



Practical guide for International Students



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Présentation

Welcome to the University Institute of Technology in Béziers !

The IUT Béziers is a part of the University of Montpellier, in Occitanie. IUT Béziers welcomes 580 students.

Located in a fast-developing area, you will find nearby Paul Valéry University (Arts, Letters, Language, Human and Social Sciences), an University restaurant, the Library André Malraux, students residences and many shops.

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The IUT Béziers has a recent infrastructure with the last innovative technological tools and offers technical courses in three-years undergraduate degrees.

IUT Béziers is certified AFAQ ISO 9001 V2015 for administrative registrations for diplomas.

Equipment and Tools at the IUT Béziers

IUT Béziers has innovative teaching facilities:

- Learning Lab
- Living Lab: coffee machines, creative relaxation, Music'Hall, co-working spaces
- Web Radio / Web TV studio
- Fab Lab - Production area (3D printer, laser cutters ...)
- Studio Méliès (green background room)

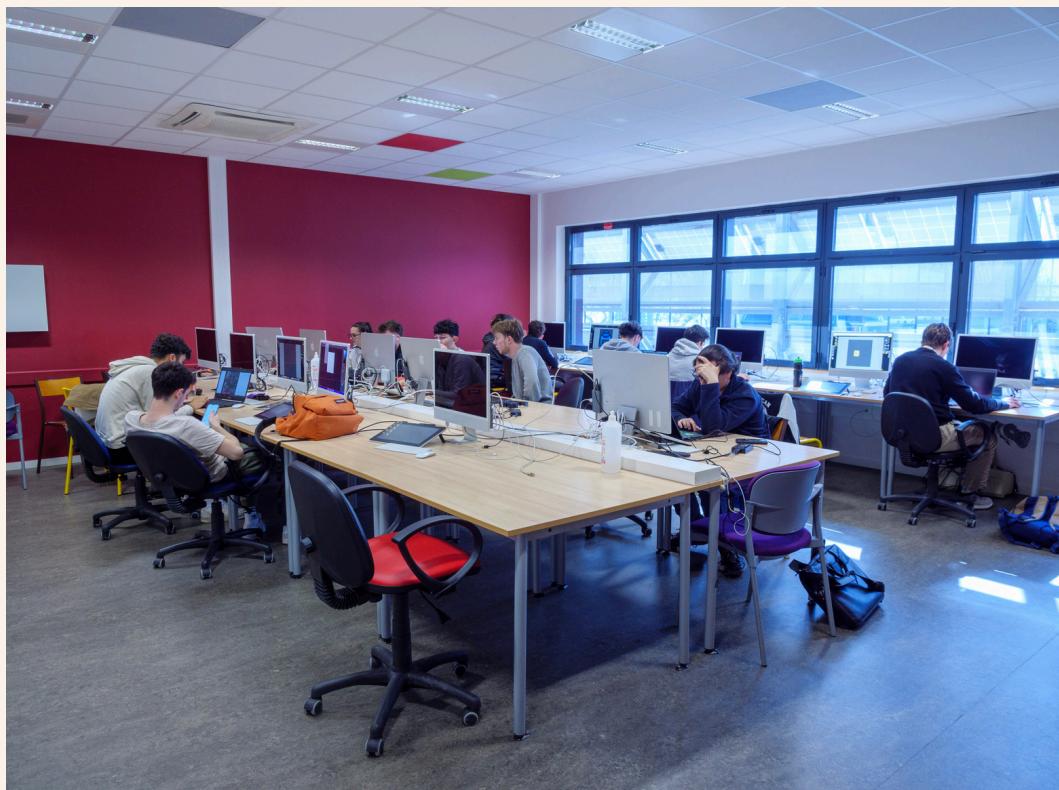


IUT Béziers has tools for each department:

“Business & Marketing” department: telemarketing and computer rooms.



“Multimedia & Internet Careers” department: a film studio with green background, a video editing room and a radio studio.



“Networks and Telecommunications” department: computer rooms, radio and optical telecoms equipment, IT server, SpaceLab.



“Robotics et AI” department: robotics, automation and supervision rooms.



French administrative procedures

1 – Admission to the IUT

The formalities for studying in France are set at national level. You need to plan your stay well in advance.

Except for Business & Marketing department, an understanding of French language is essential. Most of teaching and exams are in French. Level B2 is required.

You will receive an admission letter from the University.

2 – Apply for a Visa

AS SOON AS YOU ARE ADMITTED
VERY IMPORTANT STEP



UNIVERSITY

1/ The International Relation Assistant will inform “Campus France” about our partnership and will give student’identity information.



2/ The student will create an account on “Etudes en France platform” then apply for a student visa.

European students do not need to apply for a visa.

I create my account on “Etudes en France” platform

**ÉTUDES
EN FRANCE**



Then, I’ll have an interview with Campus France



3 – **On arrival in France, Visa validation**

Within 3 months of your arrival in France, it's **MANDATORY** to validate your VLS-TS visa in order to obtain a Residence Permit

I VALIDE my Visa



WHEN TO COME IN FRANCE?

We advise you to arrive a week before the semester starts to get settled with your administrative formalities and to be ready when classes start.

4 – **Renew the Residence Permit**

2 MONTHS BEFORE THE EXPIRY DATE, you have to apply for a renewal.

I renew my Residence Permit



Need help



The International Student Office is here to help you with all your formalities:

iutb-international@umontpellier.fr

The “Welcome desk for International Students” is also here
to advise and help you with formalities:



Sign up for International Mentoring and be “Welcomed” by an IUT student
from your arrival in France

*free charge

International Mentoring!



French Social Security

In France, it's **MANDATORY** to register to the Social Security for non-European students. This system reimburses up to 60% of medical expenses.

- European students: Apply for an European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) from your country.
- Non-European students: Mandatory to apply to



Please note that the French administrative formalities (Social Security) can be long. We suggest to take a private insurance (from your country) for the 1st month in France

English

MEMO FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

As soon as you get to France and have registered at your institute of higher education, follow the steps below to get coverage for your health care expenses for the duration of your studies:



Complementary Health Insurance “Mutuelle”

It's not mandatory to subscribe to a complementary health insurance but we do recommend it strongly because medical expenses are high in France.

We advise you to choose a Mutuelle that offers a civil liability valid for both your private and student life. That way, you'll be covered on your place of study and the place of your internship.

As example, Heyme Students mutuelle :



How to make an appointment with a doctor

Online appointment on the doctolib.fr website



Important numbers



- 15: the SAMU (Service d'Aide Médicale Urgente - Emergency Medical Service)
- 18: the Fire Brigade
- 17: the Police
- 3624: for a house-call doctor if you are too ill to travel. This service is available 24/7
- 112: European emergency number

Prevention nurse



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Accommodation

To find an accommodation in Béziers, you need to be organised and have sufficient financial resources.

Additional costs may be added:

- Deposit: The amount cannot exceed 2 months' rent. This deposit is used to cover any future breaches of the tenant's obligations (lack of repairs...)
- Agency fees, Administration fees
- Electricity bill
- Home insurance (MANDATORY)

STUDENT RESIDENCES



Résidence Emile Claparède

Located in the town centre and close to the train station.

All fees are included in the rent (e.g. home insurance, electricity, heating, housing tax, wifi...).

Rent: from 371€ to 495€ per month

Additional costs: administration fees, deposit

Guarantor: Visale or GarantMe (information next page).



Résidence Palo Alto - UXCO Student

Located 2 minutes' walk from the IUT.

Fully equipped accommodation. Water is included in the rent but not electricity neither home insurance.

Rent: from 455€ per month

Additional costs: administration fees, deposit, home insurance, electricity

Guarantor: GarantMe



Résidence Twenty Campus

7 minutes by bike from the IUT and 20 minutes by public transport.

Fully equipped accommodation. All fees are included (e.g. electricity, heating, housing tax, wifi...).

Rent: from 460€ to 600€ per month

Additional costs: administration fees, deposit, home insurance



Résidence Zenitude

Located 4 minutes' walk from the IUT.

Fully equipped accommodation. Water, electricity, wifi are included

Rent: from 485€ per month

Additional costs: administration fees (150€), deposit, home insurance

FLATSHARE

To allow you to split the cost of rent. It also helps you settle into a new town and make friends more quickly.

www.appartager.com

www.lokaviz.fr

www.lacartedescolocs.fr

www.roomster.com

www.airbnb.fr

Housing information on our website:



FIND A GUARANTOR

Most accommodation will require you to have a GUARANTOR.

A guarantor is a third party who can take over your rent in the event of non-payment. This person must therefore have sufficient income to cover his/her personal expenses and your rent. The guarantor must have a proven income in France.

For international student, the landlord may require you to subscribe either GARANTME (payant) or VISALE (free of charge) organization.

These organizations will act as your guarantor.



Process with Garantme (paying organization):

- Step 1: You must register and apply for an eligibility certificate (free of charge). This document is required by the student residences.
- Step 2: Once your reservation is confirmed, pay Garantme organization and get “the guarantor certificate”.

HOUSING INSURANCE

It's MANDATORY to insure your home. You will be insured against damage such as a fire or water damage and you will also have the liability insurance.

You have to prove your housing insurance before to sign the rent contract. To find the housing insurance you can check on the internet. Most of student residences have partnerships with insurance companies.

Make sure that the "Civil Liability" is included in the Home Insurance (This document is requested for administrative registration at the IUT).

CHECK-IN // CHECK-OUT

Check in: You will do an "Etat des lieux" (condition of the premises). Together, with the landlord you will inspect every room and record your observation in this document. This very important step ensures that you and your landlord are in a agreement about the condition of your unit at the time you take possession of it.

Check out: Same process will be repeated when you will leave your apartment to discover wheter any damage occurred during your tenancy.



Please note that when you will decide to leave your lodging, you must notify your landlord in advance (generally a month in advance).

Most of student residence DO NOT PROVIDE bath and bed linen

APPLY FOR HOUSING BENEFIT

APL – Aide Personnalisée au Logement

Once you have find your accommodation you can ask for housing benefit.
Subject to eligibility, you can get a financial assistance.
This procedure is only online.

All information here



“Student life” information on our Website:



French bank account

A foreign student can open a bank account in any bank in France.

It can be very handy to get a bank account in France, in particular for paying bills and subscriptions (e.g. transportation, internet, phone...). You will be able to be reimbursed for healthcare expenses.

Mobile phone

There are 4 main mobile phone companies.

You can choose the deal that suits you the best: contract with/without mobile phone, pre-paid cards ...



Prepare your budget

You have to prepare your budget in advance to avoid unpleasant surprises when you move here.



Please note that to apply for a “Long Stay Visa” you have to prove that you have enough money on your bank account (circa 615€/months).

Student living expenses :

- As a part of our agreement, free of charge of tuition fees (178€) and free of charge of the Student Life and Campus Contribution (105€)
- Living expenses: accommodation, food, transportation, mobile phone, internet
- Insurance: In addition of your EHIC or French Social Security, you have to subscribe to a private insurance that covers you during all of your stay.
- Travel costs

Useful information on “Campus France” website:



Administrative registration at the IUT

You will receive an email with all information, but please find below the step by step of your enrollment at the IUT.

1/ Documents requested by the International Student office:

- Passport
- Visa
- Graduation diploma / Transcripts (in French or in English or in Spanish)
- Civil liability insurance
- Fill in administrative documents

- Learning agreement that must be validate by both Universities

2/ As soon as you know your arrival date, you have to book an appointment with International Student Office at the IUT.



Édition of your student card

You are student at the IUT!

The French grading system

The French grading system is on a scale from 0-20. To pass a subject you usually have to get 10 points. A student is considered to have passed if at the end of each academic year the average of his/her grades is at least 10.

Grades	Description	Comments
Lower than 10	Failed	The level of the performance does not reach the expected criteria
10-12	Sufficient	The level of performance is sufficient
12-14	Satisfactory	Satisfactory performance but there are many mistakes
14-16	Good	The level of performance exceeds the expected level but there are some mistakes
16-18	Very good	Exceptional performance
18 and above	Excellent	Exceptional performance

Bachelor degree has a number of 180 ECTS (6 semesters).

European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is a point system developed by the European Union. Credits are divided up into Teaching Units (TUs - UE unité d'enseignement in French).

Welcome to Béziers !

Béziers is a city in the Hérault department (34) in the Occitanie région.

There are circa 80 815 inhabitants.

The town is 15km from the sea and 150km from the Pyrénées mountains.

The old town has historic monuments that you must discover!

Public transportation

The IUT Béziers is a 20-minute walk for the train station.

THE BUSES:

Depending of your needs, you can buy single ticket or subscribe to a monthly card (monthly youth subscription 8€)

Bus stop to reach the IUT : Médiathèque - 14 juillet



THE TRAIN:

Useful if you want to go to Montpellier city or visit the region!



THE AIRPORT Béziers-Cap d'Agde:

The airport serves European cities



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