

Prepare your stay in France

Prepare your budget

A reasonable budget to live in Lyon or Annecy is around 950€/month.

Accommodations in Lyon and Annecy

Options and offers : <https://www.ucl.fr/en/student-life/accomodation-ucl/>.

Places in residences are limited. Contact our Accommodation Office 4 months before departure.

Home insurance - Assurance habitation

In France, having a home insurance is mandatory. It covers risks in your accommodation such as : fire, water damage, robbery etc. Certificate of home insurance will be asked by your landlord/lessor before moving in. No home insurance, no key!

As there are many insurance companies, we advise you to compare their offers. Note that UCLy does not have partnership with any of them.

Non-exhaustive list of companies:

MAE : <https://www.mae.fr/contrats/assurance-habitation>

ADH : <https://www.assurances-etudiants.com>

SMERRA : <https://smerra.fr/4-assurances/7-assurance-logement>

YVON : <https://yvon.eu/assurance-logement/>

Liabilities - Garanties de responsabilité civile

Rented/Home liability : Mandatory to have when you are a tenant. It covers damages you unintentionally caused in someone else's home. For example, you flood the flat under yours. This liability is often included in your home insurance (check your home insurance contract).

Private liability : It covers damages you unintentionally caused to others. For example, you injured someone in an bike accident or you broke someone else's phone.

At UCLy, you pay a liability to cover damages you unintentionally caused at the university. For example: you broke/damaged equipment. This liability does not cover you outside the university. This liability is often included in your home insurance (check your home insurance contract).

Financial guarantor

It is the third person/company that will pay your debts in case you don't pay your rent.

If you are between 18 and 30 years old, you can apply for the *garantie VISALE* from the French State (free).

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Health

European student : ask for your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to the company providing you social and health protection at least 1 month before departure.

Non-european student : once in France, you will have to enrol for the French Health Insurance. It is mandatory and free.

As this procedure can take up to 2 or 3 months, we advise you to get a health insurance covering health costs during the first 2 or 3 months of your stay in France.

Enrolment, schedules and exams

Contact the programs coordinator at the faculty you are enrolled in (law, psychology etc.).

List of contacts: <https://www.ucl.fr/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/ri-liste-contacts-facultes.pdf>

Long stay visa as "Student"

Visit our dedicated page: <https://www.ucl.fr/en/student-life/international-relations-office/international-student-desk/administrative-procedures/visas-and-residence-permits/before-your-stay-in-france/>.

Documents to bring (originals and copies/scans)

- ID card / Passport
- Birth certificate with parents names + official translation to French if non-European
- European Health Insurance Card / Private health insurance for the first months of your stay in France
- Important medical information and documents
- Acceptance letter / School certificate at UCLy
- Driving licence

International Relations Office

At the beginning of each semester (September/January), the International Relations Office organises events to welcome you.

Information : <https://www.ucl.fr/en/international-students-france-welcomes-you/>

Contact : ri@univ-catholyon.fr.

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