Country session: FRANCE

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France: What are the options

Humanities

• Université de Nantes
• Université Poitiers
• Université Lille III (Charles de Gaulle)
• Université Paris III (Sorbonne Nouvelle)
• Université Montpellier (Paul Valery)
• Université Rochelle

... and more
France: What are the options

Science faculty

• Université Grenoble I - Joseph Fourier
• Université Paris V (René Descartes)
• Université Poitiers
• Ecole nationale de la statistique et de l'analyse de l'information
• Ecole Normale Superieure de Lyon

... and more
France: What are the options

Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences

- Université Paris V (René Descartes)
- Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Grenoble
- Université Paris V (René Descartes)
- Université Lyon II (Lumière)
France: What are the options

Leiden Law School

- Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris
- Université Lyon III (Jean Moulin)
- Université Poitiers
- Université Strasbourg (I, II and III)
- Université François Rabelais
- Université Paris II (Panthéon-Assas)
France: What are the options

LUMC

• Université Paris VI (Pierre & Marie Curie)
• Université Strasbourg (I, II and III)
Where to find more information?

• Blackboard > “studeren in het buitenland”
• Website partner universities

Please review your faculty website or contact the Exchange Coordinator at your faculty for more information
Culture

You need to learn French: we are very proud of our language and will probably not be polite if you directly speak in English

Dinner : around 8/9 pm

• Going out later than in the Netherlands (bars closing around 3/4 am and clubs around 7/8am)

• Don’t bicycle in Paris = dangerous
Educational system

What makes it different from studying in the Netherlands?

• September through May (vacations will depend on your university and how you do during exams)
• Grade conversion (out of 20):
• More strict:
• Your teacher (lecture or seminar) should always be addressed in a polite and respectful manner
• Exams
Expenses: housing

Campus housing does not exist in France
- Has to go through CROUS (public student organization) :
  cheap but few spots

You will probably need to find private housing
French people go through estate agencies (Century 21)
Even if you have to pay a fee for them to find an apartment, they will act as intermediary between you and the landlord and will pay for any damage (flood, need to do construction, etc...)
Expenses: food & transport

• Estimated costs for travel and transport
• As a European student you are entitled to many reductions especially for transports and culture (museums, exhibitions, cinema, even H&M)
• Carte Jeune SNCF (costs 50 € a year than all trains are half priced for you
• Most Paris museums are free for students
• Estimated costs for food
• Groceries costs more in cities such as Paris or Lyon but its rather similar than leiden
• Estimated costs of living per month : same that in Leiden
• Don’t forget as European students you have the Erasmus scholarship + social aid from the French state (from 175 to 300 euros per month)
Student life

Big cities are known for their active student life

- Bureau des Eleves, Association Sportive, (Bureau des Arts)
- Being a student is good in France
- Cultural barrier between French and international students
- Beware of French clichés!!
Questions?