

Practical information

Housing

What is a guarantor?

In France, to rent a private flat you'll be asked to have a guarantor: a person who will pay your rent if you are not able to do it. Proof of financial solvency will be required. If you are unable to have a guarantor in France, you won't be able to rent a private accommodation. BSB cannot be considered as guarantor either.

What is a housing insurance ('Assurance habitation')?

In France, it is compulsory to insure your accommodation against fire, water damage and explosion. This insurance does not cover you if your personal goods become damaged. You can buy this type of insurance at the bank.

The International Relations Office made me an offer for accommodation but I am not satisfied. Can I refuse it?

Yes, you can refuse it. However, finding accommodation for international students can be difficult in some cases, and sometimes, there are not many offers. If the second offer we make does not satisfy you, you will have to search for an option by yourself.

My residence is not open on the week-end, but my flight will land on Saturday. What should I do?

We carefully inform you of the possible arrival times for each residence. Please make the necessary arrangements to arrive during the opening hours. Still, should you arrive on Saturday and should your residence not be open, we would suggest that you secure a hotel room. You will find information about temporary accommodation in the accommodation section.

Banking

How can I open a bank account?

We have partnerships with two banks: Société Générale and Banque Populaire Bourgogne Franche-Comté, who will be there during your orientation week. You can also subscribe to a housing insurance, which is mandatory in France, in those banks.