



FACULTÉ DE
GESTION,
ÉCONOMIE
& SCIENCES

WELCOME KIT

for International
Exchange Students



Welcome to FGES, Faculty of Management, Economics & Sciences!



Sophie CAVILLON
Associate Dean

Dear All,

Since its foundation, the Faculty of Management, Economics and Sciences, a multi-disciplinary faculty, has been committed to helping its students build their professional and personal projects. That's why we offer a full range of courses, from bachelor's to master's degrees, that meet the needs of the job market and are perfectly in tune with the ecological, societal and digital transitions.

To ensure that our students can meet the complex challenges of tomorrow's world, we are determined to train them not only to be competent in their respective fields, but also to be able to think objectively, analyze in perspective, act ethically and responsibly, and adapt to an ever-changing environment, in order to act ethically and responsibly, and to adapt to a constantly changing environment. We are therefore committed to providing them with a quality education, combining academic excellence and pedagogical innovation.

We are fortunate to be able to offer our training courses on 2 sites. The historic Vauban campus, home to our Bachelor's and ISEA programs, offers students a stimulating, intercultural and dynamic environment teeming with associations. The Wenov campus for our School of Digital Sciences and our masters programs, located in Euratechnologies, is part of the largest start-up incubator in Europe that fosters collaborative work with the professional world.

Our faculty is also resolutely open to the world. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to gain international experience, whether it be an exchange with one of our partner universities or an internship.

The Faculty of Management, Economics and Sciences strives to cultivate academic excellence, cutting-edge research and innovation, and to transmit the humanist values that are so important to the Université Catholique de Lille. We believe that these elements are essential in shaping well-informed global citizens, ready to meet the complex challenges of the 21st century. We are proud of our mission and determined to continue working to give our students the keys they need to build a better world.



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PREPARE YOUR ARRIVAL



HOW TO COME TO FGES / CONTACT

FIRST STEP: COME TO LILLE!



From Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport

Every hour, trains link the airport to both train stations in Lille, Lille Flandres & Lille Europe.

<https://en.oui.sncf/en/>



From Orly Airport

Take the Orly Val until Antony (9.30€). Catch the RER B direction Saint Rémy les Chevreuses/Massy, stopping at Gare du Nord.

<https://www.oryval.com/>

From Gare du Nord, take another train to get to Lille:

<https://www.sncf.com/en/passenger-offer/travel-by-train/tgv-inoui>

You can also take the bus from Paris Bercy to Lille (9€):

<https://fr.ouibus.com/>



From Lille Airport

Take the shuttle at the airport (gate A) to the city center (Euralille mall) – 8€.

<https://www.lille.aeroport.fr/>



From Brussels Airport (Zaventem)

Trains regularly link the Airport to the Brussels Midi Station. From there, you can take another train to Lille.

> From the airport to Brussels Midi Station:

<https://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passengers>

> From Brussels to Lille:

Trains and buses: <https://www.omio.com/buses/brussels-airport-bru/lille>

Eurostar (Brussel-Zuid to Lille Europe): <https://www.eurostar.com/uk-en/train>

SNCF TGV: <https://www.sncf.com/en/passenger-offer/travel-by-train/tgv-inoui>



From Charleroi Airport

Trains and buses: <https://www.omio.fr/bus/charleroi/lille>

Shuttle bus option: <https://www.flibco.com/en#/booking>



Train stations in Lille



Gare Lille Europe



Gare Lille Flandres

There are two train stations in Lille. If you travel by train, you will definitively arrive in one of these two train stations. The two stations are within walking distance from each other (400 meters).



From anywhere in France, you can also use Blablacar, a French (and now international) carpooling app.



YOU ARRIVED SAFELY IN LILLE? COME TO FGES!



ADDRESS OF THE UNIVERSITY

60 boulevard Vauban
CS 40109 - 59016 Lille

ADDRESS OF THE FACULTY

13 Rue de Toul, *Michel Falise* building.
59800 Lille

TRANSPORT

You can download the app Ilévia and find there the best route to get to the Faculty.



Metro station:

Line 2 Cormontaigne / Line 1 Gambetta



Bus station:

Université Catholique – Take the Line 5 (L5) if you come from the center. The Bus L18 also stops at this station.



You can also rent a **city bike** (V'Lille). There are 6 V'Lille stations to park your bike near the faculty.

CONTACT

> The international office

*You can find us in the Michel Falise building, Room MF3102



Opening hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
9.30-11.30 am / 2.00-4.00 pm

> The Student Union dedicated to exchange students: the BVI (Bureau de la Vie Internationale)

The BVI members will welcome you on your first day at FGES and be there for you during your whole stay in Lille! Don't hesitate to get in touch with them even before your arrival!

fgesbvi@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/BVI.FGES>

<https://www.instagram.com/bvi.fges/?hl=fr>



ACCOMODATION

TEMPORARY HOUSING (FOR YOUR ARRIVAL)

www.airbnb.com

OUR UNIVERSITY RESIDENCES

The university offers rooms in student residences. Those residences are managed by the [ALL association](#).

If you wish to stay in a room in one of our university residences, all the housing information & application forms are available on their [website](#).

Recommended housing application deadlines (it still may be possible to apply after this deadline):

- April 30th for a student Exchange in Fall Semester
- October 30th for a student Exchange in Spring Semester

Please note that the payment of an administrative fee of 245€ will be needed to confirm your application. We strongly advise you to confirm with the housing office (ALL) that they received your housing application form and your administrative fee.

FIND AN ACCOMODATION THANKS TO LIVIN-FRANCE

Once you applied to study at the FGES, you will need to sign up to **Livin-France**, which offers a large bench of services to international students, including a support to find an accommodation in Lille.

Sign up here > <https://livin-france.com/school/lesfacultes.univ-catholille/>



LIVIN-FRANCE: INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SERVICES

What is **Livin-France**? A platform which gives the possibility to find an accommodation, but also carry out all the administrative procedures and subscribe to mandatory services while being accompanied before and during the arrival in France! **It's easy to use and free.** Please find below basic information to prepare your arrival... And for more details or help, don't hesitate to contact Livin-France!

HOUSING AID

The APL (*Aide Personnalisée au Logement* = Personalised Assistance for accommodation) is a State scheme managed by the CAF (*Caisse d'Allocations Familiales* = Social Welfare Family Allowance); the amount students can receive depends on their funds. You can benefit from it only if you live in a *logement conventionné* (which means that the owner of the accommodation has a contract with the state). The flat/room owner can provide you this information. If you are eligible for APL, you can make a simulation [here](#) to know how much you could get, and apply for it [here](#) the month following your arrival in France.

If you don't live in a *logement conventionné*, you may apply for the ALS (Allocation de Logement Social) also managed by the CAF. You can make a simulation [here](#) and apply [here](#).

To apply for it, you will need:

- A copy of your passport or ID card
- A birth certificate translated in French dated no further than 3 months back
- A copy of your student card or certificate of attendance
- A RIB (*Relevé d'identité bancaire* = bank account details)
- A copy of the OFII label for non-EU students.

You have questions on this topic? You need help? Don't hesitate to contact Livin-France! (Find their contact on page 12)

BANK ACCOUNT

To enroll the French health insurance (mandatory for non-EU students staying longer than 3 months), or to get the APL or ALS (see above), you will need to open a French bank account.

You can open a bank account in France in any Bank of your choice. To do so, you will need a passport or an ID card and a document with your French address.

Choose your bank carefully and take into consideration that each bank has different offers for students. You may have the choice between more types of accounts. Here are few questions you can ask:

Are there opening and/or closing fees? / Can I withdraw money from another bank's ATM & if yes, is there any fee?

You have questions on this topic? You need help? Don't hesitate to contact Livin-France! (Find their contact on page 12)

HEALTH INSURANCE

For EU Students

If you are coming from the EU, you should ask for the European Health Insurance Card in your country, before your departure.

In France, even for a basic visit to your general practitioner, you first have to pay a 25€ fee before being reimbursed by the CPAM (Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie – French Health Insurance Office). To be reimbursed, you will need to go to the CPAM with your European Health Insurance Card, the treatment forms and a RIB/IBAN. The amount will be transferred to your bank account shortly.

For non-EU students

Even if you already have your own health insurance, the French Government requires non-EU students spending more than 3 months in France to enroll the French health insurance, called "Sécurité Sociale". It's free of charge.

How to enroll?

Before you arrive in France, get a complete copy of your birth certificate (including filiation). You can generally get it from the consulate. This does not need to be translated into French.

Once you have arrived in France:

- 1 Download the certificate of registration (or « attestation de scolarité ») on your Agora account
- 2 Open a French bank account to receive an IBAN number.
- 3 Connect to etudiant.etranger.ameli.fr and upload:
 - The certificate of registration from your academic department
 - Your birth certificate
 - Copy of your passport
 - Copy of (depending on your situation) your visa *CESEDA* validated by *OFI* or your Visa with the mention "dispense temporaire de carte de séjour »
 - Your IBAN

You will then be able to download a certificate (« attestation provisoire de carte vitale ») that will enable you to be refunded for your health expenses.

Important: The *Sécurité sociale* refunds about 70 % of medical costs. It doesn't cover you if you travel outside of France, also not in case of repatriation or for civil liability.

You have questions on this topic? You need help? Don't hesitate to contact *Livin-France!* (Find their contact on page 12)

OUR UNIVERSITY Multi-Service Health Centre (CPSU)

These health services are managed by the [ALLassociation](#), located 47 bis rue du Port, the University Multi-Service Health Centre (CPSU) **offers general medical consultations, gynaecology consultations, nurse appointments, dietitian consultations and psychological support.**

Opening hours:

- Monday to Thursday : 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
- Friday : 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Closed during the summer holidays

To know more about the health services and how to make an appointment, visit their [website](#).



VISA

Citizens from Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Island, Liechtenstein, Norway, Andorra, Monaco, Switzerland, San Marino and the Vatican are exempted from the visa procedure.

Before your arrival

Once you get your Letter of acceptance from the FGES, you can start procedures to apply for a visa.

For students with the nationality of the following countries: Algeria, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Gabon, Guinea, Haiti, India, Ivory Coast, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Peru, Russia, Senegal, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Tchad, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United-States and Vietnam.

An online application procedure has been set up by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This procedure is mandatory for obtaining a STUDENT VISA. For more info: please contact [Campus France](#) in your home country.

For students from any other nationalities, please check with the French Consulate which is the closest to your home. You will be explained the process and the list of required documents to get a visa. To find contacts of French embassies and consulates in your country, please click [here](#).

Important:

A tourist visa is not sufficient: students will face being expelled from France after 3 months and any diplomas or credits obtained will not be recognized.

Students coming without a student visa will not be accepted.

After your arrival in France

For students with the visa CESEDA R.311-3 6o (VLS-TS, Visa Long Séjour Valant Titre de Séjour): upon your arrival in France, please validate your visa online via this [link](#).

Important:

You have to validate your visa within 3 months upon your arrival in France at the very latest!

For students with the visa "carte de séjour à solliciter": you will have to apply for a resident permit (carte de séjour) once in France. Please contact the International Office of your host school or faculty.

For students with the visa "Dispense temporaire de carte de séjour", no administrative procedure is required at this stage. However, please note that this visa doesn't allow you to extend your stay in France, to have salary work in France or to get the ALS (housing subsidy).

***You have questions on this topic? You need help? Don't hesitate to contact Livin-France!
(Find their contact on page 12)***



Prepare your arrival
in France within
3 clicks !

**The free platform for
international students !**



Contact them via their free platform <https://livin-france.com/lesfacultes.univ-catholille/> by creating an account or using the chat function.

LIFE COSTS & BUDGET



Average accommodation cost/month: 240 – 550€
Electricity & Water (at university dorms): ~ 60€/month



Average costs for meals/month: 300€



Average costs for public transport/month: 50€ (for more info, see page 22)

Sample Prices

A lunch at RU (Restaurant Universitaire)	3,30€
A liter of milk	1,04€
A baguette	0,91 € - 1,81€
A bus ticket (cheaper for students with monthly or weekly ticket)	1,85€
Movie ticket (with student discount)	8,20 - 9,80€

THE UNIVERSITÉ CATHOLIQUE DE LILLE



WHO ARE WE ?

- Founded in 1875
- A historic campus at the heart of Lille
- France's largest private University
- A multidisciplinary and international University



UNIVERSITÉ
CATHOLIQUE
DE LILLE 1875



OUR MISSION

UCL wants to go beyond education, research and service to society.

We want to be open to our environment and to the world.
We want to be a catalyst for change.

OUR FACULTIES



FACULTÉ DE
DROIT



FACULTÉ DES
**LETTRES
& SCIENCES
HUMAINES**



FACULTÉ DE
**MÉDECINE, MAÏEUTIQUE,
SCIENCES DE LA SANTÉ**



FACULTÉ DE
**GESTION,
ÉCONOMIE
& SCIENCES**



FACULTÉ DE
THÉOLOGIE

BUT ALSO...



30

Colleges
and Institutes
(including 6 "Grandes
Ecoles" – 2 Business
Schools and 4 Schools
of Engineering)



4

Hospitals



40 000

students



5 000

graduates
annually



700

researchers
& research
professors

AN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



8 000

International Students from 101 countries



+550

International Partner Universities
Global partnership agreements and bilateral agreements



8 000

students abroad every year participating in exchange programs



2 370

students every year for internships and placements

AN INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY

INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS

To be at the forefront of educational transformation, the Université Catholique de Lille imagines new ways of teaching and learning and sets up transdisciplinary modules and programs. Our students are able to experience these new methods thanks to spaces and projects dedicated to educational innovation. FabLabs and co-design spaces have been set up to foster collaborative exchanges, catalyze creativity and boost innovation.



ENERGY TRANSITION

In liaison with elected government representatives, researchers, inhabitants and partner companies, the Université Catholique de Lille has launched a global project that changes the campus and the city. Since 2013, we focus on renovating our buildings and making them smart & sustainable.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

LILLE – “Learn In Lille, Live Europe”

Combines a variety of innovative, student-centred academic programs at the Université Catholique de Lille, tailored to suit different academic needs and schedules, and to provide a welcoming environment and an excellent study/life balance.



LILLE European Summer Program (ESP)

2 month-long program sessions (June and July), 12 ECTS credits LILLE Short Term Programs (STP): customizable two to three-week programs, 8 ECTS credits.

More information: <https://www.univ-catholille.fr/en/node/1542>

WELCOME TO FGES

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT, ECONOMICS & SCIENCES!





2 400
students
in 2024-2025



Over 100
exchange students
each year

A MULTIDISCIPLINARY FACULTY WITH 2 DEPARTMENTS:

**Management
& Economics studies**



**Life & Computer
Sciences**



2 SPECIALISED SCHOOL



The School of Accounting
and Audit



The School of Digital
Sciences:
« Human, Green and Digital »

OUR DEGREES & Courses



9 Bachelor's Degrees

in Economics,
Business
Administration,
Management, Life
Sciences and
Computer sciences.



16 Master's Degrees

in Accounting,
Management,
Finance, Marketing,
Audit, Computer
Sciences, Data
sciences, Metaverse,
Ecology and Business.



+180 Courses in English

Covering all the
fields of the
Faculty.

FGES' ACADEMIC CALENDAR



Each faculty has its own academic calendar!

FALL TERM 2024

Specific to exchange students

Orientation (Integration) Days for exchange students at FGES (compulsory)	27 th – 30 th August 2024
Welcome session by the faculties of Université Catholique de Lille	12 th September 2024
French test (compulsory for students who want to attend courses in French language)	5 th September 2024 (16h-18h)

Please note that this calendar may slightly change!

Level	Concerned courses	Start of the academic term	Exams	Holidays
Bachelor	All Bachelor's degrees	Sept 2, 2024	Anticipated exams: Nov 29-30, 2024 Main period: Dec 13-20, 2024 Retake exams: Feb 17-21, 2025	All saints Oct 28-Nov 3, 2024 Armistice 1918 Nov 11, 2024 Christmas Dec 21, 2024-Jan 5, 2025
1 st year Master	MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT	Sept 5, 2024	Main Exam Period: Dec 16-22, 2024 Retake exams: Feb 17-23, 2025	
	MASTER IN MARKETING AND RESPONSIBLE COCREATION	Sept 5, 2024	Main Exam Period: Dec 16-22, 2024 Retake exams: Feb 17-23, 2025	
	MASTER IN RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCE	Sept 5, 2024	Main Exam Period: Dec 2-8, 2024 Retake exams: Feb 24-March 2, 2025	
	MASTER IN CHARTERED ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING	Sept 9, 2024	Main Exam Period: Jan 20-26, 2025 Retake exams: March 31-April 6, 2025	

WELCOME KIT FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

	MASTER IN DATA MANAGEMENT AND BIOSCIENCES	Sept 5, 2024	Main Exam Period: Dec 16-22, 2024 Retake exams: Feb 17-23, 2025	
2 nd year Master	MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT	Sept 9, 2024	Main Exam Period: Jan 20- 26, 2025 Retake exams: March 31-April 6, 2025 Apprenticeship (Work- study program) Rhythm 3 days work / 2 days classes (Thursday Friday)	
	MASTER IN MARKETING AND RESPONSIBLE COCREATION	Sept 9, 2024	Main Exam Period: Jan 27- Feb 2, 2025 Retake exams: March 17-23, 2025 Apprenticeship (Work- study program) Rhythm 3 weeks work/ 1 week classes	
	MASTER IN RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCE	Sept 9, 2024	Main Exam Period: Jan 20- 26, 2025 Retake exams: March 31-April 6, 2025 Apprenticeship (Work- study program) Rhythm 3 days work / 2 days classes (Thursday Friday)	
	MASTER IN CHARTERED ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING	Sept 11, 2024	Main Exam Period: Jan 20- 26, 2025 Retake exams: March 31-April 6, 2025 Apprenticeship (Work- study program) Rhythm 3 days work / 2 days classes (Thursday Friday)	
	MASTER IN DATA MANAGEMENT AND BIOSCIENCES	Sept 9, 2024	Main Exam Period: Week 13 Jan 2025 Retake exams: March 17-23, 2025 Apprenticeship (Work- study program) Rhythm 3 days work / 2 days classes (Monday Tuesday)	



SPRING TERM 2025

Specific to exchange students

Orientation Day for exchange students at FGES (compulsory)	Not available yet
Welcome session by Les facultés de l'université catholique de Lille	Not available yet
French test (compulsory for students who want to attend courses in French language)	Not available yet

Please note that this calendar may slightly change!

Level	Concerned courses	Start of the academic term	Exams	Holidays
Bachelor	All Bachelor's degrees	Jan 13, 2025	Anticipated exams: April 4-5, 2025 Main period: April 22-28, 2025 Retake exams: June 12-18, 2025	Winter break Feb 17-23, 2025 Public holidays May 1, 2025 May 8, 2025 May 29, 2025 June 9, 2025
	MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT	Jan 6, 2025	Main Exam Period: March 17-23, 2025 Retake exams: July 7-13, 2025	
	MASTER IN MARKETING AND RESPONSIBLE COCREATION	Jan 6, 2025	Main Exam Period: March 17-23, 2025 Retake Exams: July 7-13, 2025	
	MASTER IN RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCE	Dec 9, 2025	Main Exam Period: Feb 24-March 2, 2025 Retake exams: July 7-13, 2025	
1 st year Master	MASTER IN CHARTERED ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING	Jan 27, 2025	Main Exam Period: June 9-13, 2025 Retake exams: Aug 25-31, 2025	

WELCOME KIT FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

	MASTER IN DATA MANAGEMENT AND BIOSCIENCES	Jan 6, 2025	Main Exam Period: March 17-23, 2025 Retake Exams: July 7-13, 2025
2 nd year Master	MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT	Jan 30, 2025	Main Exam Period: May 19-25, 2025 Retake exams: July 7-13, 2025 Apprenticeship (Work- study program) Rhythm 3 days work/ 2 days classes (Thursday Friday)
	MASTER IN MARKETING AND RESPONSIBLE COCREATION	Feb 24, 2025	Main Exam Period: June 23-29, 2025 Retake exams: Aug 25-31, 2025 Apprenticeship (Work- study program) Rhythm 3 weeks work/ 1 week classes
	MASTER IN RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCE	Jan 30, 2025	Main Exam Period: May 19-25, 2025 Retake exams: July 7-13, 2025 Apprenticeship (Work- study program) Rhythm 3 days work/ 2 days classes (Thursday Friday)
	MASTER IN CHARTERED ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING	Jan 30, 2025	Main Exam Period: June 2-8, 2025 Retake exams: July 14-20, 2025 Apprenticeship (Work- study program) Rhythm 3 days work/ 2 days classes (Thursday Friday)
	MASTER IN DATA MANAGEMENT AND BIOSCIENCES	Jan 20, 2025	Main Exam Period: May 26-28, 2025 Retake exams: July 7-13, 2025 Apprenticeship (Work- study program) Rhythm 3 days work/ 2 days classes (Monday Tuesday)





COURSE CATALOGUE

International students are allowed to select courses from any field or academic year at our faculty.

The list of available English courses is accessible on our [website](#). And those students who are interested in French courses, please check our [website](#). For additional information, please contact us at international.fges@univ-catholille.fr.

ATTENDANCE, EXAMS & GRADES

As no reference books are provided (all contents are provided during classes by the professors), we strongly advise you to attend all courses to succeed during exams!

The French grading system is based on a 20-points grading scale; the worst mark is 0/20, the best is 20/20.

Passing mark for international students: 9/20

Credits you will get are the European credits, ECTS.

Special rule for international exchange students:

If you fail the continuous assessment (the grade below 9/20), but you succeeded in the final exam.

The grade of the final exam will be the one that will be taken into consideration.

This table explains the French grading system and its description:

French Grade	Letter Grade	Description
16 - 20	A	Excellent Outstanding performance with only minor errors
13 - 15.99	B	Very Good Above the average standard but with some errors
11 - 12.99	C	Good Generally sound work with a few notable errors
10 - 10.99	D	Satisfactory Fair but significant shortcomings
9 - 9.99	E	Sufficient Performance meets the minimum criteria
6 - 8.99	FX	Fail Some more work is required before the credit can be awarded
0 - 5.99	F	Fail Considerable further work is required

STUDENT CARD

The student card will be provided around 2 weeks after your arrival and will give you access to all university buildings. To access the buildings during the first 2 weeks, you will receive a QR code via email.



It is strictly forbidden to enter buildings without a personal student card or QR code.

FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSES

You can attend French language courses during the academic year (2 hours/week).

If you wish to enroll those courses, please simply apply for it while making your course selection. A mandatory placement test is organized at the beginning of each term to determine your level.



STUDENT CLUBS

There are around 40 students' organizations at FGES, implementing projects and organizing events in many different fields. Here is a sample of those organizations:

The BVI (Bureau de la Vie Internationale)

The BVI is welcoming and helping international students at their arrival and during the whole semester at FGES. They also organize many events to promote exchange programs towards local students.

<https://www.facebook.com/BVI.FGES>

The BDE (Bureau des étudiants)

The BDE is organizing many events during the academic year to animate the student life at FGES.

<https://m.facebook.com/BDEsparks/>

The BDS (Bureau des Sports)

The BDS is offering the opportunity to practice different sports during the academic year (football, rugby, tai chi, zumba, paddle, kayak...)

<https://www.facebook.com/BDS.FGES>

The BDA (Bureau des Arts)

The BDA is organizing many conferences about arts, concerts, creative workshops, and shows.

<https://www.facebook.com/BDA.FGES/>

More info: <https://www.fges.fr/vie-etudiante/association-etudiante-lille/>

LIVING & STUDYING IN LILLE



THE CITY OF LILLE

Welcome to Lille, a student city at the crossroads of Europe, the Flander's capital! Being in Lille will allow you to travel around thanks to its exceptional location... but even without traveling, there are plenty of things to discover within the city!

WHAT TO VISIT IN LILLE



- 1 The Rihour Square: a dynamic square, welcoming the Christmas village in November/December
- 2 Le Vieux Lille (the old town): amazing streets and architecture!
- 3 The Palais des Beaux Arts: considered as the second largest general-interest museum in France after the Louvre
- 4 The Beffroi (Belfry): Typical for North of France architecture, a Unesco World Heritage Site
- 5 The Citadelle: the largest park in Lille
- 6 The Opera: with a busy program!
- 7 The Cathedral Notre Dame de la Treille : a national monument
- 8 The Vieille Bourse: cultural place on the main square, one of the most beautiful buildings in Lille
- 9 The Church Sacré Coeur: not to miss

WHAT ELSE...?

There are even more mythic places and events for the Lillois (Lille's inhabitants), and among them:

The Saint-Sauveur station

The Gare Saint-Sauveur is a former goods station which has been renovated in 2009 and became a great cultural and recreation area.

The Maison Folie in Lille and Lomme

They are cultural infrastructures created in 2004 in the frame of Lille, European Capital of Culture 2004. As cultural places, they are meeting points for encounters between local, national and international artists and organisations.

The Wazemmes Flea Market

Colourful and convivial, it's one of the largest markets in France, which takes place every Sunday morning. You can find their food, flowers, fabrics and exotic products.

The Braderie

La Braderie is an annual flea market which takes place on the first weekend in September. Local shops and residents are selling things on stalls in the streets. Between two and three million visitors are drawn into the city. It is one of the largest gatherings of France and the largest flea market in Europe.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTS

METRO, BUSES & TRAMS



To travel in the whole conurbation of Lille, you can use the metro, the bus or the tram. To easily find your way, you can visit the website [Ilévia](#) or download the app.

A one-ride ticket costs 1,80€. If you wish to buy a long-term ticket for all types of transportation, here are the options:

	Condition	Description	Price
Monthly ticket	Until 25 years old	Unlimited rides in all buses, metros, trams & trains in the whole conurbation (MEL – Métropole Européenne Lilloise)	31,50€
10 Months ticket	Until 25 years old	Unlimited rides in all buses, metros, trams & trains in the whole conurbation (MEL – Métropole Européenne Lilloise) from 1 st of September to 30 th June <i>!/\ This ticket is for sale from June to October only</i>	27€
Monthly ticket	From 26 years old	Unlimited rides in all buses, metros, trams & trains in the whole conurbation (MEL – Métropole Européenne Lilloise)	63€



If you wish to get one of those long-term tickets, you will need a personal pass-pass card. The card costs 4€ and expires after 5 years.

- Where to get the pass-pass card?
- On internet: you need to create an account [here](#)
 - In an Ilévia shop (for example at the Lille Flandres Train station): don't forget to bring your ID!

BIKES



You can also travel by bike in the conurbation thanks to our V'Lille. There are 2200 bikes in self-service in the area and 223 stations.



You need to have at least 200€ on your account to rent a bike, for the deposit. This amount will be blocked during 24 hours.

You can use it occasionally (punctual rides) or rent it for a longer time:

	Price
1 day rent	1,75€
7 days rent	7,50€
1 year rent	39€

Every time you use a V'lille, the first 30 minutes of ride are for free, then it costs 1€/30 minutes.

TRAINS



If you wish to travel further in France, you can take the train thanks to the SNCF (French Rail Network). For young people from 12 to 27 years old, the 12-17 and the 18-27 cards offer discounts up to 60% on travels.

Cost of the card: 49€/year. More information on: <https://en.oui.sncf/en/discount-cards/sale/#/carte-jeune/purchase>

RESTAURATION



For your everyday lunch near the faculty, the cheapest option is our University canteens (*Restaurants Universitaires* in French – we call them “RU”!). You can access them thanks to the ALL service card: buy your card [here](#) & find RU’s locations [here](#)!

Lunch menu	3,30€
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There are also plenty of bakeries and restaurants in the area.

Being in Lille is also a great occasion to try the North of France cuisine! Once you will be in Lille, our BVI (Bureau de la Vie Internationale) can advise you on what to try and where. Don’t hesitate to contact them!

COMMUNICATION



INTERNET ACCESS

In our buildings, you can access the WIFI if you login thanks to the password you received in the automatic email sent by our Agora system after your enrollment.

At your student residence, you can most of the time benefit from a Wifi Installation.

If you don’t live in a student residence, to have an internet access, you need to have a phone line. Operators often offer packages (internet, phone, TV) with monthly fees starting from 15€. Don’t hesitate to contact [Livin-France](#) for any question on this topic!

PHONE CALLS

The French phone numbers are composed of 10 signs. To reach France from abroad, you need to add the phone code 0033 before the number and omit the first 0.

Example: To call the 03 20 12 34 56, you have to type 0033 3 20 12 34 56.

HEALTH



For anything regarding health, the University Multi-Service Health Centre (CPSU) offers general medical consultations, gynecology consultations, nurse appointments, dietitian consultations and psychological support. It is located on the campus, at 67 boulevard Vauban. More information [here](#).

Opening hours - Closed during the summer holidays (July and August)

During the academic year

Monday to Thursday: 8h00 - 19h00

Friday: 9h00 - 18h00

In June

Monday to Friday: 9h00 - 18h00

SPORT



If you wish to practice your favorite sport in Lille or to discover a new one, you can contact our [BDS, the Student Union focused on sports](#). As an FGES student, you will benefit from our Sport Center. More info [here](#)!

French SOS key words & expressions



TRANSPORTS



Common transports	Les transports en commun (m.)
To travel	Voyager
The airport	L'aéroport (m.)
The airplane	L'avion (m.)
The train station	La gare
The train	Le train
The bus station	La gare routière
The bus	Le bus
The bus stop	L'arrêt de bus (m.)
The metro	Le métro
The metro station	La station de métro
The tram	Le tramway (le tram)
The tram stop	L'arrêt de tram (m.)
The bike (the V'Lille)	Le vélo (le V'Lille)
The V'Lille station	La station V'Lille
The timetable (bus, metro, tram...)	Les horaires de bus/de métro/de tram
Excuse me! I am lost. I am looking for...	Excusez-moi! Je suis perdu(e). Je cherche...
- the Rue du Port	- la rue du Port
- the Boulevard Vauban	- le Boulevard Vauban
- the Cormontaigne metro station	- la station Cormontaigne
- the catholic university	- l'université catholique
- the FGES International Office	- le Bureau des Relations Internationales de la FGES

ACCOMODATION



The accomodation	Le logement
The university residence	La résidence universitaire
The room	La chambre
Flat-share	La colocation
The flatmate	Le/La colocataire
The rent	Le loyer
The key	La clé



ADMINISTRATION

The passport	Le passeport
The ID	La carte d'identité
The visa	Le visa
Bank account details	Le Relevé d'Identité Bancaire (RIB)
The bank transfer (sending money from one account to another)	Le virement
The European Health Insurance Card	La Carte Européenne d'Assurance Maladie (CEAM)
The student card	La carte étudiante
The online application	L'inscription en ligne (f.)



LIFE COSTS AND BUDGET

The price	Le prix / le tarif
The meal	Le repas
The cafeteria/university canteen	Le Restaurant Universitaire (Le RU)
The receipt	Le ticket de caisse
The student discount	La réduction étudiante
To pay by card (contactless)	Payer par carte (sans contact)
To pay cash	Payer en liquide
Do you have any student discount?	Avez-vous une réduction étudiante ?



ACADEMICS

The academic calendar	Le calendrier académique
The Fall Term	Le premier semestre (le semestre d'automne)
The Spring Term	Le deuxième semestre (le semestre de printemps)
Bachelor course	Le cours de Licence
Master course	Le cours de Master
The course catalogue	Le catalogue des cours
The exam	L'examen (m.)
The mid-term exam	Le DS (le Devoir Surveillé)
The homework assignment	Le DNS (le Devoir Non Surveillé)
The grade	La note
Good luck !	Bonne chance! (Bon courage !)
Congrats !	Félicitations
Tutorials (Courses in small groups)	Les Travaux Dirigés (TD)
Lectures (Courses in amphitheaters)	Les Cours Magistraux (CM)
The Front desk / Reception office	L'accueil (m.)
The Students Support Office	Le service des Etudes

The FGES' International Office

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We are looking forward to
meeting you soon!