

# PRACTICAL STUDENT GUIDE

**Lyon**





# Welcome to the Alliance Française de Lyon

«Sharing a language, bringing cultures together »

Since its creation in 1984, the Alliance Française de Lyon has been teaching the French language, showcasing the richness of French-speaking cultures and promoting intercultural dialogue.

## Back to school:

The start of each session is marked by a **welcome breakfast**, followed by two videos **presenting the school**. You're all invited to join in the fun!

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Back to school à l'Alliance Française de Lyon

# Our services

## Enrolment and accommodation :

Our team is at your disposal to answer any questions you may have about the school, courses, enrolment or pre-registration procedures.

We can also help you with questions about payments and your student card for students staying with us for more than 4 months (please bring a passport photo).

You can also :

- Request a certificate of attendance
- Request our [accommodation reservation service](#) (choose between **university residence**, **host family** or **private hotel residence**)

## Register at :



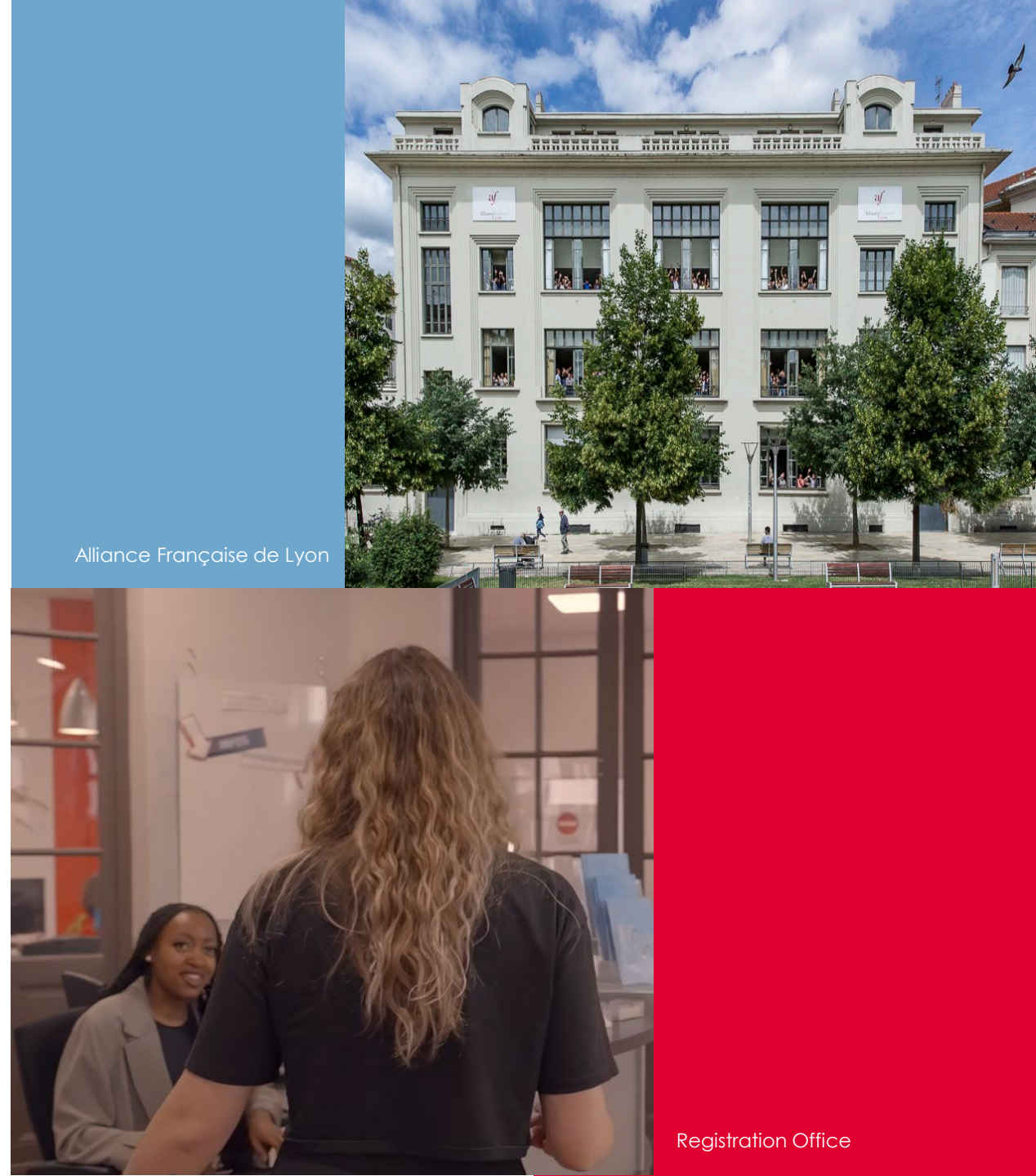
[www.aflyon.org](http://www.aflyon.org)



[info@aflyon.org](mailto:info@aflyon.org)



[11 Rue Pierre  
Bourdan – Lyon 3<sup>e</sup>](#)



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Registration Office

# Pedagogical department

## Courses

In order to guarantee quality training and to provide a good framework, the Alliance Française de Lyon establishes a relationship of mutual trust with its students, based on reciprocal commitments which are specified in the general terms of sale and the apprenticeship contract.

To follow your courses, you will have access to the [Apolearn](#) platform.



## Certifications

The Alliance Française de Lyon is an official examination center for the following tests and exams: TCF TP SO, TCF IRN, TCF Canada, DELF, DALF and DAEFLE. You can register on our website or at the registration desk on Thursdays from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

[+ Find out more](#)

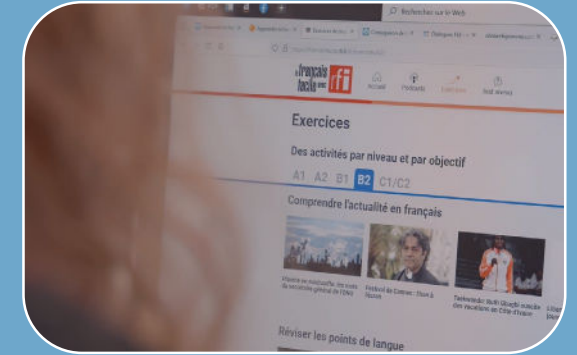




# Other services

## The resource center

Located on the mezzanine, the resource center is a place to study and read. It is open every day from 9am to 6pm for all students enrolled at the Alliance Française de Lyon. You'll find tools to help you consolidate your knowledge according to your level: French methods, grammar and vocabulary books, dictionaries, documentaries, comic strips, audio books, etc.



## Self-service computers & wifi

There's a work area with self-service computers connected to wifi on the mezzanine level (in the hall, above the toilets). If you have your own computer, there's a free wifi connection throughout the facility.



## Join our community



# Other services - FAQ

## Where to eat in the area :

The Alliance Française de Lyon is located in a lively and dynamic neighborhood with many restaurants offering cuisines from all over the world.

-  [Cours de la Liberté](#)
-  [Rue Paul Bert](#)
-  [Place Gabriel Péri](#)
-  [Around Place Guichard](#)



## Where to buy books :

-  [Librarie du Tramway](#)
-  [Librarie Decitre](#)
-  [Gilbert Joseph](#)
-  [Marché des bouquinistes](#)  
(From Monday to Sunday – de 9am to 9pm)



## Where to stay for the first few nights :

-  [Slo Hostel](#)
-  [HO 36 Hostel](#)
-  [Airbnb](#)
-  [Hostel World](#)

# Administrative procedures



## LONG-TERM VISA

**If you are a citizen of the European Union:** all you need is a valid identity card or passport. On arrival, you do not need to complete any formalities with the French authorities.

If you are not a citizen of the European Union, check whether you need a visa on the [France-Visas](#) website. If you obtain a VLS-TS visa (visa longue durée pour études), you'll need to validate it on the [official website](#) when you arrive in France. By paying the tax stamp, you'll be able to stay in the country for the agreed length of time. More information on the [Campus France](#) website.



## STAY PERMIT

If you have a VLS-TS visa and plan to continue your studies in France next year, you must apply for your [residence permit](#) no later than 1 month before your visa expires.

A **Students Welcome Desk** is organized in September and October to help you with administrative formalities. It is located at the [University of Lyon](#). More info on Facebook. You can also visit the [Préfecture du Rhône website](#), or go directly to the office without an appointment, Monday to Friday, 9am to noon (we strongly advise you to arrive at least 15 minutes before the doors open, as they are very busy).

Our tip: you'll need to buy tax stamps. You can buy them [online](#) or at a tobacconist's (where you buy cigarettes and newspapers).



## MAIL

In France, the vast majority of administrative formalities are carried out by post. To find out more about the services offered, click here. The nearest post office to the Alliance Française de Lyon is [150 rue Pierre Corneille 69003 Lyon](#). This post office also has an automatic change machine (we don't make change at reception).



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Students at the Alliance Française de Lyon



## HEALTH

In France, Sécurité Sociale reimburses your medical expenses if you are ill, injured or hospitalized. If you are enrolled at the Alliance Française de Lyon for more than 80 hours of classes/month for a period of more than 3 months, you can benefit from free French Social Security health insurance. To benefit, you need to register online.

**Please note:** international students staying less than 3 months are not covered by French Social Security. If you are in this situation, we advise you to take out health insurance in your country of origin, or a French insurance policy that will be valid in France for the entire duration of your stay.

### How do I register for Social Security?

- Register on [etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr](https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr) as soon as you receive your registration/education certificate, and before you arrive in France.
- You'll need to submit a number of supporting documents ([see full list](#)).
- Then follow these steps to gain access to the French healthcare system.
- There is no need to take out private insurance in your home country.



## WHAT IS STUDENT STATUS?

If you are enrolled at the Alliance Française de Lyon for more than 80 hours of classes per month and for a period of more than 3 months, you are entitled to student status: :

- Benefit from specific student advantages (reduced fares on public transport, cinema, theater, etc.; access to CROUS cafeterias).
- Free health insurance (Sécurité Sociale).

**Please note:** if you have a VLS-TS, this document authorizes you to work part-time (60% of annual working hours, i.e. 964 hours) in France.



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## BANKING

If you plan to stay in France for a long time, we advise you to open a French bank account:

- Avoid paying bank charges
- Have a bank card and checkbook. This is necessary to pay your rent and other administrative expenses
- Benefit from housing assistance and reimbursement of medical expenses. Some banks offer free fees for the first year and/or free home insurance.

BNP Paribas has a special offer reserved for Alliance Française de Lyon students (subject to conditions). Documents to provide :

- Proof of residence in France
- Your student card (or letter of acceptance).
- Your valid passport or identity card.

Our branch : [BNP Lyon Saxe Gambeta](#)



## WORKING AND VOLUNTEERING

You can work in France on a part-time basis (up to 60% of the legal working week - i.e. a maximum of 964 hours per year) if you are :

- Holder of a student visa
- Enrolled at the Alliance Française de Lyon for at least 4 months of 80 hours of classes per month.

*Consult job offers on :*

- The notice board in the stairwell on the left as you enter
- [France Travail](#)
- Indeed : Emploi

*Consult our volunteer offers on:*

- The notice board located on the left-hand side of the stairs on the ground floor as you enter the building.
- Info Jeunes Lyon (Regional youth information council)

# Getting around Lyon



## TCL Lyon

The company that manages public transport in Lyon is called [Transports en Commun Lyonnais \(TCL\)](#). The network includes 4 metro lines, 2 funicular lines, 7 tramway lines and 136 bus lines.

Passes: tramway stops and metro stations have a vending machine where you can buy tickets and renew your TCL pass.

It's possible to pay for a bus ticket using your credit card. If you're staying in Lyon for more than a month, we strongly advise you to take out a season ticket. You can order it on the website (Click&Collect) or buy it at a [TCL branch](#).

See [prices here](#).



## VéloV

To get around town and discover the city, use "[VéloV](#)".

This bike rental system lets you use a bike 24/7. Lyon and Villeurbanne have around 350 stations.

[See what's available here.](#)



## Other transport

### Airport

[Saint-Exupéry airport](#)

### Trains

[Lignes SNCF](#)

[Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes](#)

[Rhône Express](#)

### Bus

[Eurolines](#)

[Flix Bus](#)

[BlaBlaCar](#)



# Cultural life

Season tickets

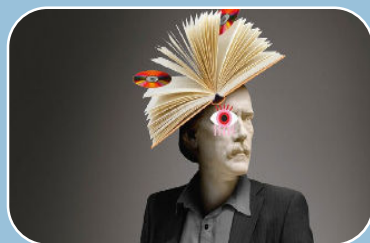
## Museum cards



The Carte Musées gives access for one year to the 6 municipal museums (list on the link below), for both permanent collections and temporary exhibitions. It also gives access to the Musée des Confluences (€6) and the Musée Jean Couty (€4) at a reduced rate.

[To find out more](#)

## Culture Card



The Carte Culture gives you access for one year to temporary and permanent exhibitions in Lyon's 6 municipal museums, as well as to the entire loan service of the Lyon Municipal Library.

[To find out more](#)

## Culture pass



The Pass Culture offers 4 tickets to shows over a whole cultural season, in 57 cultural structures in the Lyon metropolitan area, plus discounts for the Nuits Sonores festival. It is sold exclusively to students on presentation of a student card (or school certificate) for the current year, at a price of €18.

[To find out more](#)

## Art cinemas



Lyon, the cradle of cinema, has a few must-see addresses for discovering French and foreign films, often independent films in their original version with subtitles.

- [Institut Lumière](#)
- [Les Cinémas Lumières](#)
- [Le Comoedia](#)

# Further information

## Sports and trails



In addition to the [Tête d'Or](#) and [Parc Blandan](#) parks, you can also play sports on the banks of the Rhône, take advantage of the bike paths, [swimming pools](#) or use the [Sport dans la Ville](#) fields.

The City of Lyon also recommends a number of discovery trails grouped together in an app.

[To find out more](#)

## Boutiques et shopping



In France, most stores and supermarkets close on Sundays and public holidays. Check opening hours before you go shopping. To find the best addresses, consult the Lyon shopping guide.

[To find out more](#)

## Visit the region



Lyon is ideally located 2 hours by train from Paris and 1h40 from the Mediterranean coast and the Alps. The region offers magnificent natural landscapes (high mountains, vineyards and valleys, volcanoes, lavender fields, etc.) and numerous UNESCO World Heritage sites (Hospices de Beaune, Chauvet-Pont-d'Arc cave in Ardèche, etc.).

[To find out more](#)

## Meet the people of Lyon



### Lyon City Greeter

Lyon City Greeter Make an appointment with a Lyonnais for a free guided tour of the city. [To find out more](#)

### iStudent Lyon

This association organizes activities and excursions. [To find out more](#)

### Erasmus Cosmo Lyon

A host organization for international students, it offers the "[Buddy System](#)" sponsorship system, which aims to put you in touch with a French student.

[To find out more](#)



# Emergencies

European emergency number (SAMU) _____	112
Medical emergencies _____	15
Pompiers _____	18
Police _____	17
On-call medical centers _____	04 72 33 00 33
SOS Médecins _____	04 78 83 51 51
Poison control center _____	04 72 11 69 11
Dental emergencies _____	04 72 10 01 01
Info SIDA (HIV/ AIDS) _____	08 00 84 08 00
Gas safety _____	08 10 43 31 42
Electricity safety _____	09 72 67 50 69



## NIGHT PHARMACIES

### **Grande pharmacie Lyonnaise (24h/24h)**

Except Sundays from 19h-00h

22 rue de la République 69002 Lyon - Métro Cordeliers

### **Aprium Pharmacie des Gratte-Ciel (24h/24h)**

Except Sundays from 19h-00h

28 avenue Henri Barbusse 69100 Villeurbanne - Métro Gratte-Ciel



## HOSPITALS

### **Hôpital Edouard Herriot**

5 place d'Arsonval 69003 Lyon - Metro Grange Blanche Hôpital

### **Lyon Sud Chemin du Grand Revoyet**

69310 Pierre-Bénite - Bus 88

### **Hôpital de la Croix-Rousse (24h/ 24)**

103 grand rue de la Croix-Rousse 69004 Lyon - Métro C Hénou

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