)

+ **File processing costs:** 10€ (to be paid once)

+ **Sheets:** 10€/month (optional)

+ **Housing insurance:** 40€*/year

Food:

About 200€/month*

Transport:

25€/month (for student under 28 years old)

+ 5€ for the card (paid once)

Leisure and other personal costs:

150€ (according to your habits)

Health and complementary insurance:

Insurance: 60€

CVEC: 103€ (student fee to be paid once)

MSA accident insurance : 150€

Contribution to field trips for exchange and guest students (according to your specialization):

A maximum of 250€ for the whole semester (Fieldtrip Agroecology students)

TOTAL/Month: 1st month: about 1 933€ - Then about 850€*

*The total is based on the maximum budget; it can differ according to your habits.



[Le cout de l'expat](#) - Price comparator
(French & mobile version only)



APPENDIX



Appendix

System of ECTS grades

ECTS Grade	% of successful students achieving the grade	Grading system
A	16 to 20	Excellent – outstanding performance with only minor errors
B	14 to 15,9	Very good – above the average standard but with some errors
C	12 to 13,9	Good – generally sound work with a number of notable errors
D	11 to 11,9	Satisfactory – fair but with significant shortcomings
E	10 to 10,9	Sufficient – performance meets the minimum criteria
FX	8 to 9,9	Fail – some more work required before the credit can be awarded
F	<8	Fail – considerable further work is required

Useful Websites

Information for students coming to Lyon:

- [ISARA](#)
- [Only Lyon](#)
- [Lyon Campus](#)
- [Lyon Expat](#)
- [Centre d'information et de documentation jeunesse](#)
- [Campus France](#)
- [CVEC](#)
- [ESN CosmoLyon](#) : This association organizes numerous events with international students from all over the city (dinners, activities, visits, trips,...). At the beginning of each semester, there is "La bourse aux Objets" that allows you to collect any items, you might need, free of charge (dishes, small electric equipment, school supplies,...)

Health care:

- [Ameli](#)
- [PartirAssur](#)
- [SMERRA](#) (pack in France)
- [Le Ralliement](#)
- [H e y m e](#)

Transportation:

- [Transports en Commun Lyonnais](#) (local public transportation company) & City Mapper
- [Vélo'v](#) (bicycle rental service), electric scooters
- [SNCF](#) (national train company) – If you are planning to explore France by train, you may take a "Carte Jeune" which gives you interesting discounts

Personal favorites - Local & super useful:

- French equivalent of Craigslist: [Le Bon Coin](#), where you can rent an apartment and buy/sell any kind of good from bikes to coats and tables (usually second hand products) and even sometimes find a job.
- [Le Petit Paumé](#), free guide edited every year by students with tons of good deals and places to go in Lyon.

Leisure:

- [Lyon France](#)
- [Lyon City Crunch](#) (Agenda on what to do in Lyon)
- [Le Bonbon Lyon](#) (cultural activities in Lyon)
- [Lyon International association](#): This association proposes outings and dinners in a French family.
- [Traboules de Lyon](#): Discover Lyon's peculiar, secret and hidden paths through the history of the city.

Student Jobs (non-exhaustive list):

- Info Jeunes [Auvergne Rhône-Alpes](#)
- [Offres d'emplois pour étudiants](#)
- [Studyrama – Jobs](#)
- [Cap Campus](#)
- [Student Job](#)
- [Momji](#)

French language learning (FLE):

- [Alliance Française](#)
- [L'Institut de Langue et de Culture Françaises](#)
- [KoToPo](#)
- [Coup de Pouce Université](#)

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