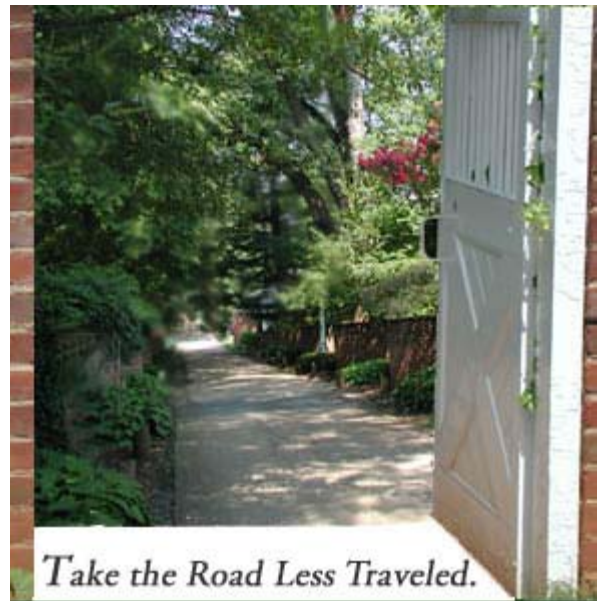


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Lyon 2

Study Abroad Handbook
2005-2006



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Important Contact Information

PROGRAM COORDINATORS IN LYON:

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NB: Be sure to give this information to your parents and to write it down in several different places just in case of emergency, theft, etc.

Further information for parents can be found at:

<http://www.virginia.edu/iso/studyabroad/parents.html>

Also, see International Studies Office Study Abroad Handbook at:

<http://www.virginia.edu/iso/studyabroad/handbook.html>

Academic Calendar LYON-II, 2005-2006

FIRST SEMESTER:

IMPORTANT DATES :

August 31, 2005, 1 pm :

First mandatory meeting of the semester : Chez Barbara Michelot

1 quai Claude Bernard (1e étage)

Barbara will E-mail you the electronic code that opens the front door. While the buzzer is still ringing, you need to push through the second door as well. Then take the stone staircase on your immediate right up to the first landing. Michelot apartment door is on the right.

September 1st: beginning of 50 hour, 3-credit intensive introductory course :

“Cours de pré-rentrée universitaire » (PRUNE) Sept 1-16th

When? Placement test : Thursday, September 1 at 9 am

Where? CIEF, 16 quai Claude Bernard

For directions to the CIEF, see http://sentiers-nte.univ-lyon2.fr/cief/plan_acces.html.

**More information on the PRUNE course can be found on pg. 13, Choosing Courses

Centre international d'etudes francaises (CIEF)

Université Lumière Lyon II

16 quai Claude Bernard - 69365 Lyon Cedex 07

Tel. 04.78.69.71.35/36 - Fax. 04.78.69.70.97

E-mail : cief@univ-lyon2.fr

<http://cief.univ-lyon2.fr>

<http://cief.univ-lyon2.fr/IMG/pdf/doc-34.pdf> – CIEF booklet, in French

<http://cief.univ-lyon2.fr/IMG/pdf/doc-35.pdf> – CIEF booklet, in English

September 12th: mandatory meeting at Division des Relations Internationales at Lyon (ask Barbara for details: Time, address, etc)

UNIVERSITÉ LUMIÈRE LYON 2

14 weeks of classes from September 19 to January 18**

September 26: Courses begin.

Break: October 29 - November 6

Friday, November 11 is also a national holiday (Armistice Day/Veterans Day)

Break: December 17 - January 1

January 16-21: Exam week

UVA Spring 2006 semester begins on Wednesday, January 18, 2005

****NB: UVA students will have to make special arrangements with Lyon 2 professors to take an earlier exam. It is important to find out at the beginning of the semester, whether your professor will allow you to leave Lyon a few days early and**

make special arrangements for your final exam. M. Michelot would be happy to help you obtain this information from your professors. Please DO NOT wait until December to ask about this crucial information!!

Institut d'études politiques

12 weeks of classes beginning on September 19th-December 10th

There is no fall break.

Exams: Dec. 12-17 and January 2-14.

SECOND SEMESTER :

You must arrive in Lyon, no later than Sunday, January 1st.

Monday, January 2, 2006, 1 pm :

First mandatory meeting of the semester : Chez Barbara Michelot

1 quai Claude Bernard (1^e étage)

Barbara will E-mail you the electronic code that opens the front door. While the buzzer is still ringing, you need to push through the second door as well. Then take the stone staircase on your immediate right up to the first landing. Michelot apartment door is on the right.

Tuesday, January 3, 2006, 9 am, placement test.

If this is your first semester in Lyon, a 50 hour, 3-credit introductory course will be set up for you from Tuesday January 3rd-14th at the CIEF (see below):

"Cours de pré-rentrée universitaire » (PRUNE) : begins January 3rd, 2006

When? Placement test : Tuesday, January 3rd at 9 am

Where? CIEF, 16 quai Claude Bernard

For directions to the CIEF, see http://sentiers-nte.univ-lyon2.fr/cief/plan_acces.html.

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UNIVERSITÉ LUMIÈRE LYON 2

14 weeks of classes beginning on February 6, 2006

Winter Break: February 18 -26

Spring Break: April 22 – 30

Classes end: May 27th

May 29-June 3rd: Exam week

Institut d'études politiques

12 weeks of classes beginning on January 16th
One week vacation in February (dates to be confirmed)
One week vacation in April (dates to be confirmed)
Exams: TBA

Do I need a visa for France?

Students are responsible for obtaining their own visas to France. All American citizens staying in France for longer than three months need a visa. If you are not an American citizen, you will need to check with the French consulate or your national embassy about visa requirements. For information on what documentation you will need to obtain a student visa to France, please see the website of the French Consulate in Washington or in another city close to your permanent residence. To find the Consulate nearest to you, see: <http://www.ambafrance-us.org/intheus/consulates.asp>

For information on visas to France at the Consulate in Washington, D.C., see: <http://www.consulfrance-washington.org/visas.htm>. or <http://www.ambafrance-us.org/visitingfrance/visasintro.asp>

If you are staying for only one semester, you will need to apply for a "temporary long-stay visa" <http://www.consulfrance-washington.org/visas/visasen.htm#9>.

If you are staying for the full academic year, you will need a "one-year visa." Upon arrival in France, you will also need to obtain a residency permit, called a "carte de séjour" from the Préfecture de Police. For more information, see: <http://www.rhone.pref.gouv.fr/dr/etrangers/gederevee.html>

Prior to getting your visa:

All students need to wait until they receive an original copy of the "lettre de pré-inscription universitaire" from Lyon 2 prior to applying for a visa. This document will be sent to the International Studies Office and you will be notified immediately. **(If you are from another university, we will notify you via E-mail of the arrival of this letter and it will be sent to you by postal mail at the permanent address you indicated on your application form. If you would like this document mailed to another address, please inform Professor Horne immediately). You will need to present the original copy of this letter in order to obtain a visa. You will also need a letter from the ISO (or your home university if you are not a UVA student) stating that you are an enrolled student in good standing at your university. Mary Jo Bateman will be happy to supply this letter for you, or to offer a model letter for non-UVA students to show to their home institutions.**

Where do I get a passport?

For information on obtaining or renewing a passport, you may go to the main Post Office on Rt. 29 or check on-line at: <http://travel.state.gov/>. Please remember that your passport must be valid for the duration of your stay in France.

Upon arrival in Lyon:

We highly recommend that you register with the American Consular Office in Lyon upon arrival in Lyon.

LYON (American Presence Post)
<http://www.amb-usa.fr/lyon/default.htm>

1 Quai Jules Courmont, 69002 Lyon
Tel: 04-78-38-33-03 Fax: 04-7241-7181
E-mail: Lyoncons@fr.psinet.com

Health Insurance Information

Pre-Departure Health Information

You should consult your own physician and dentist or other health care provider for a check-up to make sure there are no current health issues. If you have any concerns about your own personal health situation, please specifically ask your own health care provider about studying abroad. The Center for Disease Control publishes a list of all the vaccines and health precautions it recommends for those planning a stay abroad. The CDC website is: <http://www.cdc.gov/>. Especially if you plan to travel outside Europe, the Middle East or North Africa, please check what might be required for health preparations.

Insurance

Health insurance is required of anyone applying for long term student status in France. You will need to provide proof of insurance to obtain your visa and the following information includes options and mandatory insurance purchases for your semester or year abroad.

Mandatory: French Social Security System -- "la Sécu" -- which for you, basically means health care insurance. It is 180 € (2004-05; the 2005-06 rate will be published at the end of June) payable when you get your student ID in Lyon and **is mandatory** for all non European Union students, under the age of 28, who are studying in France for more than 3 months. It is not possible to get French Sécu coverage for just one semester and therefore the yearly rate applied, even if you are only staying for one semester. It is still the best deal in town as far as medical insurance goes! The *sécurité sociale* contribution will enable you to be reimbursed more easily and quickly for medical and pharmaceutical costs.

Please check carefully, however, before giving up any American or other coverage you have since if you become ill, then this may be considered a pre-existing condition when you return to an American insurance policy. Also, since most of you will not be staying for more than a semester (9 months at most), it hardly makes it worth the trouble of quitting your own plan in the States. Finally, you might need coverage when in the States (over a break or an emergency trip for example).

Other required forms of insurance:

- ❑ **International Student Card (ISIC)** - \$25, to be bought in the U.S. before departure. You may purchase this card at STA Travel in Newcomb Hall. This card comes with repatriation insurance and is mandatory for all students participating in this program.

- ❑ **"Responsabilité civile" insurance** (3rd Party Insurance) is REQUIRED by law of all international students in France. It covers you in case of any damage you may accidentally inflict on other people or their property, e.g., their apartment. This type of insurance is mandatory by Lyon 2 and costs approx 15€; it may be purchased in Lyon at one of the two student "mutuelles" below:

MNEF: 19, rue du Marseille, 69007 Lyon

SMERRA, 38 rue Chevreul, 69007 Lyon

Optional, supplemental forms of insurance:

- ❑ Supplemental Insurance: is not required, but nearly all French student have it. This is what is referred to as " Mutuelles". Why have a mutuelle? Because the French Health Insurance will normally only reimburse you for 65% of your medical expenses and you might want to have a complementary insurance to cover the rest. Lets say you need to see a doctor who charges 20 Euros for an office visit. 65% of that amount would be paid for by the French insurance. You can chose to pay the remaining amount out of pocket or you can have a supplementary insurance to cover you for the rest.

The suggestions made above for supplemental insurance, depend, of course, on the insurance already held by the student. Students should call their insurers to find out if their policy will cover them abroad. If not, another possible source for supplemental insurance is the CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange). Their website is: www.ciee.org. There are also many brochures available at ISO in Minor Hall concerning supplemental insurance options.

Be sure to consult your insurance provider for coverage overseas and remember that most places will ask for payment up front and then expect you to get reimbursed from your insurance provider. Make sure you bring your private insurance policy number and other relevant documents, including information on all medical procedures covered by your policy and the process for reimbursement. Contact your health insurance provider for reimbursement forms, and please take these forms with you when you go. Now, for those of you whose American health insurance DOES NOT cover you in France, you need to take some steps now, particularly since everyone applying for a student visa will have to produce evidence of health insurance PRIOR to getting the visa.

Health Care

For minor problems and medical advice, e.g., cold or flu symptoms, headaches, it is common to first consult a pharmacist (*un pharmacien*) in France. He or she can tell you if you need to see a doctor and also recommend appropriate over-the-counter medication. If you are accustomed to taking a specific brand of medication, such as Tylenol or Sudafed, it is best to bring some with you, as certain U.S. brands are not available in France.

Medication cannot be mailed to you. If you are taking any prescription medication, you should therefore bring enough with you for the semester or year unless you plan to return to the U.S. during your stay. Prescription drugs have the additional problem of brand name changes from place to place. Make sure to label all medication clearly and to keep it in the original containers that show the prescription number. This will facilitate customs clearance in and out of the country. If you need prescription medication regularly and do not intend to bring a year's supply, bring a copy of your prescription along. Make sure it is clearly written and indicated the generic name of the drug. In some cases a physician in France may not fill the prescription provided by your U.S. doctor without first doing an examination and confirming the diagnosis of your condition.

If you have any current health conditions, we highly recommend that you inform Barbara and Vincent Michelot PRIOR to your arrival. This information will be kept confidential, but it will help them to prepare for the best medical assistance plan should any such intervention be required.

Cost List/Budget Information

Edufrance (<http://www.edufrance.fr/fr/a-etudier/budget01.htm>) recommends a total budget of 1132€ per month for student living expenses – but please remember that your own habits will dictate your budget ! ☺

MONTHLY BUDGET SUGGESTED BY EDUFRANCE:

Housing : 600 Euros
Food : 200 Euros
Local transportation : 45 Euros
School materials : 45 Euros
Leisure activities : 100 Euros
Misc. : 100 Euros

See <http://www.xe.com/ucc/> for a convenient Currency convertor

Here is a breakdown of some of the major expenses:

For in-state UVA students:

1. TUITION AND FEES:

This amount should be the exact same as it would be if the student were to stay at UVA. There is no extra enrollment fee at Lyon-II. If you are taking the CIEF intensive course in 2005-06, that fee is 370€.

There is a \$500 per student per semester Program Fee to cover the following: four group dinners; four cultural outings; six hours of personal tutoring in writing skills for French university course assignments. Check should be made out to "The University of Virginia" with a note "Lyon program fee" and should be turned into the ISO in Minor Hall.

Books are not very expensive to purchase for classes at Lyon II, and most likely you will not need to purchase very many of them. Most classes do not assign specific textbooks, but you may need to buy a photocopied packet --"polycopie" --or specific novels for literature classes.

*TOTAL TUITION AND FEES COST: 370€ to CIEF
+ 50€ for Books
+ \$500 Program Fee
+ normal tuition costs to UVA
+ \$102 leave of absence fee*

2. LODGING:

- Housing will depend on the type of housing selected by the student, but given the current housing crunch in Lyon, you should plan on spending between 450-600€ per month.

IMPORTANT HOUSING INFORMATION

- Students are expected to pay 5 months of rent while in Lyon.

- Landlords expect to be paid in the first few days of the month – please be responsible and plan accordingly. If you do have a problem, please inform Barbara Michelot immediately.
- Students should also be prepared to offer a **2-month security deposit** that will be returned at the end of your stay once the apartment inspection has taken place to guarantee that the original condition of the apartment is intact.
- Some landlords require that students **sign a lease**. Please know that **ALL** legal leases in France are for a minimal period of three years. This does not mean that you have to **stay** in the apartment for three years! Nor does it mean that you are responsible for three years of rent. The standardized three-year lease in France, is the result of a national law intended to protect renters against sudden rent increases. Each lease should explain the steps that you need to follow in order to legally terminate the lease: it involves sending a registered letter to the rental agency within a specified period of time prior to your departure. The letter will not come as a surprise to anyone, since all involved parties know—by virtue of the “UVA in Lyon Housing Agreement”—that our students will only stay for five months. A three-year lease is a totally legal, legitimate procedure. **Should you have any questions about any document that you are asked to sign: please contact Barbara MICHELOT immediately.**

For budgeting purposes, please see estimated housing costs below: (all figures are high estimates, based on a 1,3 Euro/dollar exchange rate):

For a Studio apartment or a room in an apartment at 500-600 Euros per month

- 2,500-3,000 Euros for 5 months
- plus 2 months security deposit
- Amount needed: between 3,500-4,200 Euros (\$4,525-\$5,820) – NOT counting the security deposit refund that will be returned at the end of the 5-month period, if the apartment is in good condition. Barbara Michelot will be present for an “etat des lieux” inspection at the end of your stay.
- **Total housing cost should be:** 2,500-3,000 Euros or **\$3,230-\$3,878**

For room and board (“demi-pension”) with a family at 600 E per month:

- 3,000 Euros for 5 months,
- plus 2 months security deposit
- Amount needed: approx 4,200 Euros; or **\$5,430**
- 1200 Euros of which will normally be returned in the form of a security deposit refund at the end of the 5-month period.

Total housing cost should be: 3,000 Euros, or **\$3,878** (please remember that this figure includes all breakfasts and four dinners per week).

TOTAL HOUSING COST: 450-600€/month

3. HOTEL COSTS, 1 WEEK

Students should plan on making their own hotel reservations for their first week to ten days in Lyon.

As soon as you buy your plane ticket, reserve your room at Carré Pégasse.

NB: First semester 2005 students—please make your reservations through September 1st.

If you are an Out-of-State Student or if you are a non-UVA student, please DO NOT pay your one-week hotel bill. UVA’s Lyon Program will pay for your one-week stay (maximum) directly to the hotel:

Les Carrés Pégase (<http://www.concepthotel.fr>)
31, rue Chevreul
69007 Lyon
Tél : 04-72-72-08-36/ Fax : 04-72-72-48-00

When you make this reservation, you should also request the access code for the front door (which changes every Monday). This is important because there are times when the front reception desk is closed –particularly over the weekend when they are typically closed between noon and 5 pm--and you want to be sure that you can have access to your room upon arrival.

Please be courteous: if you need to cancel your reservation for whatever reason, don't forget to give the hotel as much advance warning as possible. This is a hotel with which we work with on a regular basis and we want to make extra sure that we are good customers!

Student Conduct Warning: Students need to be aware that this is a hotel, not a dorm... Partying and loud noises at night will not be tolerated. Please realize that we have been working with this hotel for years and want to maintain good relations with them! We know that you will all feel like celebrating your arrival in Lyon (and that is fine!), but please do so somewhere other than the hotel. We had major complaints last year and have asked the hotel not to hesitate to ask offending students to leave. In case of infraction of the "UVA Student Conduct Code" that you all signed on your application, you will receive ONE warning, and **ONE warning only**, before being asked to leave the program (the consequences of which are serious for you – both financially and academically). **This student conduct warning is valid throughout the duration of your stay in France.**

TOTAL HOTEL COSTS: approx 250€ week; less if you share a room

IF THE CARRÉ PÉGASSE IS FULL – YOU MAY ALSO TRY THE "CERCLE VILLEMANNY" IN LA CROIX ROUSSE, BUT THIS HOTEL IS MUCH FURTHER FROM THE UNIVERSITY. (FOR CONTACT INFORMATION, PLEASE WRITE TO PROF. HORNE)

4. FOOD:

You will most likely spend about the same amount on food as you would here in Charlottesville. Meals on campus are VERY inexpensive- 2,50 € for a lunch at the Resto-U (Restaurant Universitaire) or you can eat à la carte at the Cafet-U (Sandwiches @ 1-2 €). You will obviously be independent and providing for yourself, so you can predict how much you may spend on breakfast, lunch, and dinner items. Logically, eating out all the time will cost more than if you were to cook for yourself. Approx. 200 Euros according to Edufrance Website.

FOOD COST: approx. 200 €/month

5. REQUIRED MEDICAL INSURANCE: (Please review Health Insurance info on p. 5)

*TOTAL INSURANCE COSTS: 174€ + 15 € = 189 € (\$244)
+ \$25 ISIC Card = \$269 total*

6. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION:

You will most likely want to purchase a Técély card. Individual metro/bus/tram rides are about 1 € each way for the student tarif. The monthly "abonnement" will be 45 € a month. (Students have told me, however, that they often walk everywhere and don't end up buying an 'aboonnement'. In that case, they only spent 10 Euros per month, or approx. \$63 total.)

TOTAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS: 45 €/month

7. PERSONAL EXPENSES/ CULTURAL ACTIVITIES BUDGET:

This is the hardest item to estimate. I would say budget at least **\$300** (a figure that does not include foreign travel. One student recently in Lyon wrote:

" I went to Switzerland, Germany, and Provence. Switzerland cost about \$200 for 3 days, and the other trips were probably around \$400 or \$500 each. And of course plan for money to go out on the weekends, buying clothes, gifts for people back home etc. Those things really add up."

8. PASSPORT/VISA/STUDENT ID FEES:

Students report new passport fees of over \$100. For visa processing fees and other information on student visas to France, see:

http://www.consulfrance-washington.org/article.php3?id_article=381&var_recherche=visa

9. AIRFARE:

I would estimate \$800-\$1200. You may get a better deal at STA Travel in Newcomb Hall; Peace Frogs Travel or another agency that offers student rates.

SUMMARY:

CIEF intensive course	370 €
Books	50 €/semester
Program Activities Fee	\$500
Lodging	400-600 €/month
Food	200 €/month
Health Insurance	180 € (French sécurité sociale, mandatory)
International Student Card	\$25
Leave of Absence Fee	\$102
Supplemental Insurance (optional)	20 €/month (Mutuelle étudiante; optional)
Résponsabilité civile insurance	15 € (one time fee)
« Moving In »	150 €
Cultural Outings	100 €/month (high estimate)
Local Transportation	45 €/ month (high estimate)
Passport/Visa Processing	\$100
Airfare	\$800-\$1200

Total for one semester: approx: \$7,500 (based on high estimates, including adjustment for the unfavorable Euro exchange rate, and including housing, airfare, food, and all above-mentioned expenses beyond tuition and fees.). This figure does not include UVA tuition costs. If you are a "Study Abroad Student," please adjust this estimate accordingly.

The information packet lists several websites that you should consult prior to heading to France for study abroad. Please consult them!

Some helpful cost listings:

Stamps – letter to the U.S.: 67 centimes, letter within the E.U.: 46c

Museums – Gratuit (Free) – 7,50€ (reductions with student ID)

Movies – 3- 7,50€ (reductions with student ID except on weekends)

Discos – 12-20€ (drinks: from 4 - 10€)

Restaurants – from 6€ (salad), from 6 - 12€ (dish), from 3€ (dessert) ... to as much as you can or cannot afford!

Cafés – coffee: 0,76 – 2 € (non-refillable), tea/juices: 3 – 5 €, croissants and baguettes: 0,60 – 2 €

Crêpe in the street: from 1,50€

Laundry at laundromat – 2 loads + dryer: about 10€

Restaurant Universitaire – 2,50 for full lunch (2 appetizers, main dish with sides, baguette, dessert)

Toiletries - can be quite expensive. Some suggest purchasing in the U.S., but for the sake of your luggage, just don't purchase toiletries at a pharmacy! (supermarkets are definitely reasonably priced) For purchases such as these, you might want to visit "Carrefour" –a sort of French Wal-Mart—located in the "centre commercial Part-Dieu" in the 3e arrondissement (across the street from the Part-Dieu train station).

BANKING AND MONEY EXCHANGE

Which Bank to Use

The Crédit Lyonnais, a bank with offices throughout France (and even in NYC), has offered to help our students open bank accounts faster and with less paperwork. Opening an account will facilitate rent payments and any credit card purchases in France (their *carte de retrait d'argent* is slightly different from our credit/debit cards). Everyone uses their debit cards in shops by inserting it in the card reader and typing in their PIN, and of course at ATM machines (*guichet de retrait d'argent, point argent*). But rest assured that you can definitely live comfortably without a *compte courant* (checking account).

To open an account: you will need the following documents

- your passport
- a letter from your landlord or host family confirming your living in France at the specified address
- a letter from the University certifying that you are enrolled in a French university
- at least 20€ to deposit

Money Exchange

You will get better rates if you change your money in France.

Be advised: American Express is not, contrary to all the advertising, of much use in Europe. There is no longer an American Express office in Lyon – so we do not even recommend bringing traveler's checks (or at least, not many of them...) You can always cash them in a bank that has CURRENCY EXCHANGE service (not all banks offer this service – look for a sign that reads "CHANGE").

Wire transfers can take only a few days depending on the bank issuing it and weekends, holidays, etc. Make sure you give the entire number you have on your R.I.B. (*Relevé d'Identité Bancaire*). But the best way to make sure you have access to money as soon as you open your account is to deposit cash from your traveler's checks into it. Wire transfers may take only a few days or they may take longer. We recommend that you come to France with sufficient funds in traveler's checks to take care of your first month's expenses and/or be comfortable with carrying a significant amount of cash withdrawn from the ATM.

Bills (Factures)

France-Telecom, EDF/GDF bills are pretty much the same: you have to detach the bottom part of the bill (part 2 marked on the back) and send it to the appropriate address (written in the margin) with a check. If you prefer to have your bill paid automatically by your bank every two months, you can arrange for a *prélèvement automatique*: sign the inside square of part 2 and send along a R.I.B.

These bills come every two months. If you want a monthly bill, you can ask for it. The EDF/GDF meter is read only every 6 months, so what you are usually paying is estimated consumption, based on average previous consumption, and not the real one. BE CAREFUL, you might have a painful surprise once you get your readjusted bill. To avoid that problem, you can call in your meter reading to the EDF/GDF office.

Housing FAQ's

Q--Can students stay with a French family? How is this done?: are students placed in families at the moment of arrival, if that is their choice, or are they given assistance in finding a family or other place to stay once they are "sur place"? What are the housing options? How is payment made, for instance, to a family? Should the student bring a money order?

A -Yes, students may opt to stay with a French family. This includes the option of renting a room in someone's home. This is one of 3 housing options available.

The others being:

- independent apartments;
- privately owned student dorms – résidences étudiantes.

You should let Barbara Michelot know of your preference ahead of time so that she can start prospecting. Payment arrangements to host families is something that the student should work out ahead of time in consultation with Barbara Michelot. Please remember that landlords expect to be paid during the first few days of each month. If you encounter a problem with payment, please alert Barbara Michelot IMMEDIATELY so that she may contact your landlord. Please be responsible about payment!

Please remember: The housing market is a free, competitive market. Barbara Michelot cannot correct inequities that the market may produce... She is there to advise you, and to help you make wise selections (remember, she has a lot more experience with this than you do!) – but she cannot find exactly the same apartments with exactly the same rents for everyone! Some people may end up paying slightly lower rates for more comfortable apartments; some may end up paying higher rates for less comfortable apartments...that is unfortunate, but not something that is within Barbara Michelot's control.

She has pre-selected some apartments that she feels are reasonably priced, safe, clean, and centrally located. Most apartments are priced in relatively similar ways, but please do not quibble about slight variations in rentals fees—it is not Barbara Michelot who sets these fees, and she cannot negotiate with landlords for you on that point.

UPON ARRIVAL IN LYON:

CARRÉ PÉGASSE HOTEL:

PLEASE SEE INFORMATION ABOUT RESERVING A HOTEL ROOM FOR THE FIRST WEEK ON PAGES 10-11 of this handbook.

How do I get to the Carré Pégase hotel?

Take a cab to the hotel from La Part-Dieu train station.

From the airport, there are two options:

1/ We recommend reserving a taxi service **AVS (Email: avs.resa@wanadoo.fr)**. Their cell phone number is 06 87 53 75 68. Please tell them you are sent by Mr Michelot. If you use this service, the ride from the airport will cost approximately 35 € (a regular taxi will cost at least 50 €); they will wait for you at the airport with your name on a sign, even if your plane is late; and they will take you directly to the hotel. Since they only accept French credit cards for payment, you will want to change money in the airport prior to boarding the car. N.B.: an "ATM" machine is called a "distributeur" in French.

2/ There is also a *navette* (shuttle-bus) which provides shuttles at least 3 times every hour from the airport to various destinations in Lyon. The reduced student rate of 7 € is the most economical, but if you have a lot of luggage, it will be difficult to get on and off the bus by yourself with the baggage. If you take the shuttle bus to La Part-Dieu train station, from there take a cab.

ARRIVÉE:

Le CIEF est situé dans les locaux de l'Université Lumière Lyon-II, à l'adresse suivante : 16 quai Claude Bernard - 69365 Lyon cedex 07

Pour arriver au CIEF :

Depuis la Gare de la Part-Dieu ou de la Gare de Perrache

Tramway T1 : Perrache - IUT Feyssine

Arrêt : Quai Claude Bernard ou Arrêt : Rue de l'Université

Depuis l'aéroport de Lyon Saint-Exupéry

Navette jusqu'à la Gare de la Part-Dieu

General Concerns:

Student Conduct in France

First and foremost, we consider all students who participate in the UVA in Lyon program to be ambassadors of UVA in France. You have been chosen to study abroad based on your strong academic performance and the personal recommendations of your professors. As such, we hold you to standards of exemplary behavior and expect you to be models of intercultural understanding.

Please take note of the following expectations and procedures concerning Student Conduct while studying in France on a UVA program:

All students are adults in France (over 18) and, as such, are directly and without exception subject to French law at all times.

While in France, all students participating in the University of Virginia program are expected to abide by the code of Conduct, Rights and Responsibilities outlined by the Vice President for Student Affairs office. You have all signed this code as part of your application and may review it at: <http://www.virginia.edu/vpsa/rights.html> If you have any questions concerning this document and its application to you while studying abroad, please contact the Director of the International Studies Office, Rebecca Brown, PRIOR to departure.

One-Warning-and-you're-Out : Any infraction of this code---including behavior that is deemed by the Program Director and/or the On-Site Coordinators to pose a potentially

serious risk to yourself and/or others-- will result in a single disciplinary warning, a report of which will be filed with the Office of the Dean of Students, the International Studies Office, the Chair and Director of Undergraduate Studies of the French Department and the Vice Provost for International Affairs. Such an action constitutes the FIRST and FINAL warning prior to expulsion from the program. A second infraction will result in immediate expulsion.

Expulsion from the program would have serious financial and academic consequences for the student :

- no refund of any program fees or housing arrangements for the duration of the 5-month period of expected residence in Lyon ;
- no academic credit for the semester or term, an action that may result in academic probation;
- no further study abroad opportunities while at UVA
- possible violation of the Honor Code

Of course, we all want you to have a wonderful time while in Lyon ! Consequently, it is essential that you conduct yourselves as responsible and respectful adults in the host country whose language and culture you have all worked so hard to appreciate and understand. We also want you to be aware of the consequences of failing to comply with the University of Virginia's expectations and standards of conduct for all students, including those who are matriculated at other institutions.

A few Safety Tips:

Make a photocopy (front and back) of your credit cards and passport and keep it in a safe place. Leaving a copy with your family at home is an excellent idea. Should your wallet be stolen, it is good for them to have the phone numbers that need to be called. Remember, 1-800 numbers will not work from France.

If you do get your wallet stolen, please try to remember: it's terribly inconvenient, but it is not the end of the world. You are safe; things will work out; and unfortunately you have just joined the ranks of thousands of people who have been victim to this type of theft. It certainly will shake you up – and remind you of just how vulnerable you can be when abroad. But it is also a good time to get together with friends to restore your confidence and to rely on them to help you out. You did nothing wrong! There are professionals out there and it is sometimes very hard to know how to protect oneself from them.

Always keep the phone number of local taxi companies with you. Use your cell phone to call a cab from where you are, rather than going out looking for one, particularly late at night.

Do not go out alone at night! Lyon is a relatively safe city, but it is a big city and things can happen. Remember there is safety in numbers! Avoid desolate streets at night. Let someone know where you are.

Please rely on your UVA Program friends as an "extended family". If you are feeling unsure about something or someone in your life, let a friend know. If you suspect that one member of the group is feeling blue, or is getting involved in something that he or she probably shouldn't be doing, run the risk of reaching out to them!

If you are receiving unwanted attention from a passerby in the street, keep calm, remain determined and keep on walking. Do not make unnecessary eye contact. A firm "No, Merci!" and a determined stride away from the person is often effective. If not, do not hesitate to ask

for help by stopping a friendly looking pedestrian, or by going into a local restaurant or café and explaining your situation. (“Ce monsieur m’embette et je ne sais pas quoi faire”) Calling a cab is always an option.

If things get to late and you miss the last metro, don’t think about the money, just call a cab!

Keep your keys somewhere safe, and possibly in a pocket where they are attached to your clothing. (I have heard of a woman who kept their house keys attached to her bra stap with a large safety pin!) The idea is that even if you lose your purse or things fall out of your pocket, you keys will be safe and you will be able to get back home.

Bringing a money belt to Europe, or a fanny pouch, is a very good idea.

Keep a credit card in your pocket too, not in your wallet.

Try not to even bring a purse when you go out at night; keep the things you need on your person if possible.

Use your street smarts! If you see a group of people hanging out on the sidewalk and you feel a bit uncomfortable, that is an excellent time to switch sidewalks as if you had every intention in the world of doing that all along! Choose streets where there are people out and about, rather than side streets that look deserted. Once you know the neighborhood, you will navigate the streets with confidence.

People in Europe do not generally make eye-contact with strangers unless they are trying to make a connection. Practice keeping that “neutral gear” expression on your face as you walk around; there is no expectation in France that people will smile and say hello as they walk by. This does not mean that the French are mean, or sad, or grumpy, or anti-American – they simply see no reason to make this type of connection with a stranger they will most likely never see again.

Do not dress provocatively! Yes, this is France – yes, fashion is more important here, and yes, you are experimenting with a new sense of freedom --- BUT ... unless you are ready to deal with a lot (and I mean A LOT!) of unwanted attention, I suggest that you choose clothing that is not crying out with a message that perhaps you did intend to project.

Choosing Courses

This is one of the more confusing parts of getting ready to study at a foreign university. The French and American educational systems are different and it is not easy at first. But we won't let that stop us, will we?! As it suggests in our packet you should sometimes be ready to "Embrace confusion!" and this may well be one of those times! However, with the help of your academic advisor, Prof. Michelot, it will all turn out fine in the end! Remember to let someone know as soon as possible if there seems to be a problem with your course selection.

Orientation Program

For fall semester and full year students, you will be participating in the orientation course run by the Centre International d’Études Françaises (CIEF) in Lyon. This involves 50 hours of intensive language and culture study designed to teach you how to write the types of

papers you need for your university courses and to fine-tune your grammatical and oral skills. You then have a choice of one of the following modules for the last 4 hours per week of class :

- Contemporary Literature
- Contemporary History
- Social Sciences
- Current Events in French Society and Politics

You will receive 3 credits for « 300T – Workshop in French Language and Culture ».

Transfer of credit:

To obtain transfer credit, you must – **prior to departure** – complete a **green request for transfer of credit** (available at the ISO). If you are taking courses for elective credit, please check the study abroad at:

http://web.virginia.edu/ArtsSci/study_abroad/study_abroad.asp

to see if the UVA equivalency is there. If not, you must present Gloria Gates with a description of the class and she will approve for transfer of credit. Please contact her with any questions at: “gag4j@virginia.edu”. If the course are for major/minor credit, please see the respective department for transfer of credit. **Departmental contacts for study abroad course pre-approval can be found at:**

<http://www.virginia.edu/artsandsciences/people/dups.html>.

Please note that the number of contact hours is the key to determining the number of credits you will receive. The guidelines are:

Standard for Calculating Credit Transfer from Lyon-II

<i>Lyon 2</i>	<i>UVA</i>
24 hour course	2 credits
36 hour course	3 credits
48 hour course	3 credits*

* in exceptional cases, see below, 4 credits can be granted for 48 hour courses.

Grades: NB: an 8/20 is necessary to receive credit. (Sorry, but this means that if you receive a 7.88, or even a 7.98 you will not receive credit for the course....)

Grades do not transfer to the UVA transcript, only credit does (Pass/Fail); nor are they calculated in a student’s GPA.

How to establish a list of ten possible courses?

Not all departments in France publish course selection brochures. Those that are available are in the library of the ISO. Other courses may be listed on the Lyon-II website, although this source has proven to be minimal—the best source of information is the Student Course Evaluation file in the ISO Library. If you can find no information on courses in the discipline that interests you contact Professor Horne.

In every case, your preliminary course selection will be gone over with a fine-tooth comb by Prof. Michelot upon arrival in France. Together, you will choose a course of study that is at your appropriate level and that fits into your schedule. As you would do at UVA, try to make sure that you have a nice mix of small and large classes.

When making your preliminary course selection, you should stick to courses that are at one of the following levels:

1er cycle: 1ère & 2ème année DEUG (diplome d'études universitaires générales)
300-level)

License (third year degree, considered by the French cultural services as the equivalent of a BA) (400-level)

Maîtrise (500-level)

Please do not select courses labeled DEA or DESS since they are at the doctoral level and may cause problems with processing your application.

French students take most of their courses in one UFR (*Unité de Formation et de Recherche*, French equivalent of a department) and have very few electives. All the second-year students preparing a DEUG in history, for example, have to take a certain number of specific courses. Since students do not choose their courses, no catalogue is printed, there is no "shopping period" and the UFR's coordinate the scheduling of only the courses they offer. UFR's are in effect independent from each other even within the same university. In some cases they start and end classes on different dates. Some print course catalogues and schedules, others don't. If they don't, they communicate necessary information to students via bulletin boards. This is OK for French students as they deal with only one UFR but it can get rather complicated for you as you will most probably take courses from several. We will try to assist you as much as we can but you will need to check the bulletin boards of the UFR's for information on course schedules and cancellations.

Whenever you can i.e., whenever you have taken equivalent prerequisite courses, we strongly recommend that you take third year (license) courses. Classes at that level are smaller, less impersonal and more participation on the part of the students is expected by the teacher.

Here are some sample courses previously taken by UVA Students at Lyon 2:

- Histoire: Historire Moderne I UVA _ FREN 350 3 credits
- Beginning Arabic UVA - ARAB 101 3 credits
- La Linguistique Anglaise UVA - LING 300T 3 credits
- Acquisition/Apprentissage des langues UVA - FREN 500T 4 credits
- IEP - Sociology of International Relations UVA - PLIR 300T 3 credits
- IEP - International & European Institutions UVA - PLIR 321 3 credits
- IEP - French Political History 1789-1940 UVA - FREN 351 3 credits
- IEP - Histoire Politique de la France UVA - FREN 351 3 credits
- IEP - Women and Politics in France UVA - FREN 300T 2 credits
- Rapport sociaux de sexe, Prof. Romagnon

- IEP – Gender and the Body in Politics and the Workplace. FREN 400T 2 credits.
Rapports sociaux de sexe (politique, travail, rapport au corps) 2ème semestre,
Prof. Barbara Romagnan. (possible credit in Anthro or Soc).
- IEP - European Geopolitics UVA - PLIR 200T 1.50 credits
- IEP - Resistance UVA - HIEU 300T 2 credits
- IEP - Contemporary French Political Life UVA - PLCP 300T 3 credits
- IEP – Philosophie, sciences sociales, cinema, Prof. Corcuff, 2 credits UVA- ?
- IEP – Histoire de la France depuis 1940, Prof. Douzou
FREN 400T - History of France since 1940

- IEP – La question locale en France et aux Etats-Unis: communication et urbanité. 2 credits. 300T Local Identities in France and USA (possible credit in Anthro or Soc)
- Lettres modernes - Litterature Francaise Moderne UVA- FREN 400T 4
- Lettres modernes - Lectures Critiques UVA - FREN 400T 2 credits
- Lettres modernes - Civilization Francaise FREN 300T 3 credits
- Lettres modernes - Litterature Francophone FREN 411 3 credits
- Lettres modernes - Feminin/Masculin FREN 483 2 credits
- Lettres modernes - Littérature du 17ième siècle, Prof. Peslin / Keller
- Lettres modernes - Littérature médiévale, Prof. VerchèreLettres modernes – Littérature et culture françaises, Prof. Martin. 300T, 2 credits. French literature and culture
- Lettres modernes - Litterature Comparee UVA - CPLT 493 3 credits
- Histoire de l'art - Introduction au Moyen-Age occidental, Prof. Sirot
- Histoire de l'art - Art contemporain, Prof. Junillon, spring
- Histoire de l'art - Méthodologie et présentation de la discipline Histoire de l'Art. Prof. Fossier, Fall
- Histoire de l'art - Art Moderne, Prof. Cassegrain, Fall
- Histoire de l'art - Art antique, Profs. Rouault, Beal et Siard. Fall
- Histoire de l'art - Art antique et Moderne, Prof. Abrahami

Recommendations on Course Selection from Professor Michelot:

"I generally recommend that the students mix and match between 2nd year DEUG classes, Licence and sometimes Maîtrise classes (especially or exclusively in their major and if their level of French is good). The most appropriate level for a junior is indeed Licence which corresponds to 3rd year, but then you have to take into account the fact that French students major from year one and so are pretty advanced by year 3, having had almost 90% of their classes in their major."

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE FRENCH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION:

Teacher and student roles are quite different in the French and American systems. You will note many differences in the way teachers and students behave in the classroom: teachers lecture more, students listen and take lots of notes rather than asking questions or expressing their own views. It is assumed in the French classroom that the teacher is the one with the knowledge and that the students get that knowledge directly from the teacher, not from within themselves nor from each other.

French professors see it as their role to criticize their students so that they will learn better. They sometimes do so publicly if they think that the whole class can benefit from the comments. In their written remarks on your papers, professors will probably stress ways in which you can improve your work, i.e., you may feel that they stress the negative aspects of your paper. Do not take criticism personally, in France it is a normal way to give feedback to students. Excellent grades (above 14) are extremely rare and remember that students put it "You must remember that there is no comparison between the French system and ours at home, grades vary from professor to professor because not all grades are created equal." MAKE SURE YOU MAKE COPIES OF ALL YOUR PAPERS BEFORE YOU GIVE THEM TO YOUR PROFESSORS. Always try to hand in your papers directly to your

professors. Avoid leaving them at the UFR's office: some professors never go to the UFR (most professors do not have offices at the university).

Engineering or other Courses?

Those should be either at INSA (Institut National des Sciences Appliquées) or at Lyon I- Claude Bernard. There are no science classes at Lyon II. You will also have access to Lyon III-Jean Moulin, the EMS (École Management Supérieure – a Business Management School), and the Catholic University.

UNIVERSITY LINGO

TD – Travaux Dirigés: section or lab

CM – Cours magistral: lecture

Option or Cours optionnel – elective, optional class w/in a module

Module – set of courses (at least one CM and one TD and sometimes one option)

contrôle continu – quizzes

emploi de temps – schedules

Amphis – amphitheaters, lecture halls

UV (Unité de Valeur) or UE (Unité d'enseignement) – credit

How many total hours each semester is an "average" course load at Lyon-II?

Between a 150h and 180h, depending on how advanced the selected classes are. Classes range from 12-48 hours a semester (depending on whether it is a CM or TD).

Once in France

- Review your list of pre-selected courses with the Academic Advisor
- Check the time schedule for the courses you have selected. You will need to go to all the UFR's from which you intend to take classes in order to check the schedule bulletin board. For each course, get the hours for both the CM and the TD. TDs are normally schedule at a number of different times, which should enable you to avoid conflicts.

Make sure you register with the secretaries in each individual department as well as presenting yourself to your professor at the beginning of the semester.

SOME courses offered...

L'UNIVERSITÉ LUMIÈRE - LYON II

Lettres Modernes *Brochure available in Study Abroad Library

DEUG (Bureau: Bron, Batiment F)

License (Bureau: 18 Quai Claude Bernard)

Semestre 1:

3DA2LMA1 – Littérature du Moyen Age (24h)

3DA2LCO1 – Littérature comparée (36h)

3DA2PHO1 – Phonétique et morphologie médiévale (18h)

3DA2LGC1 – Langue classique (24h)

3DA2L17X – Littérature du XVIIe s.

3DA2FMAX – Masculin/Feminin

3DA2L20Y – Formes narratives et poétiques au XXe s.

3DA2L20X – L'écrivain, le peintre, le musicien au XXe s.

3DA2SUDX – Littératures du Sud

3DA5CC07 - Cultures Comparées

3DA2ETRX - Littérature et Culture Françaises Contemporaines (pour les étudiants étrangers)

Semestre 2:

3DA2LFM2 – Litt. Française moderne (24h CM + 24h TD)
3DA2SYN2 – Traduction, syntaxe et voc. Médiévaux (18h)
3DA2LGM2 – Langue moderne (24h)

Maîtrise (Bureau: 18 Quai Claude Bernard)

Semestre 1:

4DA2LRC1 – Littérature de la Renaissance (48h)
4DA2L191 – Recherche en littérature française du XIXe s. (48h)
4DA2SEP1 – Sémiologie du poétique (48h)
4DA2STP1 – Langue et stylistique françaises (48h)
4DA2PPC1 – Poétique et poésie contemporaines (48h)
4DA2LPR1 – Littératures au présent (48h)
4DA2FRA1 – Problématiques générales de la francophone (48h)

Semestre 2:

4DA2LAC2 – Littérature à l'âge classique (48h)
4DA2L182 – Littérature et civilisation du XVIIIe s. (48h)
4DA2EST2 – Littérature et esthétique (48h)
4DA2LCO2 – Littérature comparée (48h)
4DA2RLM2 – Recherche en littérature médiévale (48h)
4DA2MAF2 – Masculin/féminine (48h)
4DA2LLL2 – Littérature, lectures et lectures (48h)

Profs: Jean-Pierre Martin (adore les étrangers!)
Christine Panté (mixed reviews)

C.I.E.F (Centre d'études internationales français)

L.E.A (Langues Etrangères Appliquées)

License (Bureau: 86, rue Pasteur)

Semestre 1 & 2:

3CH2TRA5 - Traduction Anglaise (12h CM, 12h Thème + 12h Version = 24h TD)

Profs: M. Durand & M. Harvey (anglais) – les deux sont très sympa

Sciences du Langage

DEUG II (Bureau: Bron, Bâtiment F)

Arts du Spectacle

*Brochure available in Study Abroad Library

DEUG II (Bureau: Bron, Bâtiment F)

Semestre III

2DD1HTD3 – Histoire du théâtre et de la danse (24h CM + 24h CM)
2DD1HCP3 – Histoire du cinéma et de la photographie (24h CM + 24h CM)
2DD1ETD3 – Théorie et esthétique du théâtre et de la danse (36h CM + 12h CM)
2DD1ECP3 – Théorie et esthétique cinéma et photographie (36h CM + 12h CM)
2DD1CAR3 – Atelier cinéma
2DD1PAR3 – Atelier photo (24h TD)
2DD1TAR3 – Atelier théâtre (24h TD)
2DD1DAR3 – Atelier danse (24h TD)
2DD1PHO3 – Atelier d'écriture photo (24h TD)
2DD1THE3 – Atelier d'écriture théâtre (24h TD)
2DD1CIN3 – Atelier d'écriture cinéma (24h TD)
2DD1DAN3 – Atelier d'écriture danse (24h TD)

Profs: Palazzolo – Italienne
Buffard – très sympa

Psychologie

*livret available in Study Abroad Library

DEUG II (Bureau: Bron, Bâtiment K)

Semestre 1:

2NA1VIH3 – La vie psychique de l'Homme (24h CM + 24h TD)
2NA1GSO3 – Groupes et sociétés (24h CM + 24h TD)

2NA1NTE3 – Statistiques et informatique appliqués à la Psychologie (N.T.E 3) (24h TD)
2NA1COL3 – Méthodes d'étude du collectif (24h CM)

2NA1LVE3 – L.V.E. 3 Psychologie en langues étrangères (24h)

Semestre 2:

2NA1PPH4 – Psychologie physiologique (24h CM + 24h TD)

2NA1PSD4 – Psychologie du développement (24h CM + 24h TD)

2NA1NTE4 – Statistiques et informatique appliqués à la Psychologie (N.T.E. 4) (24h TD)

2NA1IND4 – Méthodes d'étude de l'individuel (24h CM)

2NA1LVE4 – L.V.E. 4 Psychologie en langues étrangères (24h)

*warning: UVA Psych dept is stingy with its credit approval.

Activités Physiques et Sportives

Bureau: Bron, la Halle

Semestre 1 & 2:

PIDJ4 – Danse Jazz (36h)

L'UNIVERSITE CLAUDE BERNARD – LYON I

Mathématiques

DEUG MIAS (Bureau: la DOUA)

DEUG MASS (Bureau: Gerland)

Semestre 1:

UE 11 – Mathématiques algèbre

UE 11 – Mathématiques analyse

UE 11 – Economie

UE 11 – Statistiques

UE 12 – Economie

UE 12 – Informatique

UE 31 – Mathématiques

UE 31 – Informatique

UE 32 – Economie

UE 32 – Probabilités

Other Helpful Information

Métro - Bus - Tramway/TCL

TCL (Transports en Commun de Lyon)



Information : <http://www.tcl.fr/> , ALLO TCL Tél : 04.78.71.00 for journey planning, timetable information, and practical information.

Transportation around Lyon is easy and safe. The TCL network runs from 5 am to midnight everyday. Single tickets are available for both the bus, metro, and tramway networks and allow travel for up to one hour. The hour begins at the time indicated by the first stamp on the ticket ; and you can have four different transfers, each time punching the same ticket (you needn't do so at direct links between metro lines). Return (or successive) journeys on the same line with the same ticket are not allowed.

The new tramway is convenient for campus as one serves Perrache and Part-Dieu stations by way of the University's downtown campus and the other, the Bron campus from the downtown campus.

Tickets are 1,30€ each, but they can be purchased in a book of 10 (9,90 € for students). There are also 2 hour passes which cost 1,60 €. Instead of using single tickets, we advise you to buy a *carte d'abonnement mensuel* (Carte Campus : approx. 33€/month) that can be used for unlimited trips on the metro, bus, and tram. Tickets can be purchased at TCL booths in the metro and at *tabacs* (cafés that sell cigarettes, stamps, and phone cards).

Carte CAMPUS – to obtain this card, you have to provide identity papers, a valid student card, proof of residence, an identity photo, and 3 €. Once you have the card, you will only need to buy a new CAMPUS pass every month (33 €). You can go to the following TCL offices to purchase your abonnement at the following TCL offices :

Agence République, 43, rue de la République, 69002 ; Agence Part-Dieu, boulevard Vivier-Merle, 69003 ; Agence Croix-Rousse ; bus stations at Perrache and Laurent Bonnevey, Agences TCL Ligne D : Gorge de Loup, Vieux-Lyon, Bellecour, Grange Blanche, and Parilly.

TCL Hours : Lundi a Vendredi : 7h30/18h30
 Samedi: 9h00-12h00 et 13h30-17h00

Train/S.N.C.F.



Information : <http://www.sncf.com/> , S.N.C.F tél : 08.36.35.35.35

There are two main stations : Perrache and Part-Dieu. Paradoxically, both stations serve the same areas, so check the station you arrive at or leave from ; the same destination can often be reached at different times of departure, depending on where you leave from. All the high speed trains (TGV) stop at Part-Dieu, but only some have their terminus at Perrache. If you plan on travelling, or even flying into Paris (rendering the need for at least 2 train tickets between Paris and Lyon), you will want to purchase a *Carte 12-25*. 49 € will give you at least 25% and usually 50% off all train tickets in France (and even to other European countries).

Good idea to buy a ticket a week or more in advance to get a good price. Usually one can buy a cheap ticket if they search for tickets that leave early or late at night.

Navette Aéroport Lyon-Saint Exupery

www.satobus.com (French and English)

A regular shuttle bus that runs between the Airport and downtown Lyon. The Satobus leaves the airport every 20 minutes from 6AM to 11PM, taking between 25 and 35 minutes, and stopping at both the Perrache and Part-Dieu train stations. The ticket is 8€20 one way.

Phoning and Télécarte

Public phones are not coin-operated. You will need to purchase a telephone card (*télécarte*) of 50 or 100 units (about 7,50 or 15 €) at *tabacs*, post offices, metro ticket booths, newspaper stands.

To use your American calling cards, dial:

00-00-11 and you will get an AT&T operator

00-00-19 MCI

00-00-87 Sprint

To call abroad from France : 00 + country code (USA code is 1) + area code ...

Cellphones

Most people used either ORANGE or SRF. There are a variety of places to buy cellphones, but one can find Orange and SRF stores in Part-Dieu mall.

For a semester, it is best to buy <<Une mobicarte.>> Pretty much, you buy a telephone and pay for the amount of minutes you want. When you run out of minutes, you buy another phone card with the minutes you want.

Orange website:

<http://www.orange.fr/0/visiteur/PV>

SFR website:

http://www.sfr.fr/FR/offre/toutes_formules/carte/gamme

You can also buy refill phone cards at the Tabac.

Bookstores

New and used books in French, used textbooks

Gilbert-Joseph Lyon, 6, rue de la Barre, [Libraire-Papeterie] Lyon 2è, tél : 04.78.42.22.22 ; 3, quai Gailleton [Disque] Good place to buy used cds,dvds,etc.
www.gibertjoseph.com/Magasins.htm

Decitre, 29, place Bellecour, Lyon 2è, tél : 04.72.40.54.54

Flammarion, 19, place Bellecour, Lyon 2è, tél : 04.72.56.21.21

FNAC Bellecour and Part-Dieu – provides the cheapest new books (all 5% off) and also sells CDs, tapes, photo equipment, software, computers, concert tickets

Libraries

Bibliothèque municipale de Lyon (www.bm-lyon.fr)

C'est une des plus importantes bibliothèques publiques d'Europe.

Located next to Part Dieu. There is also one floor where you can rent music with your public library card – another good way to improve your French.

There are also libraries located at:

Université de Bron/ Lyon 2/ IEP

Another good place to study, get coffee/juice/tea, etc. is at Raconte-moi la Terre. It is considered a <<Librairie du voyage, Espace Internet, et Mundo café.>>

Info : 36 rue Thomassin

04 78 92 60 20

<http://www.raconte-moi.com>

Cultural Information Centers in Lyon

Centre Municipal d'Information – Place de la Comédie, Mairie Annexe Lyon 1er

Office du Tourisme – Place Bellecour, tél : 04.78.42.25.75

Utilise this office – it offers very good tours of Lyon

<http://www.lyon->

[france.com/pages/fr/institutionnel/documents/groupededocuments3.html](http://www.lyon-france.com/pages/fr/institutionnel/documents/groupededocuments3.html)

*** (Cliquez sur Visites guidées) ***

Publications

- Lyon Poche – a weekly guide to shows, cinemas, exhibitions, and restaurants on sale at tabacs
- Le Petit Paumé – a free guide to Lyon produced by students of École Supérieure de Commerce, released in November, with recommendations to cultural, social events and restaurants, and just about anything else in Lyon !
- Le Guide Pratique de l'Étudiant – published by CROUS
- OFUP (L'Office Universitaire de Presse)

www.ofup.fr

Simply click on <<Recherche par titre>>

Allows one to get a magazine prescription – wide variety

Allow 6-8 weeks to receive first copy – GOOD WAY TO IMPROVE VOC

Movie Theatres

Weekdays are the cheapest days to watch movies.

Theatres in Lyon:

Pathe - www.pathe.fr

UGC Part-Dieu - www.ugc.fr

CNP Bellecour

Internet access

IEP (Sciences Po) is probably the best place to go for internet. It's located at the school on the second floor.

Once you get your student ID, you are able to get a pseudonym and a password.

Shopping (Clothes, Food, Markets)

There will be a big sale on clothes, or <<SOLDE>>, during the month of January (When you arrive to Lyon). Take advantage of it. There are a variety of clothing stores throughout Lyon, but one can find many things at the Part-Dieu Mall.

Grocery Shopping:

There are places all over Lyon, such as:

Monoprix in Bellecour
Carrefour at Part-Dieu Mall
Super-U
Auchun

Markets :

Can find all sorts of markets. Some good ways to visit:

Marche de la Croix Rousse
Starts on Saturday mornings
http://www.lyon-photos.com/diaporama/moyenne_134.htm
Marche de Place Guichard (Located on Metro B)
• Starts on Sunday mornings
Marche de Place Carnot
Starts on Saturday mornings

Sports:

There are a variety of activities one can participate in while a student at Lyon. Université de Bron offers many sports classes that you can take (rock climbing, football (aka. Soccer), tennis, many types of dance classes, etc.) This is a really good way to meet French friends.

There are also several independent organizations that have club teams for college aged students. Several people joined a Ultimate Frisbee team (Talk to people at the Office du Tourisme or CROUS office)

Make sure you go to several Olympique Lyonnais games. They won the league championship last year in France. QUI NE SAUTE PAS N'EST PAS LYONNAIS!!!

Can buy tickets at : Angle rues Grille et Jussieu, Lyon 2e
• Tel. 04 78 37 49 49

PRACTICAL FACTS

Dates : 1/3/92 is not January third, but March first 1993

Time of day is expressed by the 24-hour clock : 8am =8h00, 8pm=20h00

Numbers : commas are used where Anglo-Saxons use periods and vice versa : 1.240,80 € = mille deux cent quarante euros, quatre-vingts centimes

Electric current : France=220 volt and 50 cycles (US=110 and 60 cycles). Need a plug adapter and a transformer for US appliances in French plugs.

Floor numbers : the first floor is the *Rez-de-Chaussée* (RC), therefore, « *le premier étage* » is the American 2nd floor.

Toll Free Numbers : Numéros verts, starting with 05

Public Holidays

Le Jour de l'an	January 1
Lundi de Pâques	Easter Monday
Le 1er mai ou la fête du travail	French Labor Day on May 1 st
L'Armistice de la seconde guerre mondiale	May 8
L'Ascension	6 th Thursday after Easter
La Pentecôte	2 nd Monday after Ascension
Le 14 juillet ou la fête nationale	Bastille Day
Le 15 août ou la fête de l'Assomption	August 15
La Toussaint	November 1, « All Saints Day »
L'Armistice de la première guerre mondiale	November 11
Noël	December 25, Christmas

Weight/Measurement Conversions

Weights

1 kilo = 2.2 pounds, demi-kil = une livre = 1.1 pounds

Length

1 centimètre = 0.394 inches

1 mètre = 3.28 feet

1 kilomètre = 1000 mètre = 0.62 miles

Measurements

1 litre = 0.265 US gallon, 1 gramme = 0.033 ounces

Conversions for cooking

1 ounce = 30 grammes

3.5 ounces = 100 grammes

1 pound = 454 grammes

1 pint = 0.946 litre

1 quart = 0.946 litre

1 gallon = 3.785 litres

Temperature

Converting Fahrenheit to Celsius – subtract 32 from F temperature and divide the result by 2 for approximate conversion.

	Fahrenheit	Celsius
	0	-17,8
Freezing	32	0
Room Temperature	68	20
Normal Body Temperature	98.6	37

Useful Bibliography

Guide du routard Lyon : Paris. Hachette.

Le Petit Fûté Lyon

Let's Go : the Budget Guide to France

Cultural Misunderstandings : the French-American Experience, Raymonde Carroll.

Useful Phone Numbers

SAMU : 15 Fire : 18 Police : 17 Information : 12

Railroad info : 36.35.35.35

Bus info Allo TCL : 04.78.71.00.00

Charles de Gaulle Paris airport : 01.48.62.22.80

Orly airport : 01.49.75.15.15

St. Exupery Lyon airport : 04.72.22.72.21

SOS Dentistes : 15 or 04.71.01.01

SOS Médecin : 04.78.83.51.51

Pharmacie open 24 hours/day : 5, place des Cordeliers, 69002 - 04.78.42.12.12

SOS Help English crisis hotline (Paris) : 01.47.23.80.80

SOS Amitié (Helpline) : 04.78.29.88.88

Burns Unit : 04.78.61.88.88 or 04.78.61.89.50

Lost & Found/objets trouvés : 04.78.42.43.82

Lost cards : 54.42.12.12

News of the day : 36.36.11.11

Speaking clock : 36.99

Snow report : 36.68.02.38

Weather report : 36.68.02.69

Taxis Allo : 04.78.28.23.23

Taxis Lugdunum : 04.78.77.55.29

Taxis Radio : 04.78.30.86.86

Taxis Lyonnais : 04.78.26.81.81

Precious advice from UVA students who were at LYON-II in 2000

Cynthia Calgaro writes:

"You will get at Course Booklet in Lyon in our terms its very much like an "undergraduate record". All the possible courses and their sequences are listed with short descriptions, which include the reading material and the work required of the student-both controle continue (work produced during the semester- for ex. essays and orals) and exams/finals. In this "booklet" times and room #s will not be listed, professors are not usually listed either... this information will be posted on bulletin boards in "emploi de temps" form outside departments usually right before classes begin. Just because something is in the booklet does not mean that it will be offered that semester. Also, it's often necessary to go back and check the bulletin boards several times b/c there's lots of last minute changes. Final exam times and room #s will also be posted in this fashion. Just to complicate things all the departments work differently- you may or may not have to pay for a booklet, for example.

Oh, and I took all of my courses in "Lettres Modernes"- including Lecture Critique. I think the department classification is Dep. de lettres modernes."

Cynthia also wrote:

« I took all lit classes so I would just recommend that the new students pay attention to writing and reading requirements. Some literature courses will require a lot of writing and a final, whereas others (usually TD's, or "options") will only require participation/oral, or a final. Just like here, you don't want to get too many courses that will require enormous amounts of reading (I had one course with a book--"Belle du Seigneur"-- that was over 1,000 pages long) and writing. But also be aware that your entire grade resting on a final exam can be extremely nerve racking.

Although lots of courses will sound interesting, you also want to make sure you have time to travel and enjoy yourself. Try a bunch of different classes out, but make sure that you commit to what you can handle.

It's good to note that most of the time reading and "controle continue" will be listed in course booklets, but not schedules (emploi de temps).

Avoid Amphi's. It's hard to hear and it will be hard to get help from your teacher when there are so many students- teachers don't have office hours (which doesn't mean that you can't set up an appointment with some effort).

Think too, about varying the levels of your course work so that the work load is more manageable- take maybe 3 courses at license level, but than another at DEUG deuxieme annee. Taking a lower level course will also help you with the French style and form, which will be expected of you in the more advanced classes.

My favorite class was called "La Lecture Critique"- It was IIeme annee de DEUG- the subject matter, literary criticism, was certainly interesting.. but I think the professor made it particularly so.. unfortunately I can't remember her name..)

On a FUN note: Take advantage of the sports courses!! You'll only have to pay a 50f fee to participate, it's a good way to meet people, AND you can learn something new and different-- I learned L'escalade.

thanks and bon courage a tout le monde !!
cynthia

Irinia Tarsis writes:

« I think it is a good idea to do CIEF, language program, they have a three week long program in September, and then they offer a class of French all semester long. The

second part of it, is just like a grammar/literature class in UVA, but selection of reading is more interesting, because it is less ordinary.

I took Licence and Maitrise level classes.

Human Resource Management and International Marketing = Maitrise
French = Licence/DEUG.

Also, I heard the IEP is a very good school, great classes and tighter student body, so it is easier to make friends there. »

OTHER ADVICE

Use France Télécom phone service if your appt already has a "prise
"portables" are good if you are staying for the full year.

Good idea if all UVA students can live close together during first three weeks.

Get started looking for housing immediately

Sign up early for CIEF trips

Sign up for dance classes, gym, join a church

Make sure to get "Le petit paumé" written by business school students

Breaking the Ice - 95F icorbett@alpes-net.fr

Bescherelle – for verb conjugations

3-week orientation course good for meeting students

go to international fair day

don't get a bank account

pay bills with money orders purchased at the post office

Bring your own visa card

Take more than one course in a single dept

Sites Webs pratiques pour ceux qui partent à Lyon-II

UVA-Lyon-II Program Website :

<http://minerva.acc.Virginia.EDU/~french/ugrads/abroad/lyon1.htm>

SITES OFFICIELS :

Ambassade des Etats-Unis

Services Consulaires

2, rue St. Florentin

75382 Paris Cedex 08

http://www.amb-usa.fr/consul/oas_home.htm (site in English)

LYON (American Presence Post)

<http://www.amb-usa.fr/consul/lyon.htm>

1 Quai Jules Courmont, 69002 Lyon

Tel: 04-78-38-33-03 Fax: 04-7241-7181

E-mail: Lyoncons@fr.psinet.com

We highly recommend that you register at this office upon arrival in Lyon.

ELECTIONS aux Etats-Unis:

If you will be studying in France while there is an important election, such as a presidential election, you may wish to request an absentee ballot. If you need to give an address in France, but don't yet have your personal address in Lyon, you can write:

s/d MICHELOT
1, quai Claude Bernard
69007 Lyon

Voter registration and absentee ballot information is available directly from the Federal Voting Assistance Program at their website (www.fvap.gov).

For more information, please see the American Embassy Consular services homepage:
<http://www.amb-usa.fr/consul/guideoas/VOTING.HTM>

ÉTUDIER EN FRANCE:

<http://www.edufrance.fr/> - Agence EduFrance

<http://www.ciee.org/> - Council on International Educational Exchange

<http://www.frenchculture.org/education/france/index.html> - Cultural Services of the French Embassy

This is a very good site with all kinds of practical information, including student visa information and enrolling in a French university.

<http://www.education.gouv.fr> - Ministère d'Education nationale

LYON:

On Lyon generally, see: <http://www.lyon-fr.com>

Also, be sure to explore the websites on:

<http://minerva.acc.Virginia.EDU/~french/ugrads/abroad/whygo.htm>

UNIVERSITÉ LUMIÈRE- LYON-II

Université Lyon-II: <http://www.univ-lyon2.fr/>

Ressources pour l'Enseignement: <http://www.univ-lyon2.fr/tice.htm>

Institut d'etudes politiques" <http://iep.univ-lyon2.fr>

"Lettres modernes"

<http://www.univ-lyon2.fr/IMG/pdf/letmodernes.pdf>

"Arts du spectacle"

<http://www.univ-lyon2.fr/IMG/pdf/artscinema.pdf>

"Anthropologie"

http://www.univ-lyon2.fr/article.php3?id_article=39

"Histoire de l'art et l'archeologie"

<http://www.univ-lyon2.fr/IMG/pdf/histoireart.pdf>

"Histoire"

<http://www.univ-lyon2.fr/IMG/pdf/histoire.pdf>

CIEF : Centre international d'études françaises : <http://cief.univ-lyon2.fr>

Stages de pré-rentree universitaire (PRUNE) : http://cief.univ-lyon2.fr/article.php3?id_article=107

Faculté de sociologie: <http://nte-socio.univ-lyon2.fr/>

Faculté de sociologie: études et formations <http://nte-socio.univ-lyon2.fr/socio/socio.htm#deugsocio>

Institut d'Études Politiques (I.E.P.) - <http://iep.univ-lyon2.fr>

-Dans la rubrique "Relations Internationales", vous pouvez accéder a un mini-guide rédigé en anglais par d'anciens étudiants étrangers, qui fait le tour de manière assez complète des problèmes de logement, transport, cours, vie associative, nourriture, etc. à Lyon. Il faut pour cela cliquer sur le lien "Arriving in a new city".

-Dans la rubrique "Formation" de la page d'accueil, une présentation en français est faite des cours (plans, lectures, travail demande...) proposes aux étrangers dans le cadre du diplôme "CEP" (Certificat d'études politiques) ainsi que du système de notation français (en anglais). Il faut donc aller à "les formations complémentaires", puis au "CEP".

Air Travel:

Aéroport Lyon-Saint Exupéry (LYS) <http://www.lyon.aeroport.fr/>

Aéroport Paris Roissy Charles de Gaulle (CDG) <http://paris-cdg.com/>

For airline tickets try:

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

www.govoyages.com

www.pressvoyages.com

www.travelprice.com

www.airway.net

www.cheaptickets.com (<----- have not found that one to be as cheap as the others)

Then, a ton of low-cost carriers have been springing up across Europe. A number of us used these while we were in Lyon. Some (RyanAir) fly out of St. Etienne airport, while Go flies out of Geneva.

www.ryanair.com

www.go-fly.com

www.easyjet.com

Métro, bus, and train travel :

<http://www2.tcl.fr/> -Transports en Commun Lyonnais (TCL): plans, horaires, billetterie, etc

<http://www.sncf.com/> : SNCF – tous les informations sur les trains:

Visa Information :

<http://www.france-consulat.org/> - Consulats généraux de France aux USA

Academic resources:

http://globegate.utm.edu/french/globegate_mirror/writing.html - Writing in French
http://globegate.utm.edu/french/globegate_mirror/exptext.html - The "Explication de texte"

Modèle: TRADUCTION DU CERTIFICAT DE NAISSANCE

This model is intended for students who will be staying for the full academic year and who will need to obtain a « Carte de séjour » residency permit from the Préfecture de Police. Please translate your own birth certificate according to this model and send an ELECTRONIC COPY to Janet Horne at « jhorne@virginia.edu ». I will need to verify the translation, sign it and stamp it with a UVA embossed seal. I will then need to return it to you via postal mail, so please include your address. All of this MUST be done before the completion of the academic year, since I will not be in Charlottesville for most of the summer. I

Traduction du certificat de naissance de _____

Commonwealth de Pennsylvanie, Département de santé
Certificat de Naissance

Date de naissance : _____

Ville de naissance : _____

Département : _____

Nom : _____

Sexe : _____

Père : _____ âge : _____

Mère : _____ âge : _____

Dossier : _____

Date : _____

Date accordée : _____

Traduction vue et approuvée sur présentation du document original

par

à _____ le _____ 2003

Traduction du Certificat de Naissance d'Isabelle Étudiante

Certification d'État Civil

Commonwealth de Virginie

Département de Santé – Division d'État civil

Le Numéro du Dossier d'État: xxx-xx-xxxxxx

Le Nom du Registrant: Isabelle Étudiante

Date de Naissance: le 2 Février 1982

Ville de Naissance: le Comté de Fairfax, Virginie

Le Nom de Jeune Fille de la mère: Madeleine Mère

Ville de Naissance de la mère: Washington, DC

Le Nom du père: Mathieu Étudiante

Ville de Naissance du père: New York, NY

Date accordée: le 24 Février 1982
Nouvel exemplaire accordé: le 27 Août 1997

Traduction vue et approuvée sur présentation du document original

Par

À le 2003

Some Helpful Checklists

Pre-Departure Check List

- Check the French consulate about document requirements for your country of citizenship. Take to France all documents (with photocopies) you had to take to the consulate. (Consult: <http://www.ambafrance-us.org/visitingfrance/visasintro.asp> to find the nearest consulate to your home and what documents are necessary).
- Original birth certificate with French translation.
- Passport with "visa long séjour" (year long students) stamped on it or "étudiant" (semester).
- Health insurance information (policy number, reimbursement instructions and forms, items covered, etc.)
- Medication if you are following a treatment or prescription unless you are sure that the medication is available in France (bring original prescriptions with you when you travel).
- Any personal, meaningful item that helps you relax, get centered (your favorite music, family pictures, diary, etc.) that can fit in a suitcase!

Check List: Going Home

- 3 months before departure: send notice to your landlord, if no end date was agreed upon in your lease
- 2 weeks before departure: go to your Telecom branch to close your account
- 2 weeks before departure: go to the EDF/GDF office to close your account
- 2 weeks before departure: go to your bank to close your account
- 2 weeks before departure: fill out a change of address for at the post office (there is a small charge to have your mail forwarded)
- Notify your friends of your change of address