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# Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Chemoinformatics+

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# **STUDENT GUIDE**



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# **Part 1: Welcome to the University of Strasbourg**

## Presentation of the University

The **University of Strasbourg (UNISTRA)** has been born in 2009 after the fusion of three local universities. Today, it is one of the biggest ones in France with approximately 57.000 students and one of the most international ones, with a ratio of 20% of international students. The University has load of faculties, schools, institutes and training and research units (UFR) along with research facilities spread over 6 campuses:

- Strasbourg
- Schiltigheim
- Illkirch-Graffenstaden
- Colmar
- Hagueneau
- Sélestat

Strasbourg has been one of the few to be selected in the national excellence call "Initiative d'excellence" (IDEX) obtained in 2010 and confirmed in 2016) and ranks 6<sup>th</sup> among French universities in the ARWU ranking. Since its creation in 2009, Strasbourg has developed a strong French-German cooperation with the other Upper-Rhine universities (EUCOR – The European Campus), offers 60 international study programs, including seventeen Erasmus+ projects and 2 Erasmus Mundus Masters degrees, five Strategic partnerships, one knowledge alliance and one Jean Monnet center of excellence. Strasbourg is a founding member of the League of the European Research Universities (LERU). Its 71 research departments encompass all disciplinary fields. The main centers of excellence are biology, biotechnology, medicine, chemistry and material physics. Since 2008, prestigious prizes have been awarded including four Nobel Prizes, one Kavli Prize and ERC grants. The University supports teachers and researchers with a dedicated Europe Office that offers advice on funding opportunities and applications and assists with the legal, financial and administrative aspects of post-award management.



# The Faculty of Chemistry

You will study at the **Faculty of Chemistry**. The Faculty **offers five specializations at Bachelor**, **twelve at Master level** and one integrated Graduate School.

The course offer at the Faculty of Chemistry is based on the research activities conducted in **three research labs** under the partnership of the University and the principal French Research Organization: the CNRS (National Centre for Scientific Research). These three research labs are:

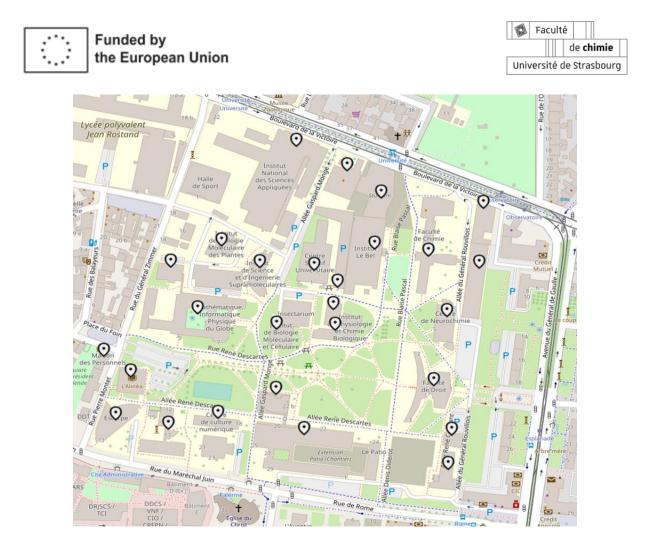
- The Institute of Chemistry ;
- The Institute "Complex Matter Chemistry" (CMC) and ;
- The Institute of Science and Supramolecular Engineering (ISIS).

The Master gives access to two doctoral schools:

- The doctoral School of Chemical Sciences and ;
- The doctoral School of Physics and Physical Chemistry.

Furthermore, three Masters degrees are linked to International partnerships. The Faculty of chemistry proposes four delocalized Bachelor degrees in collaboration with the State University for Oil and Industry (ASOUI) in Bakou and the creation of three delocalized Master courses is under way. The Faculty also offers 23 Erasmus+ agreements and specific exchange programs with the United States, Canada and Japan.

Get oriented on the Campus



You can use the <u>geolocation tool of the University</u> to find buildings and entries for the Central Campus in the centre of Strasbourg, Illkirch, Cronenbourg and Meinau.

Our campus is located close to the city centre of Strasbourg and is accessible by various tram and bus lines. The closest stops to the Campus are:

- "Université" stop:
  - By tram : lines C, E and F
  - Bu bus : line N2
- "Observatoire" stop:
  - By tram : lines C, E and F
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Bys bus : lines 2, L1 and N2  $\;$
- "Esplanade" stop:
  - $\circ$   $\,$  By tram : lines C and E  $\,$
  - By Bus : lines L1 and N2
- "Rome" and "Palerme" stops:
  - By bus : lines L1 and 30





#### The closest stop to the Faculty of Chemistry is "Observatoire".

# ALCANES : the student association of the Faculty of Chemistry

At the Faculty of Chemistry, you can be part of the student association **ALCANES** and participate in events, parties, use the cafeteria and have access to past papers of previous years.

Contact:

- https://www.facebook.com/alcanes/
- https://chimie.unistra.fr/scolarite/vie-pratique/alcanes/

#### Your contact persons

For any questions when preparing your mobility or during your stay at the Faculty of Chemistry:

- Cassandre Devos, European Project Manager, <u>c.devos@unistra.fr</u>;

For questions about your lectures and projects during your Master:

- Gilles Marcou, Coordinator of the Master Chemoinformatics+, g.marcou@unistra.fr;
- Alexandre Varnek, Director of the Master Chemoinformatics, varnek@unistra.fr;



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# Part 2: before your arrival

# Academic calendar

The Academic calendar 2023-24 of the Faculty of Chemistry of the University of Strasbourg is <u>available here</u>.

The Academic Year 2023-24 starts on 4/9/2023.

# Enrolment at the University of Strasbourg

The enrolment is possible entirely online.

• First step : paying the CVEC (Contribution Vie étudiante et de campus).

The amount is of **92 euros** for the entire year. This amount does not correspond to tuition fees, but it serves to support social services for students. In order to pay the CVEC, you will need to register on the <u>webportal of the CROUS</u> (organism in charge of students housing, scholarships, restauration etc.).

This amount has to be paid by credit card. Once this is done, you get **a code** that **you need during the enrolment itself**.

The system may not accept your payment by card, especially if you are using an international credit card. If it happens, you will be able to register in person after your arrival.

#### • Second step: Enrolment

The explanation of the procedure <u>is online</u>. Once you have read, you can start your <u>administrative registration</u>.

For this procedure your need **a login** that you will **receive either from the University or from Campus France and your birthdate**. The format of the birthday is jj/mm/aaaa (eg. 31/01/2000).

If the system asks you to pay registration fees, there should be the possibility to indicate that you are an Erasmus Mundus student and which would allow you **to be exonerated.** 

Once completing online enrolment, you should receive a document with your student's number (INE). This number accompanies you throughout your career in any French



university until the PhD. You will need this number in order to <u>activate your intranet access</u> (ERNEST).

Each member of the University of Strasbourg community has a Unistra account which, from a single authentication, opens on a set of applications and services aiming to facilitate the sharing of information on Campus. Thanks to your Unistra account, you can access to your academic timetable, your marks, the content of your classes, you can register to languages courses, sport and cultural activities, organize surveys, polls and meetings ...

Do not forget to register in all the Universities of your programme.

# Getting a visa

Students are required to have a **long-stay visa** to reside in France for **more than 90 days**, with the **exception of** :

- Nationals of the European Union<sup>1</sup>, Monaco and Andorra, except for the French Southern and Antarctic Lands (TAAF) ;
- Nationals of the European Economic Area (EEA)<sup>2</sup> and Switzerland, except for French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna and the French Southern and Antarctic Lands (TAAF).

For citizens from outside the European Union and the EEA, you must apply for a visa at the French embassy or consulate in your place of residence.

The procedure to request a visa is exclusively online on the French government website.

Please start the visa procedure well in advance of the start of the academic year (at least two months before the start of lectures).

The **long-stay visa valid as a residence permit** (VLS-TS) is now granted to all foreign students (with the exception of Algerian nationals, who are governed by a specific text). Please, when

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> European Union Member States : France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Lituania, Latvia, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Portugal, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, Hungary, Malta, Cyprus, Greece, Austria.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EEA Member State : 27 European Union Member State + Norway, Island and Liechtenstein.



applying online, select "student" and "intra-European mobility" in the form (except for students going to Bar-Ilan University).

If one student gets a "Long-stay visa" with the mention "residence permit to be applied within 2 months of arrival", it means he/she <u>must apply for a residence permit online</u> upon arrival.

To get a visa to come to France, you will need some documents to prove your identity, the reason of your application and **prove that you have a minimum of €615/month**.

If you have a visa that expires during your mobility, remember to **bring the documents necessary to renew your visa** for the Master 2 program in order to accelerate its renewal. **Long-stay visas are renewable.** 

You can watch this tutorial: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00\_qEafnVII</u>.

#### Important note: Ukrainian students

Following the invasion of Russia in Ukraine, Ukrainian students can still participate in the program but <u>cannot ask a Visa at the embassy in Ukraine</u>. Therefore, they have to ask the <u>temporary protection</u> as soon as they arrive in France at the Prefecture.

### Finding a place to stay in Strasbourg

To prepare your stay in Strasbourg, you can ask all your questions at **the International University House.** They have a <u>practical guide</u> you can refer to.

The International relations office of the University also organizes zoom meetings on the theme of housing.

Furthermore, **« Strasbourg aime ses étudiants »** is an initiative of the city of Strasbourg that aims to help students. You can find relevant information on housing <u>on their website</u>.

• With the CROUS (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires)

Chemoinformatics+ students can apply for Studios and Rooms of the CROUS <u>as soon as they</u> <u>are admitted in the Master</u>. It offers decent accommodation at a moderate price (between €170 and €450 per month all inclusive). Nevertheless, CROUS rooms and studios are intended for students with a modest budget. The number of places is thus limited.





You can apply directly at the CROUS before your arrival by:

- Filling in your Student Social File/Dossier social étudiant (DSE) ;
- Then by applying for a CROUS residence of your choice;

Keep in mind that the vast majority of international students **do not meet the conditions** for submitting a DSE (Dossier social étudiant) and therefore **cannot participate in the main phase** especially those who have been granted an Erasmus Mundus scholarship. Nevertheless, you can <u>apply for Crous accommodation</u> as soon as the **complementary phase** opens.

You can also consult the offers proposed by individuals on Lokaviz.fr.

You can find all information about student housing with this guide.

In Strasbourg, you have various student housing you can apply for. For example :

- Les Estudines : <u>https://www.estudines.com;</u>
- Les Laureades de Strasbourg : <u>https://www.le-site-de.com/les-laureades-</u> <u>strasbourg 49076.html</u>;
- Le Relais : https://www.relais-etudiants.com ;
- Studea : <u>https://www.nexity-studea.com;</u>
- MGEL : <u>https://www.mgellogement.fr</u>;
- Studylease : <u>https://www.studylease.com;</u>
- Résidence Gustave Doré : <u>https://www.fac-habitat.com</u>;
- AMITEL : Maison Internationale Universitaire : <u>https://www.amitel.eu/</u>;
- Foyers étudiants: <u>https://www.foyers-etudiants-strasbourg.org/foyer-etudiant-</u> <u>strasbourg/</u>.

To find other student housing, you can <u>use this website</u>.

#### • Private accomodation

Whether you want to find a **shared flat or individual accommodation**, the Crous provide you with **Lokaviz**, the non-commercial student accommodation centre.

You can consult Lokaviz offers freely. To contact a landlord, you must create an account on Lokaviz. To do this, you need your INE number or, if you do not yet have one, a document proving that you are enrolled in the University.



You can also search for a shared flat. You should use the following sites :

- La Carte des colocs: <u>https://www.lacartedescolocs.fr/;</u>
- Bubbleflat: <u>https://bubbleflat.com/</u>;
- Whoomies: https://www.whoomies.com;

Campus France has listed the different sources for finding accommodation, and gives you advice on how to optimise your search : <u>https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/logement-etudiant-en-France</u>.

#### • Temporary housing

If you have not found accommodation, but the start of your stay is approaching, we recommend you to find temporary accommodation. Furthermore, it would be much easier to visit and less risky to book an accommodation that you have visited on the spot !

We suggest some solutions in Strasbourg :

- Youth hostels ;
- Airbnb ;
- Appart'hotels ;
- Bed & Crous : for short periods, the CROUS can offer « Bed & Crous » accomodation ;
- Foyer de l'étudiant catholique (FEC) ;
- Association Foyer notre Dame ;
- Foyer étudiant du Stift ;
- Foyer étudiant Jean Sturm ;
- Foyer étudiant <u>du Sept</u>.

#### **BEWARE OF SCAMS!**

For foreign students, finding accommodation is a challenge. To avoid falling for scams, here are some advice:

#### Beware of overly attractive rents !

Sometimes you come across good offers. Even if it seems attractive and less expensive than other offers, you should wait until you visit the apartment before continuing further. Scammers will often offer accommodation for much less than what is available on the market.



#### Never send money in advance !

When a landlord ask you yo pay anything in advance, do not pay ! Scammers sometimes asks for a desposit in advance or « booking fees » but <u>you must not pay these fees under any circumstances</u>. You can pay when you have a signed copy of the lease contract and you are sure that you can live in the property (after a visit, for example).

# European Bank account

International students from **non-European countries must open a European bank account** for their stay. Be aware that scholarships of the first month can be transferred to any account, even extra-european ones but as soon as possible; you have to set up a new account with a European banking service. **Unfortunately, there is also an exception for Russian accounts, as we are unable to transfer the funds at the moment**.

You can use one of these online banking services that will avoid fees on one hand and save you from having to change banks every time you move:

- ≻ N26
- Boursorama Banque
- Fortuneo
- HelloBank
- Nickel
- Monabanq

#### **Important notes**

For non-European students enrolled in « Chemoinformatics and Materials Informatics » between Bar Ilan University and Strasbourg, you will not be able to open a European bank account the first year. Nevertheless, you must open a French bank account during your second year in France.

You can choose one of the online banking service listed above or a physical one. Near the University of Strasbourg, you have the following bank services :

Name	Adress	Tel
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Crédit Mutuel Esplanade	2, Avenue Général de Gaulle	0 820 030 503/03 88 60 29
	67000 Strasbourg	11
BNP Agence Esplanade	8, rue de Rome 67000 Strasbourg	0 820 820 001
Caisse d'Epargne Esplanade	3, Rond Point de l'Esplanade 67000 Strasbourg	0 820 320 066
Société Générale Esplanade	28, Avenue du Général de Gaulle 67000 Strasbourg	03 88 45 31 50
La Poste Esplanade	29, Avenue du Général de Gaulle 67000 Strasbourg	03 88 45 64 73



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# Part 3: After your arrival

# Getting a residence permit

When you arrive in France, you can encounter two situations:

- You have a "long stay visa valid as a residence permit" : you need to validate it online as soon as you get in France ;
- You have a "long stay visa" without a residence permit : you must apply for a residence permit "Student" or "Student-Mobility" either :
  - Online if :
    - → You hold a visa marked "student" or "student mobility";
    - → You hold a visa marked "student" or "student mobility" with the mention "residence permit to be applied for", in particular Algerian nationals ;
    - → You hold a residence permit, whether for student or other reasons.
  - At the "Préfecture" within two months after your arrival if :
    - → You do not hold a visa or a residence permit ;
    - → You hold a European Union long-term resident card issued by a Member State other than France.

If you have to pursue the procedure online, you must <u>fill in the form on the Government</u> <u>website</u>. Then, if your application is validated, you will be notified by SMS that your permit has been issued. You will make an appointment on the website of the "Bas-Rhin prefecture", under the heading "Withdrawal of residence permit".



To guide you through this procedure, you can watch this tutorial: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iGha\_yqN04</u>.

Ukrainian students, report the section Getting a visa .

# Financial aid for housing

Like French students, foreign students can benefit from the **APL** (Aide Personnalisée au Logement) created to offset the high cost of housing in France.

The APL, controlled by the CAF (Caisse d'Allocations Familiales), can be obtained by foreign students residing in France for **at least 3 months** and **holding a long-term residence permit**. This aid is calculated according to the amount of the rent and the student's resources. It is therefore not granted automatically and the amount is calculated on a case-by-case basis.

**Please note that in order to receive the aid, you must have a bank account in France**. The procedures for obtaining this aid can be relatively long, so it is strongly recommended that you complete your application for housing aid as soon as you have accommodation.

You can apply directly on the <u>CAF website</u>.

# **Guarantors & Home Insurance**

o VISALE

In France, it is compulsory for tenants to provide a joint surety commitment. This document must be completed by a solvent person who agrees to pay the rent for the duration of the lease contract in the event of non-payment of your rent for any reason.

A solution to get a guarantor is the VISALE scheme. It allows you to have a free and rapid guarantee. This guarantee covers the payment of rent and damage to the main residence if applicable.

More details on the <u>Visale website</u>.

#### • Home insurance

Housing insurance is compulsory in both university residences and private accommodation. This insurance protects you from various risks (fire, water damage, burglary, etc.) and must be given to the landlord as soon as you move in. You can find this insurance from an



insurance company or a private insurer. There are also offers for students and university residences at a low price online.

You will find these insurances in the form of a 'multi-risk home insurance', which includes a liability insurance.

# Affiliation to social security

The cost of a consultation is on average €25 for a general practitioner and €41 for a specialist. With very few exceptions, you have to pay for the medical service at the time it is provided. Reimbursement is made in various ways, depending on whether you are an EU citizen or not and on your age.

### → Students from the European Union or the European Economic Area

You are an EU student with a **European Health Insurance Card** (EHIC): you continue to use your card to access healthcare in France.

Students who are **nationals of the European Union, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Norway or Switzerland** can have their treatment reimbursed by the Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie (CPAM) in Strasbourg, on presentation of the treatment form given by the practitioner, the prescription and a copy of your EHIC. Reimbursement is then made on the basis of the Social Security reimbursement (90% of the cost).

This card is free and valid between 6 months and 5 years depending on your country. If you do not have it yet, you can ask to your social security scheme.

# ➔ You are not a national of the European Economic Area and you are under 28 years old

You can benefit from French social security and the reimbursement of your health costs regardless of the type of visa you arrived in France with (VLS-TS or VLS-T).

You must first register with your higher education institution: the University of Strasbourg. Then you must register with the Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie (CPAM). Registration is free and is done online by connecting to the <u>CPAM website</u> dedicated to foreign students. It is available in French and English.

### → You are not a national of the European Economic Area and are over 28 years old



You are strongly advised to register with the CPAM directly and to take out private insurance in France, preferably.

# University Health Service (SSU)

As an international student, you can benefit from the university's health services free of charge. The <u>SSU</u> can, by appointment, issue you with a medical certificate, offer you specialised consultations (gynaecology, dietetics, medical-psychological assistance...), vaccinations as well as information on STDs and AIDS and workshops on stress management, relaxation ...

To make an appointment, you have to create an account on <u>Doctolib</u> and search for « SSU Strasbourg ». You can also use Doctolib to make appointments with any doctors or specialists you need.

You can also meet psychologists, psychiatrists, dieticians or social workers by appointment at the <u>University Medical-Psychological Reception Center in Strasbourg</u> (CAMUS). These consultations are individual, confidential and free of charge.

# Students with disabilities

As Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Program, **extra financial support** is available for registered participants (with or without grants) with physical, mental, intellectual, sensorial or health-related conditions, including the acquisition of special tools or services (e.g. third-party assistance, adaptation of working environment, additional travel/transportation costs, adapted accommodation, medical assistance). Aid to cover these individual needs of enrolled students will take the form of unit costs for the following special needs:

- €3000
- €4500
- €6000
- €9500
- €13000
- €18500
- €27500



- €35500
- €47 500
- €60 000

Registered students will indicate the type of items/services they require and their cost. The applicable unit cost will be taken as the rate corresponding to or immediately below the estimated expenditure. This unit cost is **a contribution and is not intended to fully cover actual costs**.

At the University of Strasbourg, students with a disability or a disabling illness can also benefit from special arrangements:

- Adaptation of exams (additional time, assistant, adaptation of the exam) ;
- Access to computer tools during the school year (photocopy, use of computers for tests).

Consultation of the University Health Service (SSU) is compulsory to be eligible to these arrangements. The doctor or nurse will issue a medical certificate which you must give to the project manager of the Erasmus Mundus at the Faculty of Chemistry.

If you need a special consultation due to your condition, you have to make an appointment with the SSU on Doctolib and choose « Disability » when choosing the appointment category.

# Life on campus

As soon as you arrive on campus, you have to ask for your « **Pass Campus** », the student card of the University of Strasbourg. To receive it, you have to pick it up at your **Registrar's office at the faculty of Chemistry**. Once you get it, you will have a sticker on it to prove its validity for the current year and grants your access to the following services:

- Reduced price for public transportation ;
- Free sport at the University Physical and Sports Activities Service (SUAPS) which manages the campus sports facilities and offers more than 50 activities in the form of courses, free practice, training courses and outings :

https://sport.unistra.fr/;

- Access to University libraries from all the region : <u>https://bu.unistra.fr/opac/.do</u>;



- Access to **University restaurants** and payment of meals in restaurants and cafeterias of the CROUS :
  - For the paiement of meals, you need to activate and charge your <u>IZLY</u> account;
  - The CROUS proposes culinary activities to support students in accessing good quality food at low price and offers recipes on <u>its website</u>;
- Copying, scanning and printing in certain libraries and resource rooms of the University of Strasbourg
- Secure access to certain **buildings**;
- Access to University health services ;
- Access to cultural activities with reduced price.

You can find more information and ask this card online.

# Language courses in Strasbourg

The University of Strasbourg offers **languages classes and tools** to foreigners to help them improve their French.

The LandSAD center of the Faculty of Languages has free offers. It provides different services depending on your needs :

- ➔ Provision of resources for learning French at the PANGLOSS Planguage centre or online on the <u>RELAIS website</u>;
- → TANDEM to practice your French with French-speaking students upon registration ;
- → « Français Langues étrangères » at the LandSAD center.

The University of Strasbourg created a <u>plarform « What the FLE ? »</u> to help newly arrived students to improve their french. Modules are available to students from B2 level to C2 level.

The International University House has paid offers for French as a foreign language (FLE) courses from levels A1 to B2-C1, given by the International Institute of French Studies. The cost is €70 per session. This offer is renewed every semester.

Further paid offers are available in Strasbourg with :



- « Alliance Française » : <u>http://www.afstrasbourg.eu/fr</u> ;
- « Université Populaire Européenne » : <u>https://www.upe-alsace.fr/</u>;
- « Centre International d'Etudes en Langues » : <u>https://www.ciel-strasbourg.org/</u>.

### Welcome and Integration events

There is an **information meeting** at the **Faculty of Chemistry** explaining the organization of the course in the first days of September.

The International Relations office welcomes newly arrived international students at the beginning of each semester. This is an opportunity to discover the university and to meet other international students.

You can find more information on the Website of the University.

Furthermore, all students have access to:

- Welcome tools such as a welcome guide and ;
- A <u>multidesk service</u> to help foreigners with their administrative procedures and installation present during several days on the Campus at the beginning of each school year. It is a single point of contact bringing together all the useful services to students where you can carry out all the administrative formalities and administrative procedures related to your installation: apply for a residence permit, look for accommodation, for a telephone and electricity subscriptions, use public transport, do research on the Internet thanks to self-service computers, etc.

For those interested, you can be part of the « **buddy program** » by <u>registering online</u>.

The **Erasmus Student Network** (ESN) is responsible for the integration of international students. Present throughout France and Europe, they organize not only outings to French cities and activities (board games, hikings, conferences ...) but also **afterworks every week**, **welcome parties and a "language café"**. This is where you will meet international students from other schools and universities in Strasbourg. Find them on <u>Facebook</u>.

### How to get around

• By bus/tram



#### Funded by the European Union

As an indication, one ticket costs 2.00€. If you plan to use the bus and tramways network regularly, you should ask for the « badgéo » card that offers unlimited travel on the entire network. It costs 27.60€ per month for 18-25 year olds. You can find more information on the website of the « compagnie des transports strasbourgeois ».

#### • By bike

The University of Stasbourg is committed to the ecological transition and encourages you to travel by bike ! There are a lot of cycle routes in Strasbourg to go through the city. At the beginning of the school year, there are bikes sales on campus.

You can also find many bike shops and associations to buy or to repare your bike. For example:

- "La tête dans le guidon": bike shop that offers a repair service as well as a range of new and use bikes ;
- "Rustine et Burrette" : bike shop that offers sales, repairs and advice ;
- "L'increvable" : offers quick repairs, maintenance and rentals ;
- "Re-cycle" : specialises in the repair, recycling and restoration of used bicycles ;
- "Bretz'Selle" : proposes training in mechanics, workshops and the re-use of unused bikes;
- "CityZenBike" : offers sales of new bikes and repairs ;
- "Tendance Cycles" : offers bicycle sales as well as repairs.

People can sell their bikes on online second-hand sites or post ads on social networks (e.g. On Facebook: "étudiants de Strasbourg").

If you don't have a personal bike, you can rent with a bike shop or <u>use the "Vélhop" service</u> of the city of Strasbourg.

# Going out in Strasbourg

Strasbourg is one of the city that offers a lot to its inhabitants.

Thanks to its cultural institutions, you will discover many cultural, historical and artistic activities. In Strasbourg, you have the Strasbourg Philharmonic Orchestra, the National Opera of the Rhine and the National Theater of Strasbourg.



The city owns 11 museums and has an important European activity, with the seat of the European Parliament, the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights. To discover the European district of Strasbourg, you can take part to a guided tour with "Le Lieu d'Europe". You can register on their website. You can also visit the European Parliament and the Council of Europe by your own.

For a culinary experience, you can go to the <u>many markets</u> in Strasbourg where you can find vegetables and fruits at affordable prices and enjoy the local atmosphere! Do not miss the <u>Alsatian specialties</u>: the culinary wealth of the region is vast and generous.

Each year in September, you can visit museums and monuments for free to discover Strasbourg's Heritage and of the Alsace region during the **European Heritage Days**.

With your student card, you can get preferential prices for many activities in Strasbourg and beyond.

Some websites to remain updated of activities:

- <u>https://www.visitstrasbourg.fr/</u> (tourist information point) ;
- <u>https://www.strasbourg.eu/</u> (city of Strasbourg's website) ;
- <u>https://www.artefact.org/</u> (concert) ;
- <u>https://pokaa.fr/</u> (recommendations : restaurants, bars, outings ...);
- https://www.tns.fr/ (theatre) ;
- <u>https://www.operanationaldurhin.eu/fr</u> (opera).

Open art workshops, matches, concerts, libraries and bookshops, Christmas markets, museums ... You have everything to enjoy your stay in Strasbourg!