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Campus France will guide you through your first steps in France and **exploring Fort de France and Martinique**, your new home.

WELCOME TO

FORT-DE-FRANCE AND MARTINIQUE





YOUR ARRIVAL IN FORT-DE-FRANCE /

♦ Student Welcome at Université des Antilles

At Université des Antilles, Pôle Martinique, a small, friendly university, your main contact is the **Direction des Relations Internationales (DRI)**.

The DRI is responsible for the administrative management and supervision of international students' mobility. Pedagogical support is provided by professors appointed to managing students' international mobility within their department. In September, a centralised welcome desk bringing together various organisations is organised on the campus to support new students.

Address: Université des Antilles, Pôle Martinique, Schoelcher Campus, Cité universitaire, 97233 Schoelcher (on the outskirts of Fort-de-France).

Hours: Monday to Friday from 9am to 12pm, Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.

Contact: 05 96 55 46 31 or relations.internationales@univ-antilles.fr

To learn more, consult notably:

- **pages for international students**, whether exchange students or free-movers (non-exchange students), on the University website:

<http://bri.univ-antilles.fr/>

- the Facebook page run by Bureau des Relations Internationales: <https://www.facebook.com/driuAntilles/>

♦ Buddy System

Université des Antilles – Pôle Martinique takes part in the Buddy System, which involves appointing a local student to be an international student's "buddy".

To find out more, please visit: <http://bri.univ-antilles.fr/en-quoi-consiste-le-buddy-system/>

♦ Welcome and orientation for researchers and doctoral students

At the Martinique Campus of Université des Antilles, researchers and doctoral students should also contact the International Relations Service (see above).

♦ Your Higher Learning Institution

Depending on the institution, two information services are available:

- Service des Relations internationales, the International Relations Department (bureau d'accueil et d'orientation - welcome and orientation office).
- Service de la Scolarité, the Admissions Department (bureau des inscriptions et des démarches administratives - enrollment and administrative procedures office).

Consult your institution's web site for all practical information.

♦ National Services

- students: www.etudiant.gouv.fr

- doctoral students, researchers:

<http://www.euraxess.fr/fr>



Making you feel at home is a major concern for all French higher education institutions! The **Welcome to France label** is awarded to institutions that fulfil exacting criteria in the way they take care of their international students.



ACCOMMODATION

Finding somewhere to live is not always easy.

Rents are often high, and landlords require financial guarantees (such as a deposit).

Nevertheless, there is a wide range of accommodation on offer: halls of residence that are exclusively reserved for students and managed by the CROUS, student halls and private lodgings, rooms in private homes, flatshares...

The main thing is to start preparing for this as early as possible, before leaving your home country.

• The **CLLAJ (Comité Local pour le Logement Autonome des Jeunes, the local committee for independent accommodation for young people)** in Martinique provides a digital platform of services for young people aged between 16 and 30, **D'CLIC jeunesse**, which can help you find housing solutions through online classified ads: <https://www.cllaj-martinique.fr/> and <https://www.facebook.com/CLLAJMartinique>

A FEW TIPS

♦ Short-term housing

• The **Centre International de Séjour Martinique (CISM)**, offers accommodation and fosters international exchange.

Address: CISM, rue Ernest Hemingway, ZAC Etang Zabricot, 97200 Fort-de-France.

Contact: 05 96 39 09 09.

Trilingual website: <https://www.cis-martinique.com/>

• The **Foyer de Jeunes Travailleurs Les Cycas**, a residence for young workers, is also open to students. Address: Les Cycas, rue des Rameaux,

ZAC de Chateauboeuf, 97200 Fort-de-France.

Contact: 05 96 75 56 30.

Site: <http://www.fjtccycas.com/>

• **For other types of temporary residences, use the Martinique Tourist Office search engine:**

<https://www.martinique.org> > Planifier votre séjour > Les hébergements.

♦ Long-term housing

• **The Antilles et Guyane CROUS** (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires - Regional Center for University Services) for **student housing**. Address: Cité universitaire de Schoelcher, 97275 Schoelcher.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8am to 12pm.

Contact: 05 96 61 36 73.

Site: <https://www.crous-antillesguyane.fr/international/>

• Private Housing Platforms

Other offers for student lodging, managed by private organisms, are also available in Martinique.

Try these **sites**:

- <https://www.cap-logement-etudiant.com>

- <https://www.immojeune.com>

Don't forget to check websites that republish ads from **local real estate agents**, for example:

<https://www.97immo.com>

• There is also **Lokaviz**, a site managed by CROUS, which includes a listing of student accommodations in private homes: <https://www.lokaviz.fr/>

• **Shared Leases**: consult *La Carte des Colocs*, a national site for shared leases that's free and simple to use: <https://www.lacartedescolocs.fr/>

• **Other solutions available on the Campus France site**: www.campusfrance.org > Getting Organized > Accommodation.

♦ If you need a guarantor to secure your lodging

Visale is a new and free guarantor system: www.visale.fr

♦ If you want to file an application for APL funds (Aide Personnalisée au Logement, or personalized housing aid)

CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales) can check your eligibility: 32 30 or www.caf.fr

♦ If you need housing adapted to your special needs

Contact the CROUS Social Services which will take action with your institution.

Some establishments have specialized services for students with disabilities (assistance for housing, and also transportation and tuition).

The **Relais Handicap** at Pôle Martinique, the Martinique campus of Université des Antilles, accompanies newly enrolled disabled students, upon their arrival at the university:

<http://www.univ-ag.fr> > Formation > l'Université des Antilles > Les études en situation de handicap.

The CROUS, at your service everywhere

Do you need any help and/or advice, somewhere to eat or to live, a job - or do you just want to find out all there is to know about student life? Then the CROUS is what you need!



The CROUS (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires - Regional Centre of University and School Services) has branches in all major French university towns.

It manages university halls of residence and canteens, allows you to meet social workers, and offers cultural activities and job opportunities.

GETTING AROUND IN MARTINIQUE



When travelling to Martinique from North America, Europe or the Caribbean, you are likely to fly in directly to Aimé-Césaire international airport in Le Lamentin (near Fort-de-France): <http://www.martinique.aeroport.fr/> To travel into the center of Fort-de-France from the airport, you can take the TCSP bus (Martinique Transport network). Schedule: <https://www.martiniquetransport.mq/>



Although the public transport network is rather underdeveloped on the island, buses run by the **Martinique Transport** network serve various locations in central Martinique (Fort-de-France, Lamentin, St-Joseph, Schoelcher): <https://www.martiniquetransport.mq/> The **ETUD** card allows students to travel at a reduced rate.

To travel longer distances around the island, you can use the **Vedettes tropicales** boat service which links up places around the Bay of Fort-de-France: <http://www.vedetestropicales.com/>



You can also use an app called **Batché** ('On board' in Creole) which gives various transport options (ride-sharing, taxis, shared taxis, chauffeured vehicles, etc.) for travelling around Martinique: <https://www.batchecaribbean.com/>



FIRST THINGS FIRST /

ENROLLMENT IN YOUR INSTITUTION

◆ CVEC

Before you can enroll in your institution, you must download proof of payment of the Contribution Vie Etudiante et de Campus (CVEC) – the student and campus life contribution fee.

- Log in at: <https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>

- For additional information and special cases:

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Getting Organized > CVEC.

◆ Confirm Registration

Take note! Even if you have a pre-registration letter, you are not officially enrolled. You must confirm your enrollment with the institution's Service de la Scolarité (Admissions) as soon as you arrive.

RESIDENCE PERMITS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

• If you have just arrived in France on a long-term VLS-TS student visa: you must **validate it online as soon as you arrive in France**, on the ANEF (Administration numérique pour les Etrangers en France - Digital Administration for Foreigners in France) website. This validation must be carried out within the three months following your arrival: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

• If you have Algerian citizenship or you are a student holding a "concours" visa or a visa bearing the mention "carte à solliciter dans les deux mois" ("card to be requested within two months"): your request for a residence permit must be carried out at the Préfecture.

• If you hold a "mineur scolarisé" ("minor in education") visa and you have since attained your majority, you must request a residence permit directly on the ANEF website or at the *préfecture* of your place of residence within the two months following your attaining the age of legal majority: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

Please note: if you wish to renew your residence permit or VLS-TS, you must make your request during the third month preceding the date of end of validity of your current residence permit, on the following website: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

The following tutorial can help you with this procedure: <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/tutorials-to-help-international-students-in-their-application-process>

• Your institution's student support services can assist you in case of any difficulties.

To find out more about your rights and obligations: <https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N110>



PRACTICAL INFORMATION /

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

If you stay in France for more than 3 months, it will be much easier day-to-day if you open a bank account, **online or in one of the bank agencies located in Fort-de-France**.

In France, opening a bank account is a right: www.service-public.fr > Argent > Comptes bancaires (Droit au compte).

ACCESSING HEALTHCARE

Accessing healthcare in France is almost free, but you must be insured. **You must therefore be registered with the national health insurance programme.**

Please go to the <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr> website to register, understand your rights and to carry out the requisite procedures.

Learn more:

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Getting Organized > Health.

As a student, you can also take advantage of the **university medical services**. In these health services where consultations are free, you'll be greeted by a team of doctors, nurses, and social workers who can give personalized advice in terms of health and prevention.

This is the case for the Martinique Campus at Université des Antilles which has its own Service de Santé étudiante (SSE), or Student Health Service, on the Schoelcher campus.
Contact: 05 96 72 73 15.
Website: <http://www.univ-ag.fr/vie-des-campus/medecine-preventive>
Students enrolled at other institutions in Martinique should contact their place of study.

TAKING OUT COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH INSURANCE ("MUTUELLE")

We recommend you take out complementary health insurance in order to cover the totality of your healthcare costs, which are not all covered by the compulsory and free national health insurance programme.

Please note: options and levels of insurance vary from one insurer to another. In order to choose the complementary insurance that is best adapted to your situation and your budget, you can access more information on a student "mutuelles" price comparison website.

INSURE YOUR HOME

In France, housing insurance is mandatory.

The "garantie risques locatifs" - rental risk guarantee - is housing insurance which you can subscribe with your bank or a private insurance company. Online subscription is also often possible.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SAMU: Call 15 Emergency Medical Services

Police emergency: Call 17 in the event of violence, theft, robbery.

Fire Department: Call 18 in the event of fire, gas leak, water damage, natural catastrophe, or traffic accident.

Call 112: European emergency services number that's accessible from anywhere in the European Union in addition to the French numbers above.

LEARNING FRENCH

Learning French is an opportunity that's not to be missed!

Find what works best for you:

- by consulting the Campus France site or the Français Langue Etrangère (FLE) - French as a foreign language - centers and universities which offer courses at all levels year-round:

<https://ecolesdete.campusfrance.org/#/main>

FINDING A JOB OR WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT

It is important that you have sufficient financial resources to come and study in France.

Working in France as a foreign student is possible within limits, namely for a maximum duration of 964 hours per year. This can therefore only be a way of earning **supplementary funds**.

Please note: to work in France, if you are not a citizen of the European Union, you must hold a valid **student residence permit**.

To help you find a job or work experience placement, useful websites:

- **Université des Antilles** has set up a careers and employment platform **PARI**. It can be used to find temporary work or internships: <http://pari.univ-ag.fr/>

- the **Jobaviz website**, run by the **CROUS**, can help you find a student job compatible with your studies: <http://www.jobaviz.fr/>



THINGS TO DO IN MARTINIQUE /

TAKE UP A SPORT

In your institution, contact the Service des Sports for free access to sports facilities.

At Université des Antilles, the Service Universitaire d'Activités Physiques et Sportives, the University Service for Physical and Sports Activities (SUAPS) offers around twenty different sporting activities for students, irrespective of ability: <http://www.univ-ag.fr> > Vie des campus > Sport.

At the start of each academic year, Fort-de-France town council and student associations organize an event to show students which sports and activities are available to them: <https://www.fortdefrance.fr> > Foyal actu > Agenda.

Martinique's local authority (CTM) supports all different sports activities and organizes a number of events: <http://www.collectivitedemartinique.mq> > Politiques territoriales > Sport.

BE ACTIVE

Attend cultural and sporting events, or join a social or community group, through one of the numerous

local or national student clubs and associations. To learn more, check with your school (Service de la vie étudiante, Student Services) or visit the following sites: www.animafac.net or www.letudiant.fr

Student associations at Université des Antilles in Martinique, ensure that campus life is never dull: <http://www.univ-ag.fr> > Vie des campus > Vie associative.

CULTURE AND NIGHTLIFE

Movie theaters, concerts, theaters, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students.

For more information, see the City of Fort-de-France website: <https://www.fortdefrance.fr> > Foyal actu > Agenda.

The Service Culturel at Université des Antilles - Martinique contributes to artistic education and promoting culture among the student population: <http://www.univ-antilles.fr> > Vie des campus > Culture.

Entertainment and cultural options in

Fort-de-France and elsewhere in Martinique:

- one major, multi-screen movie theater in Schoelcher, (student rates, rewards card), and an arthouse theater, Tropiques Atrium.
- 10 museums, including several science museums, with reduced rates for students:
 - . The Earth Sciences Discovery Centre (CDST) in St-Pierre: <http://cdst.e-monsite.com/>
 - . Martinique's Departmental Museum of Archaeology and Prehistory in Fort-de-France: <http://www.collectivitedemartinique.mq> > Politiques territoriales > Culture > Musées.
- 5 major theaters and concert venues, including the nationally recognized Tropiques Atrium: <https://tropiques-atrrium.fr/>
- around ten bookshops, including Librairie Antillaise and Librairie Kazabul.
- a network of around twenty libraries and multimedia libraries on the island: <http://mediatheques.collectivitedemartinique.mq/> and the Université des Antilles university libraries: <http://bumartinique.univ-antilles.fr/>

In Martinique, for going out or staying abreast of current events, consult:

- **France-Antilles Martinique, the island's daily regional paper:** <https://www.martinique.franceantilles.fr/>

- **the Tourist Office's agenda:**

<https://www.martinique.org> > Planifier Votre Séjour > Agenda.

TOP ATTRACTIONS /

The town of St-Pierre in Martinique, which was destroyed by the volcanic eruption of Mount Pelée in 1902, was recognized as a "Town of Art and History" in 1990.

- The historic town-center of Fort-de-France, behind the port, with its colonial architecture, the Place de la Savane and Fort St-Louis.
- The Schoelcher library in Fort-de-France, a listed historic building, with Art Nouveau-inspired metallic architecture.
- Balata Botanical Gardens in Fort-de-France, beautiful tropical gardens.
- Habitation Clément in Le François, a museum, garden and rum distillery, part of the island's cultural identity (to be enjoyed with moderation).
- Mount Pelée and the village of St-Pierre, with its highly moving ruins and the Franck-Perret Volcanological Museum retracing the catastrophic eruption in 1902.
- The Savane des Esclaves in Les Trois-Ilets, with traditional huts or "cases".
- La Caravelle Nature Reserve, where walkers can enjoy unspoiled natural surroundings.
- Beaches and water-sports: Les Salines, Grande Anse Bay, the beaches on Ste-Anne peninsula, Anse-Figuier, Dufour Cove (Anse-Dufour), etc.

For more information, consult the Martinique Tourist Office website: <https://www.martinique.org>





IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

JANUARY

- Carnival in Fort-de-France, until March, Martinique's most eagerly awaited and vibrant event.

FEBRUARY

- Round Martinique Regatta, this 3-day sailing regatta is also open to amateurs.

MAY

- La Nuit Européenne des Musées (European Museum Night) offers an opportunity to discover museums and other cultural sites all over the island in a new light!

JUNE

- Fête de la Musique: Music everywhere in town (free concerts).

JULY - AUGUST

- Fort-de-France Cultural Festival, an important artistic event with theater, dance, music, exhibitions and conferences.
- Biguine Jazz Festival, featuring local and international artists for 5 days in 5 different venues.
- The Foyal Color Run in Fort-de-France, an alternative and colourful sporting event!
- Tour de la Martinique des Yoles Rondes, Martinique's most important sports event.

SEPTEMBER

- **Journée d'Accueil des Nouveaux Etudiants (JANE)**, organised by the university at the beginning of the month.
- Les Journées du Patrimoine (heritage days), free visits of cultural venues.

OCTOBER

- **Erasmus Days**, a Europe-wide festival you won't want to miss, organised at the university for international students.
- Martinique Surf Pro, international professional surfing competition.
- Musiciennes en Martinique Festival, classical music and Caribbean harmonies.

NOVEMBER

- **Science festival**, scientific tours and activities in a variety of venues to get people involved.
- Martinique Jazz Festival, with musical legends and rising stars of the jazz world.

DECEMBER

- Christmas market and celebrations in Fort-de-France, with the *Chanté Nwel*, concerts featuring traditional Caribbean Christmas songs.



**& SHARE
PARTICIPATE**

To stay informed and attuned to others and the world, to share and dialogue with students, follow **social media** where Campus France has an especially strong presence!

*Don't forget to join the **France Alumni** network. Take part in discussion groups on various subjects, take advantage of cultural outings, and consult job and internship offers.*



THINGS TO KNOW

MARTINIQUE IS A CARIBBEAN ISLAND

and a Territorial Collectivity of the French Republic, one of the French Departments in the Americas (DFAs) and one of the outermost regions (ORs) of the European Union

MARTINIQUE

365,000 residents
8,000 students

FORT-DE-FRANCE

80,000 residents

**THE ISLAND'S MOST POPULATED CITY,
THE CAPITAL OF MARTINIQUE**

UNIVERSITÉ DES ANTILLES IS A

**MULTIDISCIPLINARY
UNIVERSITY WITH
TWO DISTINCT
CAMPUSES OR
"PÔLES" IN
MARTINIQUE AND
GUADELOUPE**

Pôle Martinique of Université des Antilles:

5,500 students
including 5% international students



UNIVERSITÉ DES ANTILLES (MARTINIQUE AND GUADELOUPE):

14,000 students, 25 research structures, 2
doctoral schools, 300 doctoral students, including
10% foreign students

Most of the information presented in the Campus France City Information Sheets concerns all international students regardless of their institution.

In France, in each of the host cities, most foreign students study at universities. Accordingly, the City Information Sheets attach great importance to them without overlooking the other higher education institutions even if it is not possible to list them all here with their specific information.

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