

International students – practical information

You will find here some information that will help you upon your arrival to France. If you have other questions, you can reach us by email at: lasensive@univea-residences.fr

What do you have to pay to get an apartment?

- There are administration fees to pay at the reservation: **170€**
- The monthly rent of a studio apartment is **439€** (charges and water included – free internet).
- In addition to the rent you have to pay the electricity: about 30€ per month ; the garbage collection tax: about 90€ per year.
- And the security deposit: **439€**. The security deposit is given back to you less than 2 months after your departure. When you leave, if the apartment isn't as clean as it was when you arrived, or if something is broken, the price of cleaning/repairing is taken from the security deposit.

What is provided in the apartment?

- A bed of 80 by 200 cm with a mattress
- A nightstand
- A desk
- A set of bookshelves
- A table
- Three chairs
- Closets and storage units
- A TV table
- A bathroom with toilet
- A kitchen

In the kitchen you have:

- A fridge
- Electrical cooking plates
- A microwave oven
- Cupboards

What do you necessarily have to bring with you or to buy here?

- A mattress cover
- A blanket
- A pillow
- Bedcovers
- Pots, cutlery, glasses, etc...
- A cable RJ45 to connect to the internet (there are some to buy at the residence: 5€)

In the residence La Sensive we give you free access to the Bike rack and to the Gym. We also have a paying Laundry room (Washing: 3,20€ - Drying: 2€).

We can lend you a vacuum cleaner, iron and iron board.

CAF (Caisse d'Allocations Familiales)

The CAF is an organization of the French government which gives a financial support to all students living in France. You will receive a certain amount of money (at least 170€) every month called ALS (Allocation Logement Social).

To get this help, you need to get a request form and fill it. You can download it online (www.caf.fr) or go get one at the CAF office (the address is: 22, rue de Malville).

There is a page called "Attestation de loyer", you need to drop it off at the office of the residence, we'll fill it and give it back to you, then, you can send the request form.

Remember that you can only make this request after your arrival in France and once you have open a bank account.

Local Residency Tax (taxe d'habitation)

You are a student: you are not exempt from the local residency tax (taxe d'habitation). For the tax authorities, you fulfill the following condition: "*Official occupant of an apartment as of January 1st of the current year.*" However, find out at your local tax center whether you are entitled to a tax cap or an exemption based on your income... When you are a foreign student you are supposed to get an exemption.

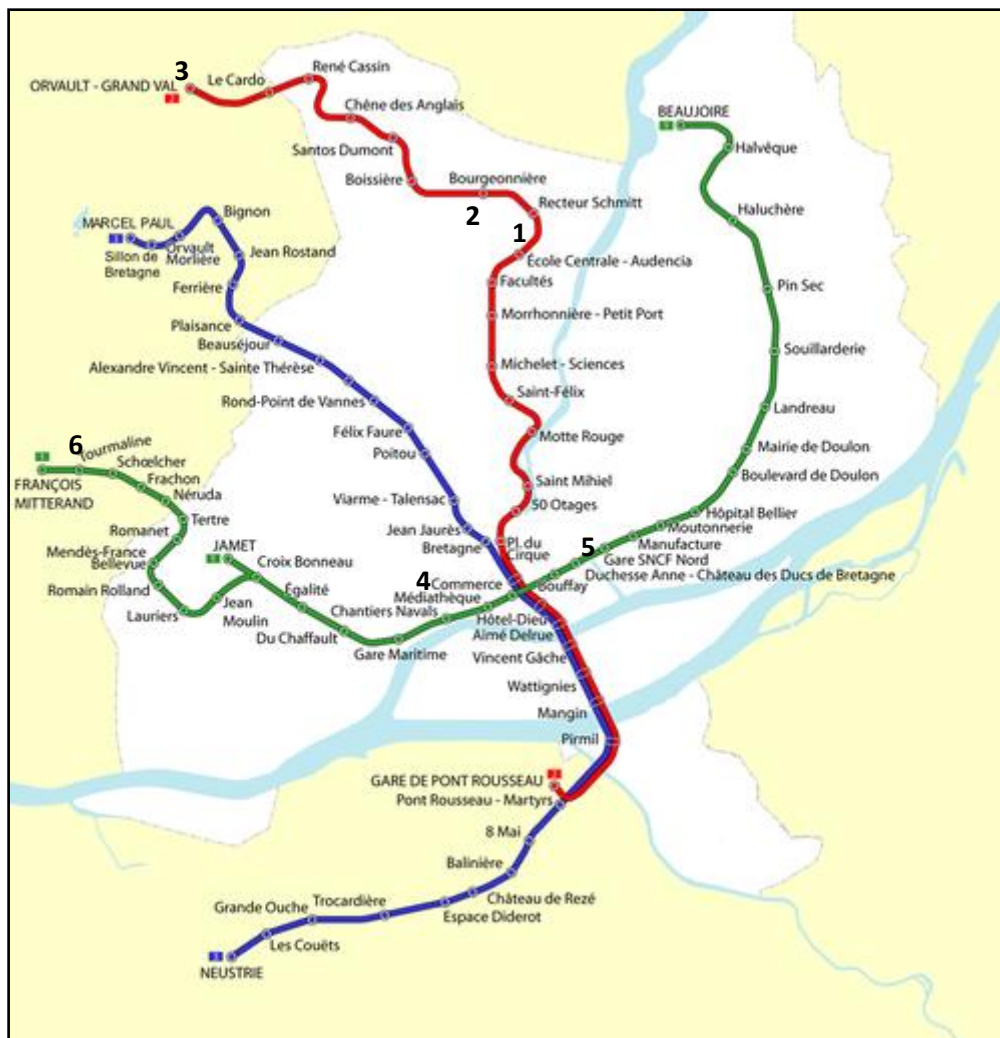
Transport - Commun transport

The TAN is the company that organizes the public transport network around Nantes and its surrounding suburbs. It enables you to travel by Bus and Tram. Transport services work every day (exception made of the 1st of May, Christmas, demonstration days, etc...) from 4.15am until 0.30 the next day (2.30 am on Saturday).

In order to travel legally you have to use a ticket. There are tickets that last for an hour, a day, a week, a month or a year depending on what need.

An hour ticket is valid for the bus and tram one hour after you stamp it when you get on the tram/bus (there are orange machines you slide your ticket into as soon as you get on).

- The bus stop in front of the residence is : **Rivière**
There are five bus lines stopping there: 73, 75, 80, 86, E5
- The nearest tram stop is **Recteur Schmitt** on line 2. You can go there walking (12minutes) or take 1 bus stop.



1 - Recteur Schmitt

2 - Bourgeonnière: Super U (small supermarket)

3 - Orvault Grand Val: end of line 2, E.Leclerc (Big supermarket)

4 - Commerce: Center of Nantes, junction of the tramways 1, 2 and 3

5 - Gare SNCF Nord: Main train Station

6 - Tourmaline: Atlantis (shopping center) IKEA, Decathlon...

The bank system

In France the banking system is a little different in comparison with most of the other countries

1. Cheque:

Indeed, a very useful, quite indispensable, and very widely used means of payment is what we call a "cheque". It is often used instead of cash or when you can't pay with a credit card. In the residence, we only accept cheques and cash, it is therefore very important for you to open an account as soon as possible when you arrive in France.

Also you have to learn to write out a cheque and to learn to use cheques by making sure there is enough money on your account. The cheque will not be cashed most of the time for 2 or 3 days after you wrote it, this can lead to a few difficulties if you're not careful. The bank will refuse to pay the cheque if your account doesn't contain enough money and make you pay extra money for it.

The bank will provide you a cheque book (small book of cheques) when you open an account with them.

2. RIB

A R.I.B is the abbreviation for "Relevé d'Identité Bancaire". It's a paper on which your bank account number is written. The bank gives you some of them when you open your account. You need to give one to the residence on the first week after you arrive. The CAF will also ask you one.

3. How to write out a French cheque

La Banque

Payez contre cheque **1** *trente euros et 20c* € **2** *30,20*

A **3** *Bill Jones* **Fait a** **4** *Nantes*

Payable en France Mme J Smith
Le grange
55555 Centre Ville **Le** **5** *14/02/09*

Signature **6** *J. Smith*

1 Payez contre cheque: This is where you fill in the amount on a French cheque - you can write the cents in letters or numbers. You can use the line below if needed.

2 €: the amount in numbers goes here - don't forget that in France it is normal to use a comma instead of a decimal point

3 A: Fill in the name of the person you want to make the cheque out to

4 Fait a: In here you write the name of the city that you are writing out the cheque in

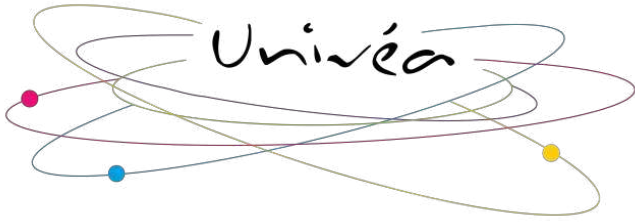
5 Le: This is where the date goes

6 Signature: Sign here

Insurance

In France, it is compulsory to insure the apartment you are renting by an "assurance logement" or "assurance habitation multirisques". Your bank can provide it to you, or you can subscribe one online at www.assurances-etudiants.com.

RESERVATION FORM



Résidence Univéa La Sensitive
1, boulevard Einstein
44300 NANTES
Tél : 02 40 40 86 54
lasensitive@univea-residences.fr

Send back to lasensitive@univea-residences.fr

- ☐ Information form (next page)
- ☐ Scan of your passport
- ☐ Scan of your school inscription

Bank transfer to book the apartment (bank account details below)

- ☐ 170€ for administration fees
- ☐ 439€ for security deposit

➤ **Total of 609€***

*fees related to bank transfer are charged to the tenant.

When you get to the residence, bring to the office:

- ☐ An ID picture
- ☐ The first month rent (by cheque or cash)
- **On your first day at the residence you will need to sign the lease, the initial inventory and state of repair, and to receive the keys (appointment needed)**

On your first week

- ☐ Bring us your apartment insurance proof
- ☐ Bring us your French RIB

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Bank's name : **Banque Populaire Atlantique**

Bank's address : **10 Rue de l'Hôtel de ville 85190 Aizenay – France**

Account's owner name : **SARL UNIVEA**

Account's owner address : **9, rue Maurice Edgar Coindreau 85000 LA ROCHE SUR YON – France**

DOMICILIATION : **BP Atl. AIZENAY – 00843**

CODE BANQUE : **13807**

CODE GUICHET : **00820**

NUMERO DE COMPTE : **30121808365**

CLE RIB : **34**

IBAN : **FR76 1380 7008 2030 1218 0836 534**

ADRESSE SWIFT (BIC) : **CCBPFRPPNAN**

INFORMATION FORM

Miss ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐

Last Name :

First Name :

Address :

Postal (Zip) Code :

City :

Country :

Home tel. :

Cell Phone :

E-mail :

Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year) :

Marital Status :

Home School :

Income (job, student, scholarship) : €

School you are going to study in France :

Level of studies:

Apartment type : Studio ☐ T2 ☐

Roommate? (T2 only) No ☐ Yes ☐ (Name:

Desired check-in date (Day/Month/Year) :

Length of stay :

How did you hear about the residence?

RESERVATION

"I am aware of the fact that if I cancel my reservation for any reason, the administration fees will not be reimbursed to me. The security deposit will be reimbursed, however, if there are any fees related to the bank transfer, I am aware that Univéa will not be charged for it."

In

Date

Sign here