

PREPARE YOUR STAY AT CIDEF

VISA

Foreign citizen at CIDEF who wish to come and stay in France must have a visa. The visa must be asked for before departure, in the country of residence at the consulate or embassy.

The type of visa required to enter France depends on the duration of and reason for the stay :

- Short stay visa (visa Schengen) : less than 90-day long stays (3 months). This visa allows you to stay in France and in the other countries of the Schengen area.
- Long stay visa to study (D visa) : more than 90-day long stays. To study at CIDEF for one or two semesters, you will need the long stay visa. Ask for this visa to Campus France administration in your country at least two months before departure.

For more information, contact the visa department of the French consulate in your country.

<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/venir-en-france-22365/formalites-d-entree-en-france>

If you want to stay longer to study in France afterwards, you can renew your long stay visa asking for a residence permit at the Angers Prefecture. This request must be done two months before the end of your visa : <http://vosdroits.service-public.fr/particuliers/F17279.xhtml>

ARRIVING IN ANGERS

If you arrive from Paris : Angers is located 1h45 from Paris Montparnasse and 2h30 from Paris Aéroport Charles de Gaulle by train.

From the Roissy Charles de Gaulle airport station or from Paris Montparnasse station, take a high speed train (TGV) towards Angers St Laud. Information : <http://www.voyages-sncf.com/>

PLACEMENT TEST AND INTEGRATION

A placement test assessing your oral and writing skills is carried out at CIDEF on the first day. It permits to choose the right group for you, the group corresponding to your level.

You will be given the paper and pen for the test. After the test, you'll be offered a special integration program with a visit of the university and of the town.

The following days, we'll organize several meetings for you to help you integrate and organize your life in Angers : administrative information, pedagogical advice, certification in French, socio-cultural activities and excursions, sports, etc...

O.F.I.I

Depending on your long stay visa, you will maybe have to fill in the form called : demande d'attestation OFII (Office français de l'immigration et de l'intégration) given to you with your visa by the consulate or embassy. When arrived in Angers, you will have to fill in the form and to bring it as soon as possible to the CIDEF Secretariat. We will send them to Rezé, near Nantes and within the following three months, you'll receive an invitation for a medical examination in Nantes.

INSURANCES

Three different insurances are mandatory.

Health Care insurance

All students are required to subscribe to a Health care insurance for the duration of their stay at CIDEF. Two cases :

- The students from European Community or the Swiss students benefit from the social security coverage. They must get the CEAM card. It is strongly advised to complete this insurance with a complementary health insurance (with the option of repatriation).
- The students from other countries of the world must subscribe depending on the length of their stay :
 - o Less than 3-month stay : subscribe to a private repatriation-health insurance in your home country or in France.
 - o More than 3-month stays for students of less than 28 years old : you must subscribe to the French student health care coverage (sécurité sociale) even if you already have a private insurance in your country. This insurance will cover 70% of your medical expenses. The cost of this insurance is about 215€. The subscription will be carried out at the CIDEF secretariat.

Home insurance

A multi-risk comprehensive home insurance is mandatory if you stay in a family, a foyer or an apartment. This insurance must be subscribed in France, with an insurance company or a bank : around 30 and 50 euros. Allow approximately 30-50 euros.

Third party insurance

This insurance will cover you in case you cause damage to another person during your stay. You can subscribe it in your country before leaving for Angers.

BANKS

If you stay in France a minimum of one semester you must open a bank account in a French bank. This account will help you with your administrative procedures (reimbursement of medical expenses or else, housing allowances, bike rental...). We'll give you several addresses of partner banks.

PAYMENT OF TUITION FEES AND HOUSING FEES

You can pay your tuition fees as follows :

- Before your departure by bank transfer (fees at your expense). Strongly advised procedure. Please ask for your bank information if you wish to use this procedure.
- As soon as you arrive in Angers, at the CIDEF secretariat. We accept payment by credit card (visa, MasterCard), by check in euros, by cash as well as bank transfers.

ESPACE SOCIAL SANTE (health and social services at university)

A housing service is at your disposal at university if you need help or have problems with your housing in Angers.

If you stay one year and if you must take the medical visit of OFII, you'll entitled to some housing allowance called APL (aide pour le logement) granted by the French government (CAF : Caisse d'Allocations Familiales). A form will have to be filled in on the Internet and be then sent to the CAF. The housing service will be able to help you with this.

A nurse is also available on the campus if necessary.

A QUESTION ?

The CIDEF secretariat is always available for any question or help you might need.

Our e.mail address is : cidef@uco.fr

Anne, Laurence, Fabienne and Cécilia, our 4 assistants are at your disposal for any help with your administrative procedures and to facilitate your integration in Angers. Do not hesitate, come to them if necessary.