

# Guide for Incoming Students

## 5.3. VARIATION DES PRIX

- En fixant le revenu et le prix d'un des deux biens (par exemple le prix du bien 2), on peut étudier l'impact du changement du prix du bien 1 sur l'équilibre du consommateur.



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# Welcome to the Faculty of Economics



**Dear incoming students,**

*The University of Montpellier is one of France's leading universities. It is the 6th largest university in France with a population of over 43,000 students. It is a diverse, multidisciplinary institution which takes considerable pride in its history.*

*The Faculty of Economics is a department of the University of Montpellier, it has a reputation for academic distinction in teaching and research.*

*The campus, within walking distance of the city center, sits on the banks of the river Lez, and offers living and sporting facilities (a gym, sports hall...) as well as a vibrant student atmosphere. The university library (BU) is a large spectacular feature of our campus.*

*We have been welcoming international students from all over the world for many years, and our students are also active in international exchanges.*

*We are delighted that you have chosen the Faculty of Economics for your exchange experience. Studying abroad will give you a competitive edge, and living in France will give you the added benefit of a cross-cultural perspective.*

*As an international student, we know that your time in Montpellier will be exciting, challenging, and academically rewarding.*

*We look forward to welcoming you to the Faculty of Economics!*

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**University of Montpellier**

We hope this guide will give prospective and/or future incoming students an overview of the most important items you need to know about the French higher education system, the different administrative departments you will have to be in contact with during your stay, and provide you with some useful information to assist you during your time in France.

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# Teaching and Grading Methods

We operate the ECTS credit system. You will receive a transcript at the end of your stay showing the courses you have studied.

## **Lectures / Cours Magistraux (C.M.)**

Lectures are taught by renowned academics that cover core concepts in Economics. Students are evaluated at the end of every semester.

For International Students, lectures account for 4 ECTS.

## **Tutorial classes / Travaux Dirigés**

In the tutorials, students are divided into smaller working groups (20 to 30 students), and work on specific issues and projects. Attending tutorials is mandatory once you sign up. Teaching assistants check the students' attendance.

Grades are based on attendance, class participation, and presentations made in class.

Tutorials account for 2 ECTS.

## **Grading System**

The French grading system uses a 0 to 20 grading scale. All the grades are assigned out of 20.

The highest possible grade is 20/20, and the lowest possible grade is 0/20. Hence, the average grade is 10/20, which is the minimum grade required to pass.

Depending on the grade a student gets, the following honours are assigned :

- 10 to 12/20 : «mention passable» = pass
- 12 to 14/20 : «mention assez bien» = satisfactory
- 14 to 16/20 : «mention bien» = good
- 16 to 18/20 : «mention très bien» = excellent
- 18 to 20/20 : «félicitations» = excellent with honours

## **Enrolling in courses**

Students needn't formally enrol in the courses they have selected. They only have to attend the courses and sign up for the exam.

Concerning tutorials, international students attend the tutorial in question and inform the lecturer they will be attending his tutorial ; the lecturer will sign them up for the exam.

For each semester, students need to sign up for taking exams both at the «Service de la Scolarité» (for the courses given at the Faculty of Economics), then at the «Bureau des Relations Internationales» (and include courses taken in other faculties of the University of Montpellier).

The form to be filled in is called **Fiche de Notes**.

# Administrative Registration

As you arrive at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Montpellier, you will have to confirm your registration at the «Bureau des Inscriptions» (Office of the Registrar).

This procedure is **compulsory**. It will allow us to edit your Transcripts of Records and will allow you to benefit from adequate insurance coverage.

As part of the Erasmus + programme, you will only pay €5,10, and will have to provide the following documents:

- Registration file to be withdrawn in the corresponding service ;
- Copy of your ID (or passport) ;
- Copy of European Health Insurance Credential ;
- Letter of Acceptance (provided by the International Relations Office of the Faculty) ;
- Third-party Insurance ;
- Accepted forms of payment : Credit Card, Cheques, no cash accepted

For students coming from outside the European Union : During the administrative registration you will have to register with one of the compulsory Student Health Insurance provider : MEP or LMDE.

The total cost for the administrative registration of a **non-EU student** is of €215,10 (in 2015-2016).

The University of Montpellier offers students the possibility to practise sports for approximately €40 per year.

This subscription gives you access to the indoor and outdoor facilities of the university during the academic year. For more information concerning Sports at UM, follow this link :

<http://www.umontpellier.fr/vie-etudiante/sport/>

## La Maison des Etudiants

La Maison des Etudiants (which translated literally means «the Students' House») is dedicated to the promotion of various cultural activities on campus. There, you will find a gym, a concert hall, a cinema, a workspace, etc.

Throughout the year, movie nights, concerts, plays, conferences, etc. are held at the Maison des Etudiants. You may also organize your own event !

# Academic Calendar

	Beginning of Lectures	Beginning of Tutorials	End of Courses	Exams	Exams 2nd session
Semester 1	Monday September 5th 2016	Monday September 12th 2016	Saturday November 26th 2016	from December 5th to 16th 2016	from May 22nd to June 2nd 2017
Semester 2	Monday January 3rd 2017	Monday January 16th 2017	Saturday April 1st 2017	from April 18th to 28th 2017	from June 19th to 30th 2017

## **Suspension of Courses**

- Half-term break (Vacances de la Toussaint) : from October 24th (end-of-day) until November 2nd 2016 (in the morning)
- Christmas : from December 17th 2016 (end-of-day) until January 3rd 2017 (in the morning)
- Half-term break : from February 11th 2017 (end-of-day) until February 20th 2017 (in the morning)
- Easter Holidays : from April 1st 2017 (end-of-day) until April 10th 2017 (in the morning)

**Reading Weeks - November 28th to December 3rd 2016**

**April 10th to April 15th 2016**

**Semesters last approximately 12 weeks each.**

# Health Insurance coverage

When studying abroad it is essential to be adequately covered in the event you require medical assistance.

Outside of any exchange programme (such as Erasmus+), students are compelled to register with a student health insurance provider (MEP or LMDE), with an annual cost of approximately €215 for all students under the age of 28. This annual contribution is paid with the tuition fees at the Faculty of Economics, and the student health coverage providers will be the link with the «Sécurité Sociale» (French national health coverage system).

The «Sécurité Sociale» covers 70% of medical expenses, and the additional insurance called «mutuelle» will cover the remaining 30%.

Here are some helpful links to contact health insurance providers :

- Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie (CPAM) :
- La Mutuelle des Etudiants (LMDE) :
- Mutuelle Etudiants Provence (MEP) :

Once you have registered with a student health insurance provider you are free to choose your «médecin traitant» (general practitioner), and fill in an information form that you will have to send to your health coverage provider.

A general practitioner visit costs around €23, and €21 will be reimbursed.

## Living Expenses

**Here is an estimate of the budget a student should have on a monthly basis, provided that the student does not benefit from University Accommodation.**

Expenses	Budget
Accommodation / Rent	200 - 400 €
Food	200 €
Transportation	30€
Telephone + Internet	30 - 40 €
Leisure items, travel, etc.	50 - 200 €
<b>Total</b>	<b>510 - 870 €</b>

*Budgeting for your living and day-to-day expenses will vary according to your needs.*

*Source : COMUE Languedoc-Roussillon*

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# Accommodation

The city of Montpellier is renowned for being one of the main student cities in France, hence it comprises several halls of residence spread through the city, that are managed by the CROUS (Central Accommodation Office managing University Residence Halls).

Here is a map of the different university residence halls :

[http://passculture.crous-montpellier.fr/montpellier\\_227](http://passculture.crous-montpellier.fr/montpellier_227)

We do our best to help students live in a fully student-focused environment.

However, the Faculty of Economics is given a limited number of student apartments, and you may have to find an apartment on your own. The following websites may help you :

- [www.leboncoin.fr](http://www.leboncoin.fr)
- [www.appartager.com](http://www.appartager.com)
- <http://www.e-colocation.fr/>
- [www.crij.org/annonces/logements.html](http://www.crij.org/annonces/logements.html)
- [www.loc4loc.com](http://www.loc4loc.com)

*Finding accommodation in the private sector in Montpellier can be long and complicated, so you should start looking as soon as possible.*

## Bank Accounts in France

As soon as you have enrolled at the Faculty of Economics, you should be able to open a basic bank account (current account), which usually provides a cheque book, a credit card, and internet banking.

This will allow you to pay your rent, to receive housing benefits (ie. financial help - APL) and the reimbursement of medical expenses from the CPAM (Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie), etc.

Owning a credit card (carte bleue) will allow you to make purchases and withdraw money from ATMs all over the country without paying additional charges to your bank.

### **Documents to provide to open a French bank account:**

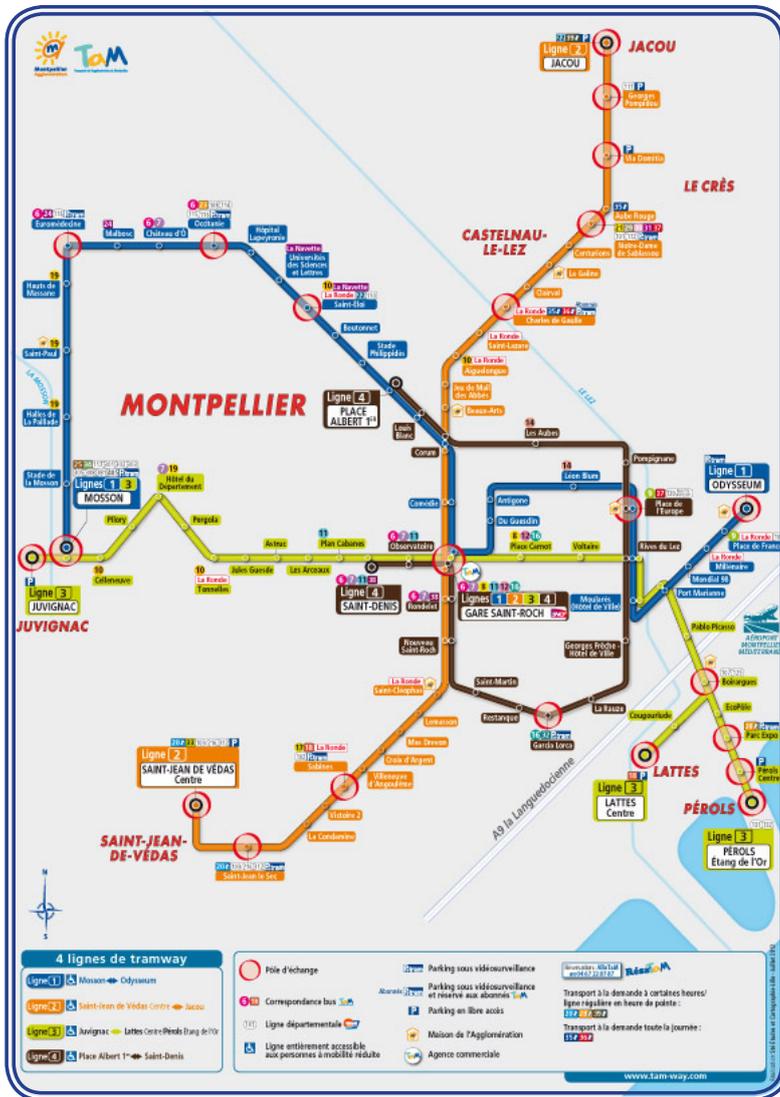
- Proof of identity (passport or European ID) ;
- Proof of residence ;
- Proof of enrollment (certificat de scolarité) or student card.

Most banks offer a «Welcome Package» to new students, which consists of 50€-70€ directly deposited on your new bank account.

Some banks may also provide you with tenant's insurance for your accommodation.

# Getting around Montpellier

Montpellier can be easily covered by foot, and is a bike-friendly city with cycling paths that lead to the beach !



Public transportation in Montpellier is handled by TAM (Transports de l'Agglomération de Montpellier).

The map on the left shows the 4 tramway lines you can use to get around the city.

Many bus lines serve the city, you will find all the information you need on the TAM's website :

<http://www.tam-voies.com/#>

All of the TAM's different fares are available on their website.

With a flat fare, you will have access to all the tramway and bus lines, as well as the city bikes : Vélo'Magg



## Going further

If you want to make the most of your stay here in Montpellier, you are bound to travel outside the city to discover our beautiful region. You may use various means of transportation such as :

- **Car pooling** : This means of transportation consists in sharing a car with another traveller, many websites allow you to find travel partners ([www.blablacar.fr](http://www.blablacar.fr), [www.covoiturage-libre.fr](http://www.covoiturage-libre.fr), [www.laroueverte.com](http://www.laroueverte.com), etc.) ;

- **Train** : In France, SNCF is the only company offering train tickets to get around the country or further!

Website : <http://www.voyages-sncf.com/>



- **Coaches**
- Montpellier also boasts an international airport that connects to Europe and the rest of the world.

# The city of Montpellier

Montpellier is located on the warm and sunny Mediterranean coast. It is both a popular holiday destination and a popular study-abroad destination.



Montpellier is approximately 3,5 hours by high-speed train (TGV) from Paris, and within driving distance of big French cities such as Lyon, Marseilles and Toulouse.

The city is very close to the Mediterranean Sea, which you can easily reach by bus, car or tramway.

Beside the golden beaches, the whole Midi-Pyrénées Languedoc-Roussillon region has a lot to offer: beautiful countryside, vineyards, medieval villages, legendary food and wine, cultural events and a vibrant night-life!

## Culture and Events

Living in Montpellier is a fantastic way to experience French culture.

As one of France's fastest growing cities, Montpellier holds countless cultural events that run throughout the year. It would be impossible to list them all here, but here are a couple:



### **FISE (Festival International des Sports Extrêmes) :**

One of the most famous festivals taking place in Montpellier, usually in May near the Faculty of Economics. It gathers thousands of riders from all over the world for a week of skateboarding, rollerblading, BMX or even wakeboarding contests, as well as lots of concerts, gigs and parties taking place around the event. For more information : [www.fise.fr](http://www.fise.fr)

### **I LOVE TECHNO :** «I LOVE TECHNO»

is a renowned techno music festival taking place at the Parc des Expositions, that welcomes artists from all over the world in December.

More information at : [www.ilovetechnoeurope.fr](http://www.ilovetechnoeurope.fr)



For more information about festivals , musical and cultural events taking place in Montpellier, visit the Tourist Information Centre's website:

[www.montpellier-tourisme.fr](http://www.montpellier-tourisme.fr)

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