



# International Students HANDBOOK





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(12% of the population)

# DESTINATION TOULOUSE, FRANCE

Between the Mediterranean sea and the Atlantic ocean, Toulouse rhymes with research, education, culture and quality lifestyle.

## 3 top class technical clusters:

- Aerospace Valley, a world center in aeronautics and space.
- Agri Sud-Ouest Innovation, dedicated to agriculture and the agro-food industry.
- Cancer Bio Santé, specialised in Health and Biotechnologies.

Toulouse Video  
by Tourism Office





# TOULOUSE "THE PINK CITY"

A cultural heritage, a prestigious "red and black" rugby team, the South-West atmosphere with delicious culinary specialties.

**4<sup>th</sup>** most populated city in France

**1<sup>st</sup>** Favorite city to study in France

**3** universities and **17** "Grandes Ecoles"

**130000** students (12% of the population)

**2100** hours of sun per year on average



**1h45**  
from the ski slopes

**4h20**  
from Paris  
by train or **1h**  
by plane

**1h15**  
from the Mediterranean beaches

**4h**  
from Barcelona and **3h30** from San Sebastian

**3h**  
from the Atlantic surf beaches

**2h45**  
from Andorra



École d'Ingénieurs de PURPAN was founded in 1919 by Jesuit educators and farmers. Close to the city center of Toulouse, set amidst 26 hectares of landscaped grounds, PURPAN clearly stands out with its 15th century castle and its impressive 250 year-old magnolia recognized as one of the most beautiful trees in Europe. The site is owned by PURPAN foundation

# PURPAN, SHAPING THE AGRO-INDUSTRIES OF TOMORROW

PURPAN video



A green setting only 15 minutes from the city centre by public transport

Interpersonal skills development is at the heart of PURPAN's teaching philosophy. Although it has been several decades since Jesuit educators walked the School's corridors, key concepts of the Ignatian educational model: tutoring, experimentation and reflection still remain at the core of PURPAN's teaching.

PURPAN provides state of the art equipment and facilities. It is one of the only two schools in France running its own experimental farm - Lamothe Campus.

- Over 1600 students on campus
- 6 Programs for international exchange students (5 in English)





# PURPAN FACILITIES

**6000 m<sup>2</sup> for studies**

## **Experimental Farm – Campus Lamothe (218 ha)**

International students visit the farm in the very beginning of the semester. Don't forget to bring comfortable clothes and shoes 😊

## **Food science and technology facility**

Within the courses of winemaking and food science international students often work in this high-tech lab producing their cheese, yogurt, bread, beer etc

## **6 other platforms and labs**

## **Documentation Center**

Access to the paper (mostly in French) and to the digital document base (largely in English). Students also have access to numerous fiction books in English, comics, serious and leisure board games

## **Sport facilities**

Rugby field, multi-sport field for tennis, basketball, handball and volleyball

No canteen is available for students on campus. However there is a dining area and microwaves provided to warm up your food, as well as vending machines

Students' « Club Sandwich » sells sandwiches during the lunch break. Several restaurants, cafes and a big supermarket are available just 5 minutes away from campus

Campus Tour with international students



# INCOMING MOBILITY TEAM

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# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Please contact your Study Abroad Advisor to apply to one of our programs for international exchange students

Visit PURPAN web site for more information



## FALL

(September- December)

Programs in English:  
**IBC** Animal Production and Winemaking

### Sustainable Luxury

In French:

### “Ingenieur”

Academic holidays :

1 week in October  
4 (only IBC)  
Christmas week

Public holidays:

All Saints Day  
Armistice

**Nominations deadline :**  
**APRIL 30**

**Application deadline :**  
**MAY 15**

## SPRING

(January – May)

Programs in English:  
**IBC** Winemaking, Wine Business, Food Science and Innovation

### Global Semester

In French:

### “Ingénieur”

Academic holidays :

One week in February  
One week in Avril

Public holidays:

Easter  
Labor Day  
WW2 Victory  
Ascension

**Nominations deadline :**  
**OCTOBER 15**

**Application deadline :**  
**OCTOBER 30**

## Summer Study Abroad Program

(June-July)  
(In English)

On-Campus part:

4 weeks in June

Internship (optional):

4 weeks in July

**Nominations deadline :**  
**MARCH 15**

**Application deadline :**  
**MARCH 30**





**Incoming TEAM remains constantly available to support you**  
incoming@purpan.fr

# APPLICATION PROCEDURE



Once nominated by your Home University you will receive your codes to access our online application platform. You will be asked to provide us with the following:

- ✓ Identity Document (ID or Passport)
- ✓ Motivation letter
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Learning Agreement (learning plan signed by the home and the hosting universities).
- ✓ Language certificate (proving your level in English or French, depending on the chosen program)
- ✓ Transcript of records of previous years of studies
- ✓ Insurance covering repatriation, health/hospitalization and civil liability  
(can be provided later before arrival to Toulouse)
- ✓ Birth certificate (or any other civil-status document)
- ✓ ID photo



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# INSURANCE

It's mandatory to register to an insurance scheme when studying in France.. We will ask you to provide us with a copy of your insurance documents before your arrival to Toulouse.



Students from the EU/EEA or Switzerland should possess a **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)**

This card proves that your local health Institution is responsible for assuming your healthcare costs in France. It covers on average 70% of your healthcare expenses.

If you wish to obtain a complementary refund for the percentage not covered by the Social Security, you will need to take out a supplemental health insurance: this is not mandatory, but we strongly recommend it so that you obtain 100% reimbursement.

**Non-European students** + European students who cannot get the EHIC Card

Upon your arrival in France, to undertake or continue your studies, you will need to register on the following website, dedicated to foreign students: <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/>

This enrollment is free and will give you access to the basic French Social Security scheme "Assurance Maladie" for your healthcare expenses.

The following documents should be provided : identity document (national I.D. or Passport), School Certificate, Bank Account Details to provide your reimbursements, Civil-status document (birth certificate).

This insurance will cover about 70% of your healthcare expenses.

We strongly recommend to take a supplemental health insurance so that you obtain 100% reimbursement.

It should include coverage for repatriation, health/hospitalization and civil liability.



## Campus France

If you live in one of the 44 countries concerned, you must complete the Campus France online application process before you start your visa application.

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

## VISA INFORMATION

All non-European students must obtain a visa before leaving their Country.

Once you will get your PURPAN Admission letter you'll be able to apply for a French visa for studies with the nearest French Consulate or Embassy in your Country of residence.

Here is the [official website](#) for visa application to France where you may get more information about the procedure.

We advise you to begin the procedure as soon as you can and at least 2 months before the beginning of your studies at PURPAN.

As soon as you have obtained your visa for France, please inform us by sending a scan of your visa page on your passport by e-mail: [incoming@purpan.fr](mailto:incoming@purpan.fr)

**You must register and validate your visa HERE within the first 3 months following your arrival**

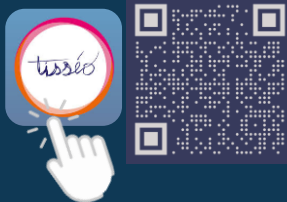
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# HOW TO GET TO TOULOUSE

Download Toulouse public transport system app



**BY PLANE :** Catch a plane to the nearest airport - **the International Airport of Toulouse-Blagnac.**

From the airport, there are different possibilities to reach your accommodation :

- ✓ **BUS 31** that will quickly bring you to a connection with tram tram L1 going to the city center.
- ✓ Airport Shuttle “**Navette aéroport**” (9 €) drives you into town to the railway station\* “Gare routière de Matabiau” (this shuttle stops at Compans Caffarelli, then Jeanne d’Arc and then Jean Jaures : there, you can catch the metro lines A and B).

**BY TRAIN:**

Arrival at the railway station\* = “Gare routière” **Matabiau** downtown.

**BY BUS :**

Arrival at the bus station “**Gare routière des Voyageurs**” Paul Sémard, just next to the railway station\* (Eurolines, Flixbus, Ouibus express buses direct from many European Countries).

\*From the railway station, you have several possibilities of transportation :

- Métro, line A “Marengo” stop.
- Buses n° L8 & 14



# FIND ACCOMMODATION IN TOULOUSE

There is no student residence on PURPAN campus. However, we will accompany you in your search for accommodation in Toulouse.

Accommodation in Toulouse guide



1. Once you are nominated you may already start searching for accommodation in Toulouse. Here are some [links to the useful services](#) :

Residences :

[Sweetly Alexandrin](#)  
[Studea Cartoucherie](#)  
[Studea PURPAN](#)  
[Les Estudines Brienne](#)  
[Student Factory](#)  
[Cerdana](#)

Services de recherche

[AFS & PM](#)  
[Studapart](#)  
[Livin France](#)  
[Roomlala](#)  
[Carte de colocs](#)

Associations :

[AcTIF](#)  
[ART](#)

2. We will also provide you with a [list of available accommodations](#) by the end of the application period. You will find rooms in **Arsenal** and **Chapou** - the CROUS student residences (more affordable than the private ones..) and rooms in shared student apartments (“colocations”).

3. **Beware of scams!** Don't send money to book your accommodation to the private bank accounts. If you have any doubt, contact our incoming office and we will give you our opinion about the safety of the place you found.



# COST OF LIVING

**Accommodation** (rent + rental insurance) – **300 to 700 €** per month

**Food** (3,30 € a meal in the university cafeterias) - **200 to 400 €** per month

**Local transportation** (metro, bus and tram tickets for 31 days):

- if under 26 years old - **17,20€**
- if more than 26 years old - **56€**

**Local sim card** - from **2€** per month

**Wi-fi box** – from **30€** per month

You may obtain in certain cases a **state allowance for lodging – CAF**. The procedure requires a certain number of papers (Birth certificate translated into French & certified by an official translator, marriage certificate, income certificate, rent contract, rent receipt, copy of your French student card, bank account details, certificate concerning your status in France –carte de séjour– etc...).

More information can be obtained upon your arrival from the “Caisse d’allocations familiales” (<http://www.caf.fr>),



## Average price of

- pint of beer - **6€**
- cinema ticket - **8€**
- cappucino - **3€**
- meal at the restaurant - **17€**



# WELCOMEDESK



## TOULOUSE WELCOME DESK

This multilingual student service has the partners of the Haute-Garonne prefecture, the Academy of Toulouse, the **CIF\*** of Haute-Garonne and the **CROUS\*\*** of Toulouse-Midi-Pyrénées. Its action is threefold.

Toulouse  
WelcomeDesk



- **Housing** : the desk provides you with personalized support for all your accommodations such as the search for a guarantor or cash advance to finance your first month of rent. The **CAF\*\*\*** will also help you estimate the housing assistance you may claim.
- **Practical, cultural and sporting** : the Welcome Desk provides general information about sports and cultural activities, transport, access to care, scholarships, extra jobs, training offers, solutions offered to students in situations of disability...
- **Health** : **SIMPPS\*\*\*\*** service for students where you can get a medical appointment from 8.30 AM till 5 PM on the weekdays.
- **Additional French and English language classes.** Every international exchange program at Purpan includes at least 20 hours of French language courses. If you wish to have more hours of French, you have a possibility to enroll in the supplementary classes provided by the University of Toulouse. You will find all the necessary information on their website

\***CIF** - Congé Individuel de Formation (Individual Training Leave, provision allowing employees to take time off from work to pursue training or education to develop their skills)

\*\***CROUS** - Centre régional des œuvres universitaires et scolaires (Regional Center for University and School Works). This organization typically provides support services to students, such as housing, scholarships, dining facilities, and cultural activities.

\*\*\***CAF** - Caisse des Allocations familiales (Family Allowance Fund). This organization in France is responsible for distributing various family benefits and allowances.

\*\*\*\* **SIMPPS** - service interuniversitaire de médecine préventive et de promotion de la santé (Interuniversity Service for Preventive Medicine and Health Promotion. This service typically offers health care, preventive medicine, and health promotion activities for university students.



# WELCOME & ORIENTATION DAY

The first day of the semester is a Welcome & Orientation Day for all the international exchange students. It consists of:

1. Welcome and Orientation presentation
2. Academics and exams presentation
3. Meeting French students / buddies
4. Campus Tour
5. IT session (please bring your laptops, so that we make sure you are connected to our software and have access to Wi-Fi)
6. Lunch
7. Toulouse tour





# STUDENT LIFE AT PURPAN

Here at PURPAN, we do everything to make international students feel like home.

Each of them has a “Buddy”, a French student that is in charge of guiding them in Toulouse, helping them to study and to socialize at PURPAN (except for Summer Program).

Various cultural visits and events are organized throughout the whole year where International students are more than welcome: student parties at the campus, dinners, week-end trips, wine fairs, cooking classes, linguistic exchange events etc.

## Fine-dining & tasting clubs:

- Les Nains d'Jardin (fruit and vegetables)
- Club Fromage (cheese)
- Club Brasserie (brewery)
- Vinothèque (wine tasting)
- Face the meat
- Club sandwich

## “Responsible” clubs:

- L'Après (ecological actions)
- Purp'en selle (cycling)
- La Ruche Humanitaire (charity)
- La Ruche Hodacieuse (NGO actions)
- Purpastro (chaplaincy)
- Purp'entraide (tutoring)
- Purpan Junior Conseil (junior business projects)

## Arts and leisure clubs:

- BDA (arts)
- Photo club
- Arts group
- Drama (acting)
- Sound and light club
- Lous purpanes (chorus)
- La banda los ruros (music band)
- Music club
- Dance club
- Board games
- Belote (card games)
- Purpan flash (student newsletter)

## Sports:

- BDS (Sports union))
- Handball
- Rugby
- Football
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Cycling
- Tennis
- Pétanque
- Pelote
- Judo ...

## PURPAN Student Council

manages over 30 clubs and associations that internationals are welcome to join





# When you need to see a doctor

Tutorial  
« Assurance Maladie »



As PURPAN student, you can consult the **SIMPPS** (a social and medical service exclusively dedicated to students) at Université Toulouse III - Paul Sabatier, thanks to our Toulouse-INP network

Address: 1er étage Forum Louis Lareng, 1 R.1, 118 Rte de Narbonne, 31400 Toulouse

Open from Monday to Friday, from 8:30 am to 5 pm

Secretariat: +33(0)5 61 55 73 67

<https://simpps-toulouse.fr>

You may also take an appointment :

On **Doctolib** application (in French)

For a more urgent appointment you may contact **SOS Médecins**

On the weekend or during night hours, please call **Allo Docteur 3966**

If your life is in danger please call **SAMU 15**

In France, medical services are always paid in advance by the patient, and a general medical consultation costs usually 25€ (it can be more, particularly for medical specialists).

Don't forget to keep all the documents the doctor gives you and send them to your insurance company to get refunded

All international students at Purpan are granted free access to Psychological Help services

# WIFI CELL PHONE

Depending on type of your accommodation you may need to get a contract with an internet provider. It could also be useful to get a French phone number. You may do it online or in one of the offices .

Please note that in order to get a French phone number you will have to open a bank account in a French bank.

Following providers are available in FRANCE :

Orange	FREE
SFR	Sosh
Bouygues	

# ENERGY

In case you leave in a residence or in a shared student apartment you most probably won't have to get electricity/gaz contract. But if you chose to rent an individual apartment, it might be necessary.

You will be able to sign your contract on the following web sites :

ENGIE  
EDF

# BANK ACCOUNT

It's usually free to open a bank account in France, however the exact conditions depend on each bank in particular.

To do so you have to take an appointment in the chosen agency or an online bank and provide the following :

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Visa
- ✓ Proof of residence (contract of rent, electricity bill..)
- ✓ PURPAN School Certificate



**Dont hesitate to contact us  
for any support**

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