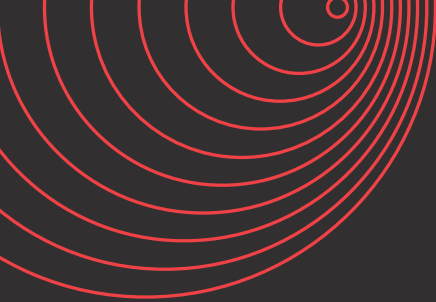


PREPARING YOUR ARRIVAL AT 3iS

Your guide to organising your study project in France.



Your adventure starts here. This booklet guides you step by step through all the formalities you need to complete before your departure: enrolment, visa, accommodation, budget... You will find all the essential information to prepare for your arrival at 3iS with peace of mind.



Campus
of Avignon

DISCOVER THE 3iS UNIVERSE

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

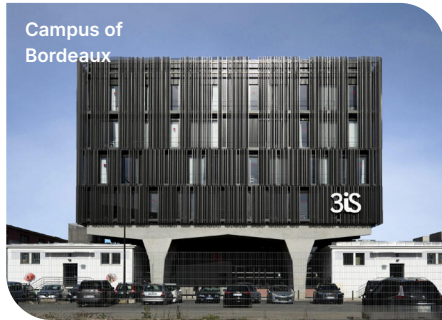
For nearly 40 years, the Institut International de l'Image et du Son (3iS) has been training those who dream of telling stories, moving audiences, imagining and creating. The school supports passionate students who have chosen to turn their passion into a demanding career – one that is technical, artistic and profoundly human.

Joining 3iS is not simply enrolling in a school. It is becoming part of a creative community, an environment where image, sound, performance and digital worlds come to life through concrete projects. The 3iS students learn by doing, experimenting and collaborating, within a framework that values artistic expression as much as professional rigour.

At 3iS, training goes beyond the acquisition of technical skills. It also instils a professional mindset, creative confidence and the capacity to find one's place in constantly evolving industries. Through internships, work-study programmes and extensive links with industry professionals, students build hands-on experience throughout their studies.

Welcome to our world, and thank you for your trust !

*Jean-Claude Walter,
President of the 3iS Group*



CAMPUSES IN FRANCE

3iS operates across five campuses located in cities renowned for their artistic vitality and dynamism in the creative and audiovisual production sectors: Paris, Bordeaux, Nantes, Lyon and Avignon – all inspiring places where talent, ideas and projects converge.

The Paris Ouest campus (Élancourt), the school's historical home, is a true international hub. It hosts the majority of international programmes and brings together students from around 60 nationalities each year, creating a rich, creative and deeply multicultural environment. But 3iS's international outlook extends well beyond this flagship campus. At each of its sites, the school devotes constant attention to welcoming and supporting international students. Everywhere, 3iS offers stimulating learning environments that foster artistic expression, innovation and exchange.

Joining 3iS means becoming part of a close-knit and inspiring community, driven by strong values of collaboration, experimentation and openness to the world.

PROGRAMMES OFFERED

3iS offers 7 areas of training, enabling students to develop their talents across the creative industries and cultural sectors :



**FILM &
AUDIOVISUAL**



**SOUND &
MUSIC**



**DIGITAL
COMMUNICATION**



**LIVE PERFORMANCE
& EVENTS**



**ANIMATION FILM &
VIDEO GAMES**



**ACTING &
THEATRE**

**FRENCH AS A FOREIGN
LANGUAGE (FLE)**



1 - BUILDING YOUR PROJECT

Studying in France is an enriching experience that requires preparation across several stages. To ensure the success of your project, certain steps are essential before your departure from home.

REGISTERING ON THE CAMPUS FRANCE PLATFORM

In many countries, registering on the Campus France platform is a mandatory step for studying in France. This platform allows you to :

- centralise your applications in a single file
- track the progress of your study project
- receive support throughout your procedures
- access official information about studying and living in France

In some cases, an educational interview may be organised to validate the coherence of your project. Once your file has been validated by Campus France, you can begin your student visa application. For more information : <https://www.campusfrance.org/fr>.



GETTING ADMITTED TO 3IS

To join 3iS, you must submit an online application.

- 1 Go to the application platform: <https://3is-international.com/become-a-student/apply/>
- 2 Create your account
- 3 Complete your application (personal information + required documents)
- 4 Submit your application

Once your profile has been reviewed, you will receive :

- an admission letter
- or a pre-enrolment certificate

These documents are essential for the next steps, particularly the visa application. You can contact the international team at any stage : international@3is.fr

GOOD TO KNOW :

- You can receive support throughout the entire process.
- Do not wait until the last minute to apply.
- International programmes offered by 3iS are recognised by the French State.
- They lead to:
 - certifications listed in the RNCP (National Directory of Professional Certifications)
 - or the DESTIS, a State-accredited diploma

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Campus France registration is often mandatory.

- ✓ Your admission to 3iS is required in order to apply for a visa.
- ✓ Start these procedures several months in advance.



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

- an officially recognised qualification in France
- greater recognition with employers
- skills validated according to professional standards





OBTAINING YOUR VISA

The student visa is an essential step to be able to study in France. It allows you to legally reside in the country for the duration of your studies.

PREPARING YOUR VISA APPLICATION FILE

Before submitting your application, make sure you have gathered the required documents :

- a valid passport
- a Campus France certificate (if applicable)
- your 3iS admission letter
- proof of financial resources
- proof of accommodation in France
- health insurance
- your diplomas and academic transcripts
- proof of language level (if required)

Required documents may vary depending on your country. Check the requirements with your local authorities.

SUBMITTING YOUR VISA APPLICATION

The student visa application is made online via the official France-Visas platform.

Main steps :

- ❶ Create an account: <https://france-visas.gouv.fr/>
 - ❷ Fill in the online form
 - ❸ Book an appointment at your consulate or a visa application centre
 - ❹ Submit your file and attend an interview if required
 - ❺ Provide your biometric data (fingerprints and photograph)
 - ❻ Pay the visa fees
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RECEIVING YOUR VISA

Processing times vary depending on the country and time of year (from 4 to 12 weeks). Upon receiving your visa, remember to check :

- your name
 - the validity dates
 - the type of visa
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VALIDATING YOUR VISA AFTER ARRIVAL (VLS-TS)

If you hold a long-stay visa that serves as a residence permit (VLS-TS), you must validate it once you are in France.

Deadline : within 3 months of your arrival.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

This validation allows you to :

- remain legally in France during your studies
- access your rights (social security, housing, banking, etc.)

HOW TO DO IT

- ❶ Go to the official website: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr>
- ❷ Create your account
- ❸ Enter your visa details
- ❹ Provide your address in France
- ❺ Pay the validation fee
- ❻ Download your certificate



KEY TAKEAWAYS :

- ✓ The visa is applied for before your departure.
- ✓ Validation is done after your arrival.
- ✓ This procedure is mandatory.

MISTAKE TO AVOID :

Forgetting to validate your visa :
you will be in an irregular situation.





FINDING ACCOMMODATION

To complete your administrative formalities (particularly the visa), you must have a French address.

GOOD NEWS : 3IS SUPPORTS YOU

The school helps you with your housing search at every stage.

PRIORITY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- priority access to accommodation offered by 3iS
- personalised support
- tailored solutions for your arrival in France



MAKING YOUR ARRIVAL EASIER WITH THE '3iS WELCOME PACK'

The 3iS Welcome Pack is a turnkey arrival programme designed to help you settle in quickly and smoothly in France.

How to benefit from it?

Simply make a request to the international admissions office.

What you receive:

Airport pick-up

- Pick-up upon arrival (Paris-Orly or Paris-Charles de Gaulle)
- Direct transfer to your residence
- /!\ Must be booked at least 3 weeks before your arrival

€100 grocery gift card

- Gift card to help you in the first few days

Ready-to-use welcome kit

- Transport card (Imagin'R)
- French SIM card
- 3iS goodies

Personalised administrative support

- Help opening your bank account
- Support with your first administrative steps

Accommodation ready from day one

- Priority access to a furnished studio in the 3iS residence



TO DO QUICKLY:

Contact the school as soon as you are admitted to reserve your place or receive support.



Why is it useful?

- You arrive stress-free
- Everything is ready from day one
- You save time on all formalities

LIVING ON THE 3IS CAMPUS

3iS offers a student residence located just 5 minutes' walk from the Paris campus.

Address: 13 avenue Jean d'Alembert – 78190 Trappes.

A move-in ready home. You arrive, you unpack: everything is already set up.

Furnished studios (16 to 25 m²) :

- Equipped kitchenette
- Private bathroom
- Bed linen provided

Everything included for your comfort :

- Secure access
- Wi-Fi
- Gym
- Common areas
- Events and cultural activities





A REAL BONUS : THE 3iS COMMUNITY

By choosing the campus residence, you don't live alone :

- You easily meet other 3iS students.
- You become part of an international community.
- You exchange with students from all programmes.
- You quickly build your network from the moment you arrive.

Ideal for settling in quickly, especially when coming from abroad.

PRIORITY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students benefit from priority access to the 3iS residence, with dedicated support to facilitate their move-in.

- Simplified booking before your arrival in France.
- Secure housing solution (no risk of scams).
- Support throughout all reservation steps.
- Accommodation ready from the day you arrive.

TO DO QUICKLY :

- Reserve your place upon admission.
- !\ Places are limited and highly sought-after.

HOUSING WITH THE CROUS

The Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires (CROUS) is a French public body that supports students in their daily lives. CROUS notably offers :

- student accommodation at affordable rents
- university restaurants at accessible prices
- assistance and services to facilitate settling in and student life in France

CROUS residences are in high demand and represent a reliable housing solution, managed under French State oversight.

CROUS Housing – Paris Ouest Campus

For students at the 3iS Paris Ouest campus, CROUS provides several hundred places in student residences, located close to the campus or easily accessible by public transport.

These accommodations offer several advantages :

- regulated and affordable rents
- secure administrative procedures
- a recognised student living environment

For more information: <https://www.lescrous.fr>

EXPLORING OTHER HOUSING OPTIONS

The 3iS international campus is located in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, to the west of Paris – a dynamic area ideal for students.

In Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, you benefit from :

✔ A wide variety of housing

- student residences
- private studios or apartments
- flat-sharing
- homestay accommodation

✔ Excellent accessibility

- efficient transport network
- quick access to Paris and surrounding areas

✔ A true student life

- cultural and sporting activities
- events and student associations

The area offers concrete support schemes :

- assistance with housing searches
- practical information on local life
- access to cultural and sports facilities
- support with certain administrative procedures

Useful contact

Housing, Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines
+33 1 39 44 80 42 / etudiant@sqy.fr

These services are particularly useful if this is your first time in France.

You can also search for accommodation via :

- estate agents or private listings
- flat-sharing (an economical and sociable option)
- private student residences (Studefi, Arpej, Adoma, Nexity, etc.)
- specialist online platforms
- temporary accommodation (hotel residences, short-term rentals)
- solidarity-based solutions (intergenerational housing, young worker hostels)

3iS Support

3iS can help you with your search:

- local contacts and partners
- recommendations for accommodation near the campus
- personalised support based on your situation

KEY TAKEAWAYS :

- ✓ The earlier you search, the more options you have.
- ✓ Always verify the reliability of listings.
- ✓ Prioritise accommodation close to public transport.



TIPS

If you are unsure: start with a temporary solution or the 3iS residence, then look for longer-term accommodation once you are on the ground.

UNDERSTANDING KEY HOUSING ESSENTIALS

Guarantor & Security Deposit

When renting, you may be asked for :

- a guarantor: a person who will pay your rent if you cannot,
- a security deposit (caution): a sum paid at the start, refunded at the end if everything is in order.

Home Insurance (COMPULSORY)

You are legally required to have insurance for your accommodation.

- ✓ It covers : fire, water damage, civil liability
- ✓ You can take out a policy :
 - through your bank
 - from an insurer
 - online (special student offers)

Take out your insurance before moving in, so you are covered from day one.

Avoiding Scams

Never pay before visiting the property.

Never sign anything without verifying the landlord.

Always check :

- the identity of the landlord
- that the property actually exists

CONTACTS FOR SUPPORT

Need help with your accommodation? Contact the relevant person at your campus :

3iS Paris

Agnes Pernot – apernot@3is.fr
Yonaye Gondje – ygondje@3is.fr

3iS Nantes

Stéphanie Gonot – sgonot@3is.fr
Agathe Saugey – asaugey@3is.fr

3iS Bordeaux

Jocelyn Lesne – jlesne@3is.fr

3iS Avignon

Fanny Vaquéro – fvaquero@3is.fr

3iS Lyon

Chahinez Zedazi - czedazi@3is.fr

The 3iS teams are here to help you at every stage and to ensure your move to France goes as smoothly as possible.



PLANNING YOUR BUDGET

UNDERSTANDING TUITION FEES

Tuition fees for each programme are listed on the 3iS website:

<https://3is-education.fr/formations>

Payment is made by bank transfer, using the bank details (RIB or IBAN) provided to you, with the payment schedule communicated in advance.

IDENTIFYING AVAILABLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Funding your studies in France requires forward planning. Several types of support are available to international students, in addition to those offered directly by 3iS. Eligibility depends on your situation (nationality, status and academic background).

MAIN SCHOLARSHIPS

French Government Scholarships (via Campus France) :

- excellence programmes (e.g. Eiffel scholarship)
- specific support based on your profile

These can cover :

- tuition fees,
- living costs,
- and sometimes accommodation and transport.

CROUS Grants (specific cases)

Available under strict conditions :

- residence in France,
 - French tax household,
 - valid residence permit.
- These are rarely accessible for newly

arrived international students.

Other sources of funding :

- scholarships from your home country
 - foundations and international organisations
 - cooperation programmes
- These can often be combined.

Emergency financial support :

- exceptional CROUS assistance
 - one-off support after a social assessment
- Useful in the event of an unexpected situation.



WHERE LOOKING FOR IT ?

<https://www.campusfrance.org/fr>

<https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/bourses-etudiants-etranagers>

KEY TAKEAWAYS :

- ✓ Support varies depending on your profile.
- ✓ Some can be combined. Places are very limited.

TIPS

- Start your applications several months in advance.
- Apply to multiple funding sources to maximise your chances.

3IS SOCIAL SUPPORT

3iS does not offer entry scholarships, but provides internal financial assistance from the 2nd year onwards.

Who is eligible ?

- ✓ students re-enrolling
- ✓ across all campuses and all programmes

Eligibility criteria :

- financial situation,
- commitment and seriousness in studies,
- attendance.

This support is designed to help committed students who are experiencing financial difficulties

WORK-STUDY OPPORTUNITIES (APPRENTICESHIP)

Some 3iS programmes are available on a work-study basis (apprentissage).

Benefits :

- ✓ hands-on professional experience in a company,
- ✓ fully or partially funded training,
- ✓ a monthly salary.

For international students from outside the European Union: access to work-study with conditions varying according to programmes.

- It is generally possible after 1 year of study in France,
- subject to a work permit,
- with conditions varying by programme.

TO DO

- ✓ Find out from 3iS which programmes offer work-study options.
- ✓ Plan your administrative steps in advance.



OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT MEASURES

Even without a scholarship, several schemes can help you reduce your day-to-day expenses :

✔ Eating on a budget

University restaurants (CROUS) :

→ meals from approximately €3.30

→ and as little as €1 in certain cases (CROUS meal dispenser available in the school).**

✔ Healthcare

Access to free or low-cost healthcare services :

- medical consultations,
- psychological support.

✔ Student discounts

In France, student status entitles you to numerous discounts :

- transport (reduced subscriptions),
- cinema, museums, events,
- university restaurants,
- certain shops and services.

Following the French student support system.

ESTIMATING YOUR COST OF LIVING IN FRANCE

Your budget will depend on your lifestyle, your accommodation and your city. Here is a realistic estimate to help you plan ahead :

Monthly expenses

→ Accommodation : €350 to €800 (residence, flat-share or studio : financial assistance possible)

→ Food : €200 to €300

→ Transport : €30 to €75

→ Other expenses (leisure, phone, supplies, etc.) : €100 to €200

= Total budget: on average €900 to €1,400 per month.

Practical example (3iS student)

- Accommodation : €600
- Food : €250
- Transport : €40
- Other : €120

Total: ~€1,010 per month



TO KEEP IN MIND

- Your budget may vary according to your lifestyle.
- Some financial support can reduce your expenses.
- Your choice of accommodation makes the biggest difference.

TIPS

Budget for a safety margin of €100 to €200 during the first few months.



YOUR ACTION PLAN

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SMOOTH

ARRIVAL IN FRANCE

4 TO 8 MONTHS BEFORE DEPARTURE

- Register on Campus France.
- Apply to 3iS.
- Start preparing your budget.

3 TO 5 MONTHS BEFORE

- Receive your admission.
- Apply for your visa.
- Begin your housing search.

2 TO 3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Finalise and book your accommodation.
- Track the progress of your visa.

1 MONTH BEFORE (MINIMUM)

- Book your transport (flight, train, etc.).
- Prepare all your important documents (originals + copies).

UPON ARRIVAL IN FRANCE

- Validate your visa (VLS-TS).
- Open a bank account.
- Register with social security.

TIPS

Plan as far ahead as possible : you will gain peace of mind and more options. Don't hesitate to contact the 3iS teams at every stage, they are here to guide and support you throughout your journey.

