

1. In September I am fed breakfast and dinner with my family and am fed lunch at the University for "free", correct?

http://lan.illinoisstate.edu/studyabroad/angers_faqs.shtml

Does my family know that? How does the school know to give me "free" lunches?

In September, I assume that students think that their lunch is "free" because their tuition, lodging and food are prepaid.

2. October to June I am completely on my own for meals. Does my family know that?

If you did not pay for meals with your family then Cidef knows this and so does your family.

3. Do I get a University ID card?

Cidef gives you an ID card one of the first days that you are there.

4. Do I have the same family both semesters and do they know I'm staying for two? Do I stay with them for Christmas?

You should have the same family for both semesters. You should be able to stay there at Christmas, but you can double-check this with Laurence once you're there.

5. I receive a stipend each month from the secretary according to http://lan.illinoisstate.edu/studyabroad/angers_faqs.shtml How much is that approximately?

The stipend that you receive each month is based on the exchange rate from dollar to Euro. It is approximately 350 Euro. You will have to open a bank account in Angers, upon your arrival.

6. What are the personal expenses used for other than food and toiletries?

Personal expenses really depend on your own particular needs, but you should definitely include travel in that. You may have to pay for laundry. Textbooks cost approximately 50 Euro.

7. The estimated cost says that 5 excursions are included but online says there are 3 excursions?

There are 5 excursions in September.

8. How do I get local transportation?

Your host family will tell you how to set up local transportation (get a tram/bus card). Otherwise, I'll put you in touch with a previous Cidef student

9. In the packet UCO sent me, it says "rent is due at the beginning of every month" but that doesn't apply to me, right? Because that cost is in my Accommodation cost?

Rent should be paid directly by Cidef for you.

10. What is the Housing Insurance once I am there that the packet said I needed to buy? Why did it say I needed 3 different forms of insurance?

One former student said "It was suggested we buy housing insurance by the school, but no one did. Some host parents will require it if they had issues with past students, but if the family says nothing it's fine." You may need this insurance. Cidef said: "For the insurance, she will have to pay a "home insurance" and a "third party insurance". We will give information to the students upon their arrival."

11. When should I buy my train ticket to get from the airport to Angers?

You could buy your train ticket now on sncf.fr or you could wait until you land and buy it in the airport/train station.

12. What is the medical examination that the packet is talking about where I have to get medical examination in Nantes?

List of things to do right when I get to France:

-buy jeune carte

-fill our O.F.I.I. and turn in to the secretariat -French banking _rent bike -get Housing Insurance (?)

Students there for more than a semester have to complete the immigration (ofii) forms in Nantes (Office of immigration). (I have attached step by step instructions on how to get there if she wants it) the medical exam is to prove that you don't have tuberculosis or anything of that nature. The other students were mad that I didn't inform them ahead of time that women are required to take off undergarments and walk across the room to get an X-ray, so a woman should prepare herself for that.

First, students have to complete a form (given by the French consulate) and bring it to the secretary of Cidef. Then, the student will receive an invitation for a medical examination in Nantes.

Gare SNCF Noed

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dir. François Mitterrand
(vers la gauche)

↳ descende Commerce

↳ Tram n°3
dir. Newstère

↳ descende à 8 Mai -