

PRACTICAL guide



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**BEFORE
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OUR DEGREES



Le Diplôme de design Bac + 5 : a state recognized master's degree in design

The Diplôme de design is based on a five-year curriculum, divided into two cycles (a 3-year undergraduate program, BDes followed by a 2-year master's course, MDes).

L'École de design Nantes Atlantique is one of the very few design school(s) to have obtained certification from the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research for its Master's degree in design. This degree is

also registered in the Registre National des Certifications Professionnelles (the French directory for vocational qualifications or RNCP) as a Level 7 Master's degree.



Le DN MADE, a fully recognized undergraduate degree

L'École de design

Nantes Atlantique also offers DN MADE, National Diplomas in Fine Crafts and Design. The DN MADE leads to the award of a bachelor degree after three years of studies.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic year starts end of August and finishes in early July. The year comprises vacation periods, including two weeks at the end of the year (Christmas and New Year's).

For exchange students, the 1st semester usually starts end of August and finishes by the end of January at the latest. The second semester lasts from early February to mid-June at the latest..

ECTS: European Credit Transfer System

L'École de design Nantes Atlantique has implemented the European ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) to ensure the academic recognition of studies abroad.

ECTS credits are distributed over different teaching units in proportion to the work they require. It has been assigned to each unit a number of ECTS credits on the basis of 60 credits for an academic year (30 credits per semester).

TUITION FEES 2022

For European students:

- International DN MADE
- Diplôme de design - MDes programs:
€7,700 /year

For Non-European students:

- International DN MADE
- Diplôme de design - MDes programs
€9,000 /year

No tuition fees are required for exchange students who pay the tuition fees of their own university

Installments

Tuition fees can be settled in installments as follows :

- When handing in your full registration form after being accepted: you must submit a 25 % deposit by check to confirm you accept your admission.
- Payment will be settled through five direct withdrawals on your bank account (on the 15th of each month, from October to February).

Scholarships

The school itself does not offer any scholarship. However, according to your country of residence and your particular situation, different possibilities may be available to finance your studies in France: government grants, funding granted by international organizations and NGOs, private fellowships...

Campus France has a scholarship search engine which may help you identify a scholarship available in your situation (country of residence, degree being prepared etc.).

› <http://campusbourses.campusfrance.org/fria/bourse/#/catalog>

PREPARING YOUR ARRIVAL:

FEEL FRANÇAIS PLATFORM

Feel Français are our partner specialized in assisting foreign students in preparing their arrival in Nantes. All students accepted to the school will be given a personal login to the **Feel Français** platform.

The list of services provided by **Feel Français**:

Before your arrival in Nantes :

- Steps and tips for your visa application file
- Find accommodation
- Open a French bank account
- Subscribe to a mobile phone plan
- Subscribe to a housing insurance (mandatory in France)
- Sign up to our buddy system

Once you set foot in Nantes :

- Enroll in la CAF (housing allowance/stipend from the French state)
- Visa validation (this is the second mandatory step once you're in France to validate your student visa)
- Public transportation card subscription
- Get electricity for your accommodation



DOCUMENTS YOU WILL NEED FOR YOUR STAY IN FRANCE

Non-European students

- 4 passport photos
- An accommodation certificate (we will give you this when you arrive)
- A copy of your school certificate in French
- Private health insurance to cover the medical expenses that the french social security do not cover (otherwise you can buy a top up health insurance when you are in France)
- Money for rent and deposit
- A copy of your birth certificate showing your parents' information in original language (mother language)
- Your bank details in your home country
- Passport and visa

European students

- 4 passport photos
- An accommodation certificate (we will give you this when you arrive)
- A copy of your school certificate in French (we will send you this by email)
- Private health insurance to cover the medical expenses that the french social security do not cover (otherwise you can buy a top up health insurance when you are in France)
- Money for rent and deposit
- A copy of your birth certificate showing your parents' information in original language (mother language)
- Your bank details in your home country
- Your ID card or passport
- European Health Insurance Card valid for the period of stay.
- Your student card from your home university

STUDENT VISA

If your stay in France lasts for more than three months, you will need to obtain a long-term student visa before your arrival in France. The request for the form must be made at least 3 months before your departure.

› **Since April 17, 2021, international students can apply for an online visa on France-Visas** (<https://france-visas.gouv.fr/en>). The new service is accessible to students applying for a long stay visa living in a country where visa application is outsourced and available online. This service helps accelerate the transfer to the outsourced service provider.

Digital visa application prerequisites

To complete a digital visa application, you must comply with the following conditions:

- Be an international student applying for studies in France;
- Apply for a long-stay visa for studies only; and
- Live in a country including an outsourced service provider collecting visa applications.

Online visa application steps

If you comply with the prerequisites, you may apply for a student visa by completing the following four steps:

1. Complete your online visa application on France-Visas and transfer your documents;
2. Submit in person your passport and completed form at the collection centre;
3. Follow your online application on the service provider's website; and
4. Retrieve your passport.

› **To students applying for a long stay visa living in a country where visa application is not outsourced and not available online**, the request for the form must be made at the French embassy or consulate in your country of residence at least 3 months before your departure or at your local Campus France.

A visa is not required for students who are citizens of the following countries or zones:

- the European Union (EU)
- the European Economic Area (EEA)
- Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland or the Vatican.

OFII Procedure and renewal of residency permit

Holders of a VISA VLS-TS (Visa long séjour valant titre de séjour) have to validate it online within 3 months after the arrival in France on the OFII website (<https://www.ofii.fr/en>).

Students will need to buy a fiscal stamp online on the OFII website, the stamp costs 60 euros.

This validation is compulsory. Students wishing to extend their stay beyond the dates on their visa must request a residency permit (carte de séjour) from the Prefecture in Nantes.

This online process must be started 2 months before the visa expiry date via this link:
<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>



**ARRIVAL
IN NANTES**

ACCOMMODATION

L'École de design Nantes Atlantique grants you access to the school's housing platform that will greatly facilitate your search for an accommodation in Nantes and on which you will be able to:

- Find a rental close to the campus
- Find your international or French roommate(s) and form shared rentals
- Find a subletting
- Find a room in a French family (ideal for the experience)

Thousands of accommodations from private owners, halls of residence, real estate agencies, or rooms in private homes, are available close to the school.

University residence

L'École de design has a partnership with the CROUS, which manages the university halls of residence. A certain number of rooms in a nearby student residence, Chanzy or Jean Tusques, are reserved by L'École de design for international students.

In order to apply for one of these rooms, students must connect to our Feel Français platform.



L'École de design Nantes Atlantique will move into a new building in the heart of the creative district on Ile de Nantes in 2022



HOUSING BENEFIT (APL)

FROM THE CAF

You may be eligible for housing benefit if...

- You are renting, co-habiting or sub-letting,
- You are living in an apartment, a university residence, a hostel, a furnished flat, a hotel, a room in a private home,

Follow this link to estimate the amount of help you'll need and apply online

› <https://www.d.caf.fr/wps/portal/cafr/aidesetservices/lesservicesenligne/estimervosdroits/lelogement>

Guides to apply for housing benefit

Connect to the Feel Français platform to apply for this benefit.

For students in Crous accommodation

› http://www.caf.fr/sites/default/files/cnaf/Documents/DCom/Accueil/Actu/ALE-2019/Crous_English.pdf

For students in private residences

› http://www.caf.fr/sites/default/files/cnaf/Documents/DCom/Accueil/Actu/ALE-2019/No%20Crous_English.pdf

For students in privately owned accommodation

› http://www.caf.fr/sites/default/files/cnaf/Documents/DCom/Accueil/Actu/ALE-2019/Private%20market_English.pdf

› *Do not hesitate to ask your mentor to help you fill in the online form as the CAF website is not translated into English. For students coming with a VLS/TS, you must complete the OFII procedure before applying for this housing benefit.*

Useful information

The amount of housing benefit awarded depends on your taxable income in France or abroad, on the type of your accommodation and the amount of rent paid

If you had very little or no income, your benefit is calculated on a flat-rate basis depending on your situation.

Only means-tested grants and Erasmus grants are non-taxable.

You can claim housing benefit the month after you satisfy all the criteria for applying.

If you apply late, your claim will not be backdated.

CVEC (CONTRIBUTION VIE ÉTUDIANTE ET DE CAMPUS)

All students must pay the “Contribution à la vie étudiante et de campus” (CVEC) to finalize their registration. This contribution, collected by the CROUS (Regional Centers of University and Schools) is intended to promote the reception and social support, health, culture and sports of students. CVEC is a tax that validates your registration in a higher education institution.

The CVEC for the academic year 2021/2022 is 92€.

Exchange students are not subject to the CVEC. Students with a Campus France scholarship are exempted from paying the CVEC but must go on line anyway and download their certificate free of charge.

Health insurance



In France, enrolment in higher education leads to membership in students social security scheme. The French social security is now free for all international students.

The administrative procedure may differ depending on your situation:

International students from the European Union, European Economic Area, United Kingdom and Switzerland

- If you already have health insurance coverage in your country, you do not need to sign up for the French State health insurance. In this case, you must bring your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

Non-European students

- You must get registered online at the French social security (CPAM). It can be carried out from abroad once your enrolment in the school is definitive and you have obtained your visa.
 - › www.etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr
- You will benefit from the same level of coverage as other students and benefit from a free healthcare
- The health insurance registration is mandatory. We will be able to guide you step by step on your first day at school in case your registration is not done on your arrival.

It is however strongly recommended that you sign up for a top-up health insurance policy after your arrival in France

Finding a GP

You can make an appointment with the doctor of your choice, the price is 25 euros for a consultation with a GP. If you need to see a specialist you will often need to first go to the GP and ask for a referral (with the exception of gynecologists, ophthalmologists and psychiatrists who you can contact directly).

You can make an appointment online via the Doctolib website <https://www.doctolib.fr>

It is possible to select doctors who speak English. A GP is known as a “médecin généraliste” in France.

Your mentor can help you to make an appointment if necessary.

Useful contacts

› Nantes Hospital

Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Nantes

1 place Alexis Ricordeau 44000 Nantes

Tel : 0240083333

› SOS Médecin (Emergency out of hours doctors)

17 Rue de la Cornouaille, 44300 Nantes

Tél 02 40 50 30 30

› Emergency Numbers

SAMU (medical emergencies): 15

Housing insurance

The housing insurance is a mandatory document in France to get the key of your accommodation. It covers you and your accommodation in case of fire, flood damage, theft etc. The school will recommend French insurance companies to you to obtain this insurance before entering your accommodation. For students staying in a Crous accommodation, you have to subscribe it and upload it on our "feelfrançais platform" 15 days before your arrival at the latest.

Civil Liability Insurance

Whether you are a student or an employee, civil liability insurance is mandatory in France and covers you for any damage you may cause to a third party or property. The school will ask you for this in your first week. On your first day you will be given addresses of insurance companies who can sell you this insurance.

Most of the time, this insurance is included in the Housing insurance.

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

It is highly recommended to open a bank account as soon as you arrive if you wish to receive housing benefits, medical reimbursements and obtain a bank card and / or a checkbook. Ask your usual bank if it is associated with a French network, it can facilitate your operations.

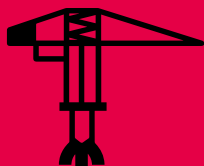
To open a bank account in France, you will have to provide the following documents :

- copy of your school certificate or copy of your student card
- copy of your ID card or passport
- copy of your Visa (for non-european students)
- proof of address in France (housing certificate, rent receipt etc.)

Payment by credit card is accepted by most merchants, but sometimes a minimum amount is required (about 10/15 €). Many ATMs are available in the city. Some banks will charge you a small fee if you use another ATM than theirs.

Banks are normally open from Monday to Friday, from 09:00 until 16:00 (17:00 at some branches). Some banks are open on Saturday mornings or all day long, in which case they are closed on Monday.

You can open a bank account via the Feel Français platform.



LIVING AND STUDYING IN NANTES

LIVING IN NANTES

Nantes, the creative capital of Western France

L'École de design Nantes Atlantique is located in Nantes, the 6th biggest city in France is located 50 km from the Atlantic Ocean and 342 km from Paris (a two-hour trip with the TGV high-speed train). Well recognized for its quality of life, Nantes is known for its economic dynamism, vibrant cultural life and support for contemporary creation, and was awarded European Capital of Innovation in 2019 by the European Commission.



OUR FACILITIES

The main campus of L'École de design Nantes Atlantique is located on the Chantrerie campus, in the north-east of Nantes alongside companies and engineering schools, and offers a combined working area of more than 7,000 m².

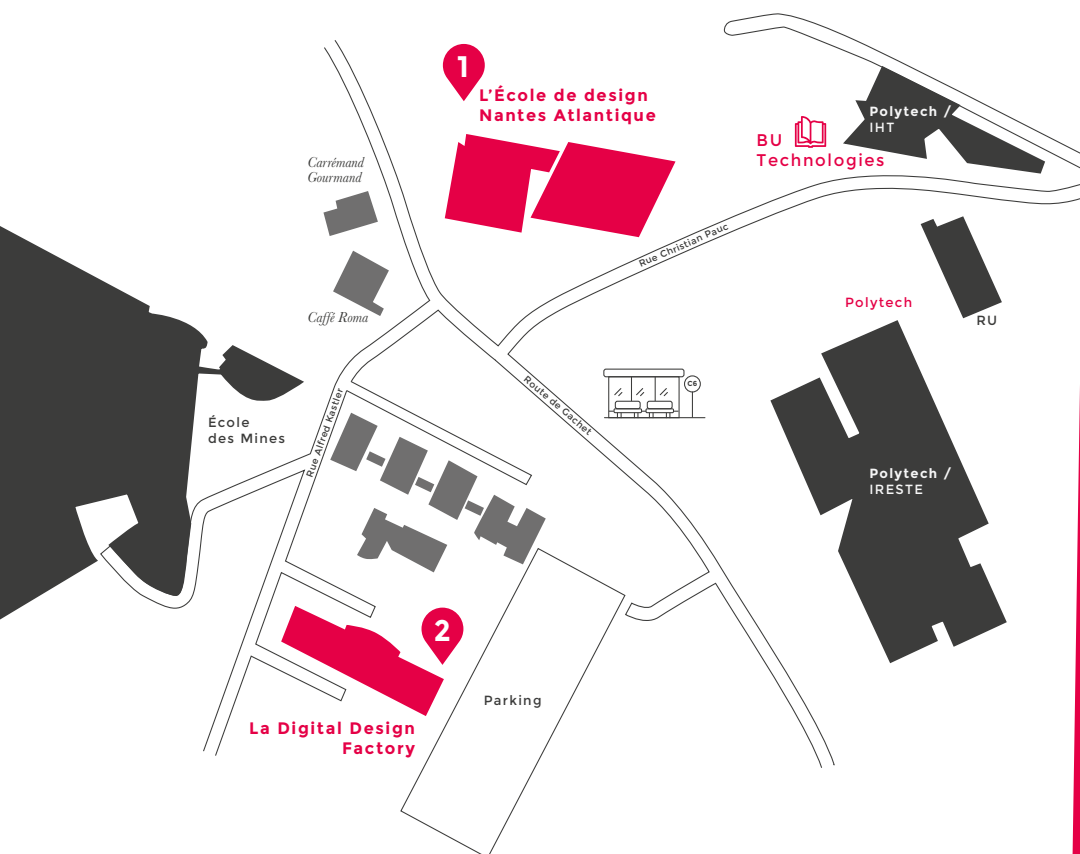
The main building is open to students from Monday to Friday, from 7:45 am till 10 pm.

Equipment accessible to the students:

- › Computer rooms: 120 workstations
- › Model-making workshop (300 m²)
- › Digital workshop (VR equipment)
- › Motion Capture room
- › Sound editing and recording studio
- › Photo studio
- › Cafeteria

Our MDes programs are linked to experimental platforms called Design Labs, that aim to promote the emergence of innovative concepts and build a real expertise over time. Three of these Design Labs are located in the city center of Nantes. Therefore, MDes courses can be held in these premises.

LA CHANTRERIE



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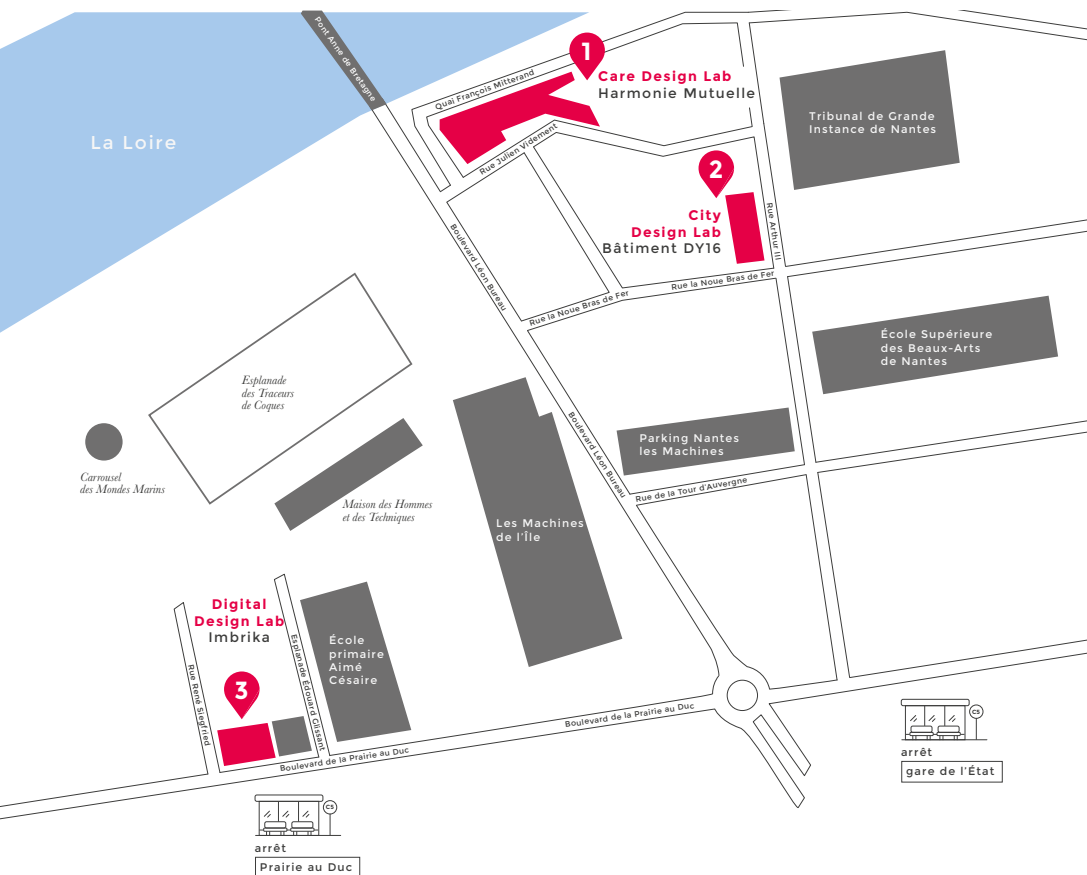
rue Christian Pauc
44306 Nantes cedex 3

2

La Digital Design Factory

9 rue Alfred Kastler
44300 Nantes

L'ÎLE DE NANTES



1

Care Design Lab
Harmonie Mutuelle
 1 rue Julien Videment
 44200 Nantes

2

City
Design Lab
DY16
 rue Arthur III
 44200 Nantes

3

Digital
Design Lab
Imbrika
 78, bd de la Prairie au Duc
 44200 Nantes

ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK ESN

The Erasmus Student Network is one of the largest, interdisciplinary student organisations in Europe. It looks after international students and helps them to settle into their new surroundings. It organizes a whole range of activities, services, and trips for international students. In Nantes, the ESN association is called "Autour du Monde". A presentation of their activities will be given to international students during their first week at the school.

ESN Nantes website

› <https://nantes.esnfrance.org/coming-nantes>

ESN Nantes Instagram Page

› <https://www.instagram.com/esnnantes/?hl=fr>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT UNION



The student union within the school is called the BDE (Bureau des Etudiants).

The BDE organize a number of parties, events and sporting and cultural activities for French and international students all year round. A group within the BDE deals specifically with international students. They organize activities for international

students but also ensure international students are integrated into all the school activities.

They communicate with international students in English via a dedicated Facebook page and an Instagram page set up for international students. The BDE international group will present these activities and events



BUDDY SERVICE!

International students can be allocated a buddy/mentor to help them settle into and adapt to their life in France. To sign up for the buddy service, go to the Feel Français platform.

Mentors are a point of contact before the arrival of the student and can, depending on their availability, meet students when they arrive in Nantes. They continue to be a helping hand to international students throughout the semester.

Mentors are all volunteer students (French and international) who have already spent at least, one year at school and in Nantes. They are the best guides and are very enthusiastic to welcome new international students to Nantes.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

The University Library

The university library, technology section, located on the campus offers more than 15 000 books, nearly 100 periodical titles on paper and about 200 electronic and multimedia documents.

You can access various types of digital content such as encyclopaedias, online newspapers, journals from major publishers, bibliographic and thematic databases, collections of electronic books.

The library offers many services: borrowing of documents, laptops available for on-site loan, interlibrary loan, advice from librarians, assistance with documentary research, writing bibliographies.

Library hours and other information on : www.bu.univ-nantes.fr



Eating on campus



The school is located 100 meters from a University Restaurant (RU). University restaurant in France are run by the « Centres Régionaux des Oeuvres Universitaires et Scolaires (CROUS »). These university restaurant offers the best in terms of value for money: 3.30 € per meal (starter, main meal and dessert). There are other CROUS cafeterias in Nantes, ask the CROUS for a list.

There are other possibilities on the campus : sandwiches, kebab, pizza and food truck.

Most of students prefer to bring their own food. The cafeteria, where students can eat and rest, is equipped with microwave ovens, vending snack and offers outdoor access for sunny days.

Big supermarkets (Leclerc, Carrefour or Auchan) are usually found in commercial zones on the outskirts of towns, but you will also found smaller supermarkets (Carrefour market, Intermarché, Super U, Monoprix etc.) within the city center.

A minimum monthly food budget would be somewhere between € 200 to € 250.



TRANSPORT IN NANTES

Three bus lines serve the main campus of La Chantrerie

C6 The C6 line (Chronobus)

The C6 line provides a link between the school and the city center.

The closest bus stop to the school is "Chantrerie Grandes Écoles"

The C6 drives each 10 minutes in average.

75 The 75 line

For students living near the University area, the 75 bus line is ideal as it drives them directly to school.

The closest bus stop to the school is "Chantrerie Grandes Écoles".

The 75 line also drives to the final stop (Beaujoire) of the tramway line 1. This tram then goes to the city center, via the train station (Gare SNCF Nord) and the castle (Duchesse Anne)

E5 The E5 line

The E5 bus line drives students from Carquefou directly to school.

The closest bus stop to the school is "Polytech".

› **Several lines are available to get to the «Île de Nantes» where MDes courses are held:**

Tram line 1 (*Chantier Naval stop*)

Line C5 (*Prairie au Duc stop*)

The company of transport of Nantes (TAN) runs a network of buses and tramways all over and around the city. To use the system, students will have to buy a monthly ticket.

- Annual Pass (under 26) : 224€
(10 installments of 22,40€)
- Annual Pass (over 26) : 492,80€
(10 installments of 49,28€)
- A one hour ticket for buses and tramways: €1.70 but 2 euros when you buy the ticket on the bus
- A book of ten tickets: €15.60

› **The TAN Transport network in Nantes is free at the week-end!**

<https://www.tan.fr/>

ESTIMATED BUDGET

	NON-EXCHANGE STUDENTS	EXCHANGE STUDENTS
ANNUAL TUITION FEES	For European students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Class & DN MADE : €7,700 for the full year • Diplôme de design / MDes programs : €7,700 /year For Non-European students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Class & DN MADE : €9,000 for the full year • Diplôme de design / MDes programs : €9,000 /year 	Exempted
STUDENT TAX	CVEC 92€	
HEALTH INSURANCE	Free	
COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH INSURANCE	From 10€ a month	
HOUSING	In University Residence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security deposit : 270€ • Monthly rent : around 260€ Private housing : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security deposit : about 350/400€ • Monthly rent : about 350/400€ 	
HOUSING INSURANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Around 45€ per semester for a room in a university residence - Between 60€/year* and 85€/year* for a private housing (room in a shared flat or studio apartment) 	
FOOD	About 200€/month (3.30€/meal at the University Restaurant)	
TAN PASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Pass (under 26) : 224€ (10 installments of 22,40€) • Annual Pass (over 26) : 492,80€ (10 installments of 49,28€) 	
OII	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60€ (tax stamps – first request) • 49€ (tax stamps – oneyear renewal) 	
SUPPLIES	About 150€	

Cost of living (some prices recorded in Nantes, on average):

- A coffee in the city: €1.50
- A French newspaper: €0.95
- A soft drink in a café: €2.50
- A baguette (French bread): €1,10
- A meal in a restaurant: €10 to 20
- A cinema ticket: €7.50 € to €10.50

USEFUL TIPS



Opening hours

Shops are open from 9am to 7pm, Mondays to Saturdays, sometimes they close at lunchtime.

Most supermarkets are open from 9am to 7pm, sometime until 9 pm, Mondays to Saturdays.

Please note you won't find grocery stores open on Sundays.

Public Administration Office are usually open Mondays to Fridays : 9am to 12.30am and from 2pm to 5pm.

Post offices are usually open 9am - 6pm, Mondays to Fridays, sometimes they close at lunchtimes, and some city post offices open on Saturday morning.

Launderettes

If you are a resident in a students' hall of residence you will find washing machines in the basement. There are also several launderettes in town (approx. €3.50 per machine).

Anti-tobacco legislation

Smoking is forbidden in public places. If you break this law you are liable to receive a fine.

Since the anti-tobacco laws were passed, places such as cafes and restaurants are obliged to provide outside smoking areas.

Within the school, smoking is forbidden, but you can smoke outside the premises, where you will find ashtrays.

Alcohol

The legal drinking age in France is currently 18.

If you have to drive, remember that the permitted alcohol level is 0.5 grams/litre, equivalent to about 2 small glasses of wine.

Dos and Don'ts

Most businesses do not like clients to bargain for goods or services (restaurants, hotels, clothing, food).

Tips: unlike other countries, tipping is not obligatory in France, as service is included in all prices. However you may leave a tip if you wish.

USEFUL CONTACTS

For any information regarding :

Accommodation

Please contact

› Renata Carquejo and Camille Dugast
accueil@lecolededesign.com

Incoming Exchange

Please contact

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International Relations Coordinator

Or

› Orianne Besnard
o.besnard@lecolededesign.com
International Relations Assistant

International students

(non-exchange) recruitment

Please contact

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Student recruitment manager

Or

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admissions@lecolededesign.com
or by Skype : interview lecolededesign

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