

Student Handbook

2023-2024

Everything an international
student* needs to know before
arriving in Toulouse



*Special conditions (course registration and program, accommodation, ...) may apply to exchange students which are not described in this guide.

Welcome to TSE

Congratulations on your acceptance to TSE, and welcome!

Toulouse School of Economics is an internationally renowned program with students, researchers, and professors from around the world. It is a program which is continuously growing in quality, and which brings together students from all different educational backgrounds and countries to share in an experience unlike any other.

Your studies here will be filled with new experiences. From inside the classrooms, to the bustling tables of the student cafeteria, and out to the Garonne and streets of Toulouse, you will be surrounded by new knowledge, cultures, food, and friendships.

Included in this brochure is some practical information to help you prepare for your adventures and studies abroad. It will also give you an idea about what to expect when arriving in France and adjusting to the French education system.

Toulouse is an exciting city with lots of lively cultural events and a vibrant night-life. We at TSE are proud to be a part of the greater Toulouse community and are excited to welcome you to our city and program this upcoming year.

We look forward to seeing you here at TSE in the autumn.



Christian Gollier
TSE Director



Stéphane Gregoir
TSE Dean

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Academic calendar

Master Academic Calendar 2023-2024 / **Provisional**

TSE reopening: Monday, 21st August

please note that 15th August is a bank holiday

Preliminary Maths Courses and French Classes (2 weeks)

- **Math Camp:** From Monday, 21st August to Friday 1st September
(Visit TSE School website for more information)
- **French classes:** From Wednesday 23rd August to Saturday 2nd September

1st Semester: from 4th September to 22nd December 2023

- 1st day meeting (M1, M2 ETE/M2 MED/MRes): Monday, 4th September
- 1st day meeting (other M2): Monday, 11th September
- Welcome lunch: Monday, 11th September
- Opening Lecture: Monday, 11th September (5.00pm)
- Autumn Holidays: From 30th October to 6th November
- Exams: From December 11th to December 15th 2023
(until 22nd December for M2D3S and Stat Eco)
- Christmas Holidays: From 23rd December to 7th January 2024

2nd Semester: from 8th January to 6th April 2024 (except MRes, the week of 15th of January)

- 1st day of school: Monday, 8th January 2024
- Winter Holidays: From 19th to 25th February 2024
- Exams: From 1st to 6th April (M2 ETE: dates to be confirmed later)



Teaching & Grading methods

Lectures

Lectures comprise the majority of a student's schedule, and are taught by world renowned academics. They are 90 minutes long and cover the core concepts and material that is tested during exams at the end of the semester.

Travaux Dirigés (TDs)

Travaux Dirigés (or TDs) are similar to discussion or tutorial groups at other universities. For each course, students are divided up into smaller groups, which generally meet several times throughout the semester. In TDs, students work on problem sets and specific exercises related to the material presented in lectures. Most courses include lectures and TDs.

Travaux Pratiques (TPs)

Travaux Pratiques (or TPs) are similar to TDs but instead, take place in computer labs. Here, students learn how to use computer programs, such as Stata, which are key to the research field of economics. TPs take place several times a semester but are only required for certain courses.

Course Registration and Selection

Depending on the semester, students are required to attend certain core courses, and are given the option to choose between several other electives. Students are able to attend all elective options in the early weeks before making their selections. Sample course syllabi can be found on the TSE website under the program title in the "courses" section.



Teaching & Grading methods

Grading System

1st year Masters' students (M1) are assessed through class participation, homework assignments, papers, and final exams. Grades are given on a scale from 0-20 and a passing grade for a semester is 10 or above. The grading system at TSE is based on an overall yearly average.

To validate the year, first students need to validate units "UE 1", "UE 2", and "UE Internship/Master Thesis", but also get an overall weighted average above 10.

For students who did not pass, re-sit exams will be scheduled and a condition to be allowed to take re-sit exams is based on the weighted average of the year (excluding Internships or Master 1 Thesis grade) is above 8.

1. Weighted average must be between 8 and 10. Students are allowed to retake exams for courses he has not validated (namely the grades he obtained in the courses which are strictly below 10). Students choose in advance the courses for which he wants to retake the exam.
2. "UE 1" or "UE 2" have not been validated. Students choose in advance the courses for which he wants to retake the exam among the ones of the UE he has not validated. In order to validate the unit the new average grade of the unit has to be above 10.

In the second year of the Master (M2), there are exams sessions in December and March. To pass, a student must score at least 10 overall across courses of the first two semesters. They also have to score at least 12 (except for Statistics and Econometrics Master: 10) for their internship or master dissertation and at least 12 for the Master thesis.

The Advanced Research degree in Economics (MRes in Economics) is the second year of the PhD program. Students are expected to score at least 10 for each course and 10 for the preliminary paper defense to continue on in the PhD program.

Program Levels at TSE

TSE has 3 different degree levels and students have the opportunity to apply for entry into any of the 3 levels depending on their qualifications.

- **Undergraduate Studies** (*Entirely taught in French*).
- **Graduate Studies** is the 4th year at university for students in France and corresponds to the first year of a Master program for international students. The Master in Economics lasts 2 years and students should validate both years. At the end of the Master 2 program, students officially hold an internationally recognized Masters in Economics.
- **Doctoral program**: Modeled on the top American Universities. The 1st year is dedicated to the Master 2 ETE that provides rigorous and original courses. For students who continue towards a PhD degree, there is a second year of specialization to provide them with firm grounds to help them write their dissertation and prepare their future researcher career. At the end of the second year, they obtain the Advanced Research degree in Economics (MRes in Economics).



Facilities and services

Internet Access:

Access to wireless Internet is available to all students using their student number and password. Wireless Internet is only available during university hours and in campus range, and is deactivated each night at 8.00 pm.

More information is available in “Mon Dossier Web” (MDW) on the intranet:

You can access and modify your personal information, get a school or registration certificate, or access your grades and results.

Libraries:

There are several university and public libraries available for student. Hours of operation vary between libraries but they are generally open between 9.00 am and 8.00 pm Mon–Fri (5.30 pm Sat). Libraries are not open at night, on Sundays, or during national holidays.

- Information concerning university libraries can be found on the UT Capitole website:
www.ut-capitole.fr
- University Library Electronic Catalog: <http://bibliotheques.univ-toulouse.fr>
- For public libraries locations and hours of operation:
http://www.bibliotheque.toulouse.fr/liste_horaires.html

Printing:

There are two different printing systems currently used at UT Capitole. Upon enrollment at the university, each student is automatically given a certain amount of printing credit free of charge. Computers in any computer lab or computer room of a library will print using this credit account. A student can buy more credit at any time throughout the year.

The second printing system applies to the computers that are in the libraries but not in the computer labs. This system works with printing cards that can be bought and recharged at any card machine. Card machines can generally be found next to any printer. Printing costs approximately 5 cents a page. All photocopy machines run on the printing card system.

Books and Bookstores:

Most students choose not to buy all their books each semester. All necessary course textbooks are available for borrowing at the Manufacture des Tabacs library and can be borrowed for 2 weeks at a time. Students that do buy books generally order online from usual online bookstores or from the local bookstore: www.librairiedeslois.com which carries a large variety of economics books in English. Make sure to order your books as soon as possible at online bookstores because orders can take up to 10 days to arrive.



Facilities and services

Student Cafeterias:

All students in France have access to the student cafeterias (called Restaurants Universitaires) and cafés (called Cafeterias). The cafeteria is open for lunch and dinner, and students are able to choose two side dishes and one hot main course for a discounted price of 3,30€. There are also three student cafes open during university hours (7am to 5pm), located on campus at Toulouse Capitole University, where students can find hot meals, sandwiches, snacks, and beverages.

Students can pay in cash or with Izly on their student ID card. Machines are available in each café and cafeteria to recharge Izly onto a student ID card.

<https://www.crous-toulouse.fr/restauration/oumanger/>

Diplomas:

Diplomas are given to Master 2 graduates, and PhD graduates. Students in Master 1 receive a certificate of achievement at the end of the Master 1 year as well as a diploma 6 months later. Before leaving at the end of the year, a student should stop by the office **AR116 at Toulouse Capitole University** and fill out a form to request that the diploma to be sent directly to the student's home country.

This form must be handed in with a copy of the student ID card, and a self-addressed envelope. Students will then be notified when the diploma has been sent to the **French Embassy in the student's home country**. Students must then go to the French Embassy to pick up the diploma directly. Diplomas are not sent directly to the student's home address.

TSE administration will remind you this procedure in time.

More information on:

www.tse-fr.eu/school-administration ("Diploma" section)

<https://www.ut-capitole.fr/formations/gerer-sa-scolarite/diplomes/retirer-ses-diplomes-707650.kjsp?RH=1321974475788>

Sports activities at TSE:

The Department of Sport (DAPS) at the Toulouse Capitole University offers a choice of 21 activities such as Volleyball, Rugby, Football... to which TSE students can participate. For more information about registration, choice of activities, please get in touch with the DAPS located at the Arsenal building of Toulouse Capitole University or visit: <https://www.ut-capitole.fr/accueil/campus/sport>

Bonus

Practising a sport at the University during the academic year can give you bonus points. Only points above 10/20 are recorded. For more information, you can access the intranet : Mon Dossier Web (MDW).

French classes:

Although classes are taught in English, the program is part of a French university system. Staff in the libraries, cafeterias, bookstores, banks, and accommodation centres may not speak English. Therefore it is recommended to take courses.

- For more information about French courses via the University of Toulouse : <http://en.univ-toulouse.fr/courses/french-foreign-language>
- For more information about French courses at Toulouse Capitole University: http://www.ut-capitole.fr/the-university/academic-and-research-components/department-of-languages-and-civilizations--375737.kjsp?RH=INTERNET_EN&IFRAME=null

Please note that some compulsory French classes are already part of the international masters programs and French classes are also offered within the TSE Toul'box package included.

Facilities and services

Student Associations:

• **BDE – TSE** : The TSE student association is a group of students that has been elected to represent the student body, organize social events, and trips, and sell TSE goodies. It also aims at helping new students to solve problems they may have when they arrive and during their stay at TSE. The student body elects the association members at the end of the previous academic year so that they can organize the buddy program that pairs new students with current senior students, who will give them useful information about the campus and Toulouse. They also use the summer to plan the welcoming “integration” weekend for the new TSE students.

For students that are interested: contact.bde.tse@gmail.com

More information can be found at: www.instagram.com/bdetse/

- **BDS**: TSE student association in charge of sports activities.
- **Say it aloud**: TSE student association in charge of organizing conferences and debates.
- **TSEconomist**: TSE student magazine.
- **TSE Junior Etudes**: TSE student consulting firm.
- **Women in Economics**: aiming at creating a more inclusive environment in economics and at TSE for women.

Student Life:

While the TSE Student Association organizes many events such as the Integration weekend and the End-of-the-Year Gala, students themselves organize many other weekly events usually via Instagram posting:

www.instagram.com/bdetse/

We recommend that you also join your program’s Facebook group (search groups: Toulouse School of Economics), as it has proven to be a great social network for students during the previous years.

www.facebook.com/toulousschoolofeconomics/



The **S**conomist
Student Magazine



**TSE
Junior
Etudes**

Economic consulting



Main Contacts

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Useful maps

Toulouse Capitole University Main TSE sites

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Manufacture des Tabacs - Campus
21 allée de Brienne
31 015 Toulouse Cedex 6
Tél. : +33(0)5 61 63 36 90

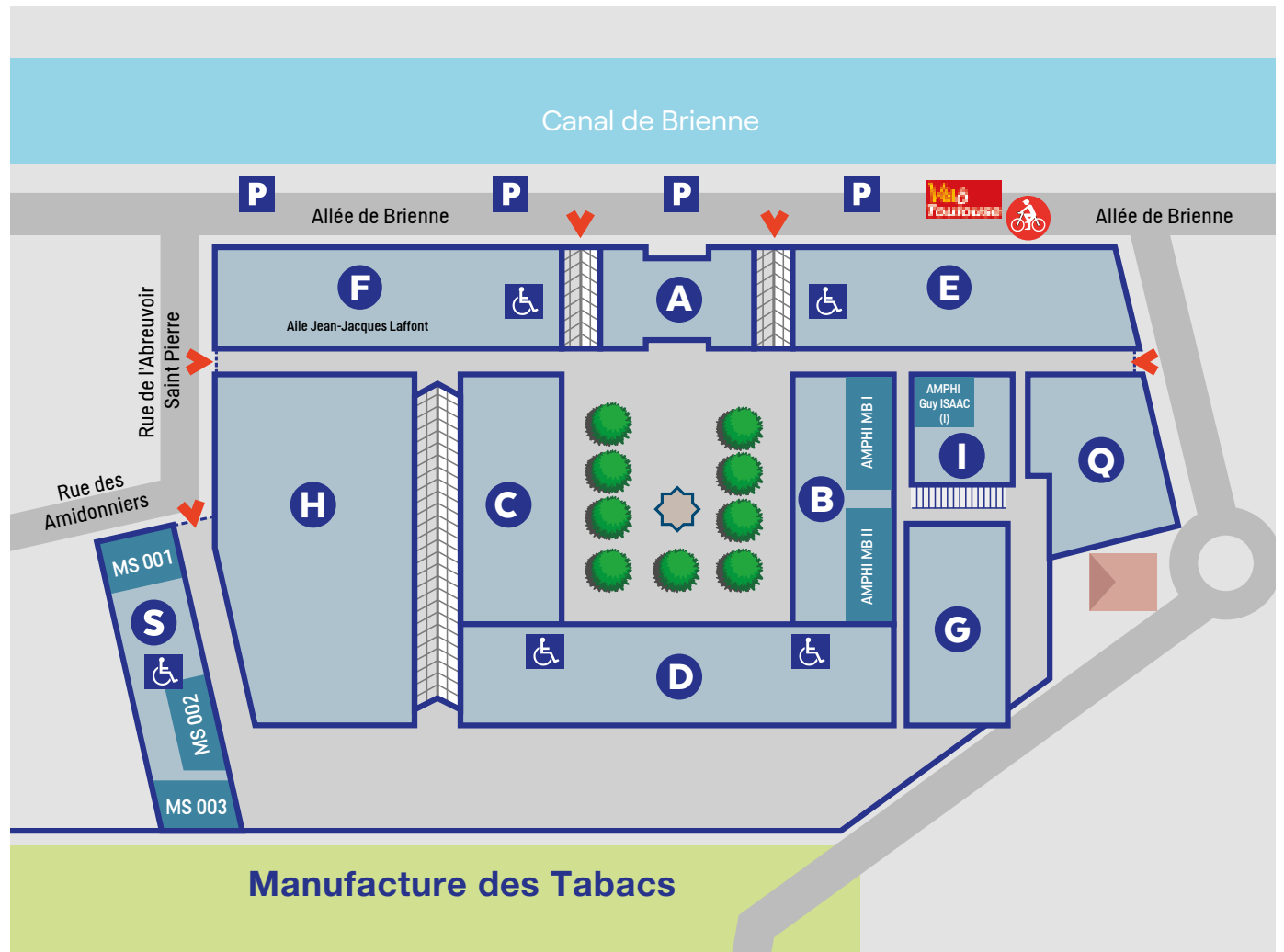
Arsenal-Campus
11 rue des Puits Creusés
31042 Toulouse Cedex 9
Tél. : +33(0)5 61 63 37 98



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Manufacture
des Tabacs - Campus

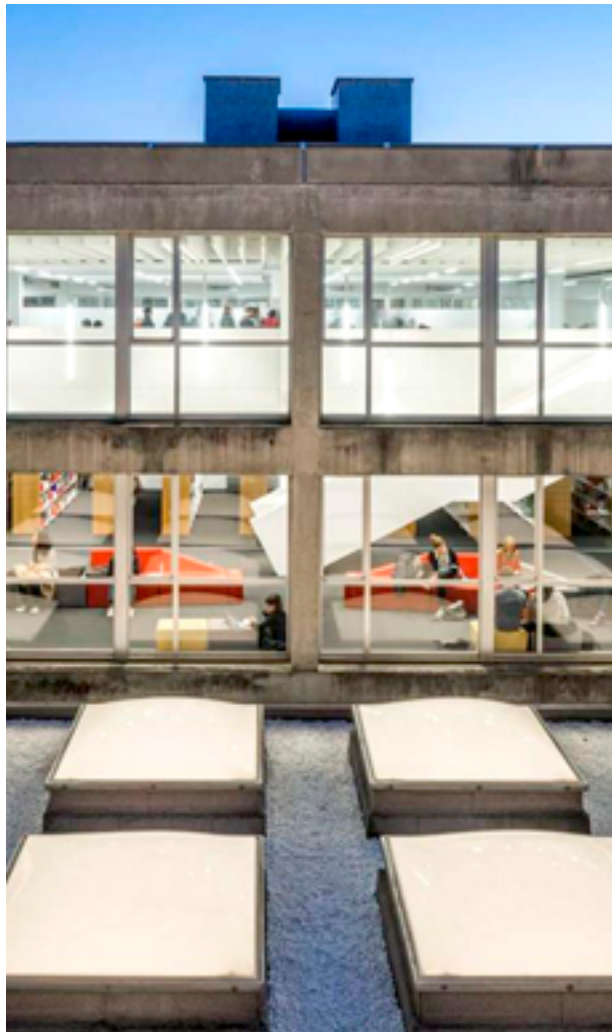
21 allée de Brienne - 31015 Toulouse
Cedex 6 - Tél. : +33(0)5 61 63 36 90



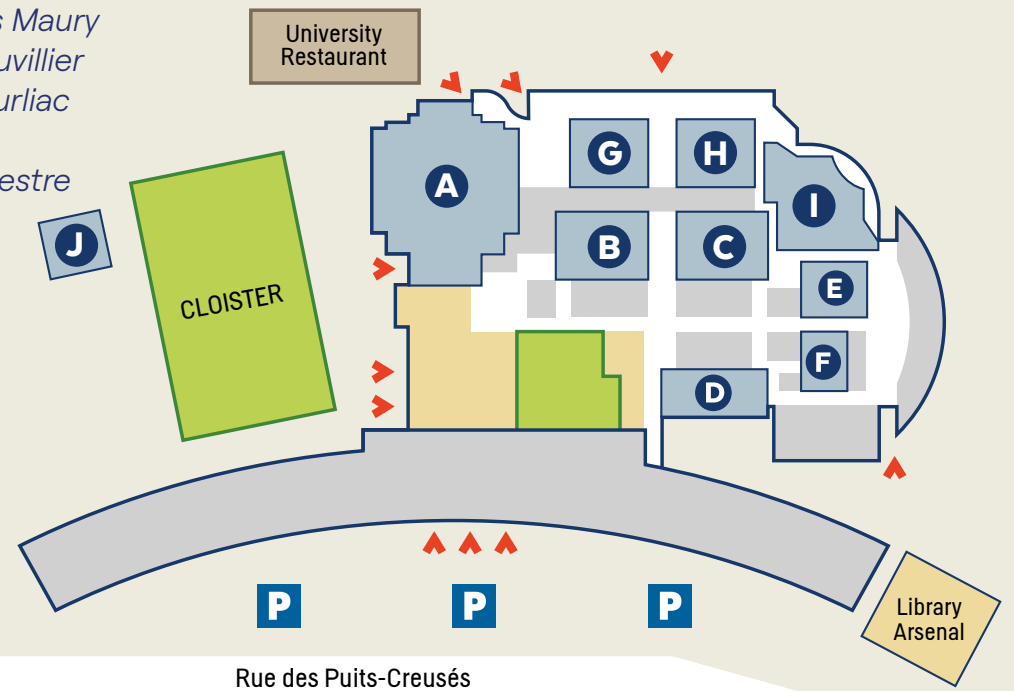
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Arsenal - Campus

11 rue des Puits-Creusés, 31000 Toulouse
Tél. : +33(0)5 34 45 61 03



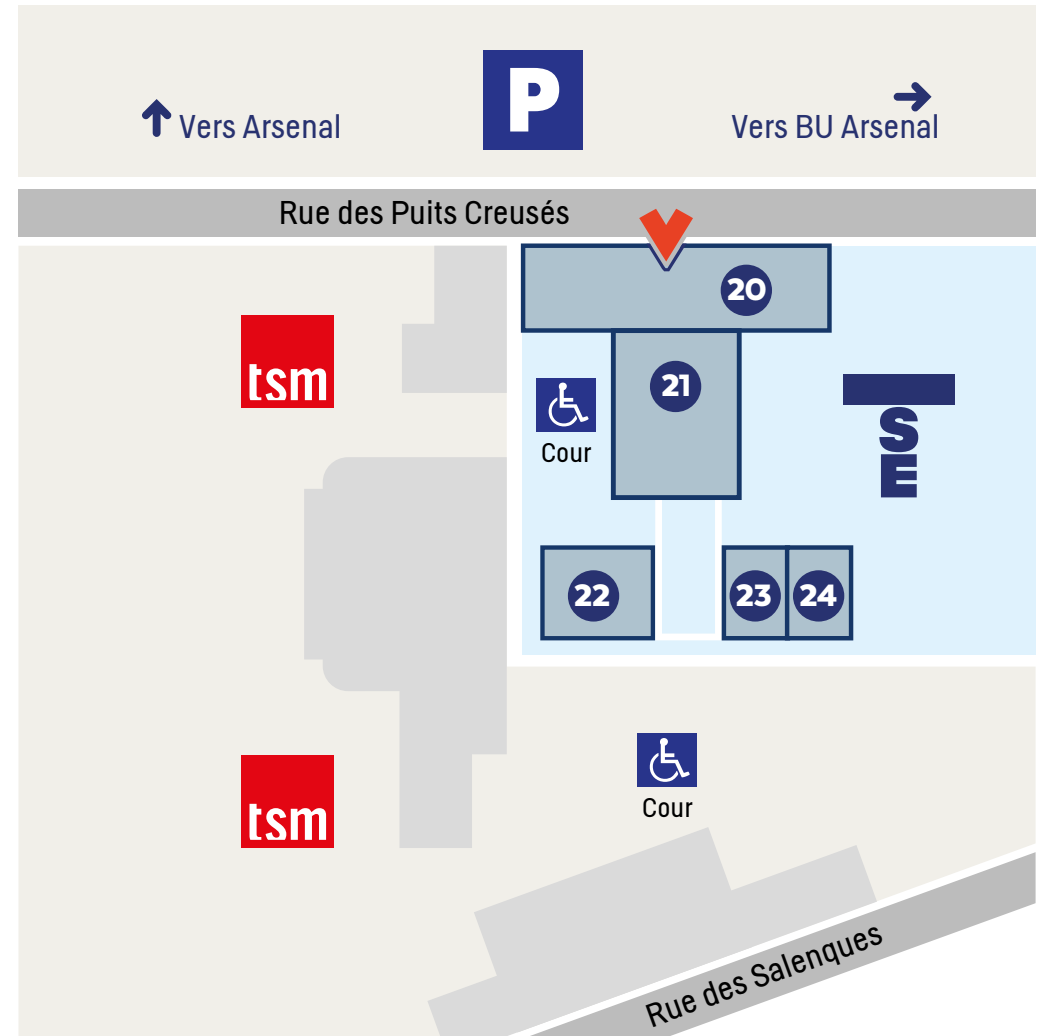
- A - Amphi A, Michel Despax
- B - Amphi B, Pierre Hébraud
- C - Amphi C, Montané de la Roque
- D - Amphi D, Pierre Raynaud
- E - Amphi E, Jacques Maury
- F - Amphi F, Jean Dauvillier
- G - Amphi G, Paul Ourliac
- H - Amphi H
- I - Amphi I, Achille Mestre
- J - Amphi J, Valade



Useful maps

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Student experiences

” *It's a really nice place to be. I've got a big group of international friends, which is quite nice, from lots of different countries and this happened because we had pre-interview, pre-course maths and French lessons, so it was a great chance to meet these people before serious studying started. It was nice when settling in.*

Michael Tallent – Master's student from United Kingdom

” *TSE is situated in the heart of the city near the Pont Saint Pierre. Students can move from academic life to social life simply by stepping out into the streets of the old medieval town. I highly recommend a walk by the Garonne for inspiration and keeping the spirits high.*

Mohar Chaudhuri – Master's student from India

” *I chose TSE because of its academic excellence and because I was interested in the Public Policy and Development Program but also because of the internship opportunity. I really like the city, Toulouse and that everything is nearby; I can cycle from home to the university every day.*

Paulina Rebolledo Guzman – Master's student from Chile



Registration and immigration procedures

It is important to look at visa (or residence permit) requirements to study in France as soon as possible as the visa application process can often take several months.

Residence Permits: Titre de séjour pour les étudiants

Since June 2009, holders of student visas (“*visa de long séjour valant titre de séjour*”) for one year are exempt from requesting temporary residence permits during their 1st year in France. With this new type of visa, one still needs to contact the Office Français de l’Immigration et de l’Intégration (OFII) upon arrival to have a medical exam and the visa approved for residence permit. You will have to pay 77€ to purchase an OFII stamp.

Students who stay longer than one year should come back to Toulouse before the expiration of their visa to renew their residence permit (49€).

You can also get in touch with the Toulouse Welcome Desk if you need help in the visa procedure: welcomedesk@univ-toulouse.fr

Toul’box Packages:

TSE international master students benefit from a specific TSE package including helping them with immigration formalities, accommodation issues, opening a bank account and Airport/train station pick up

https://toulbox.univ-toulouse.fr/en/packages/show/30/?tab=special_package



Registration and immigration procedures

Steps to follow:

1. You are required to pay the CVEC

("student tax") before your registration at the university. Note that the website is only in French: <https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>. If you cannot yet understand French, do not worry, we will help you out!

2. You must register at the university

- *For students fluent in French:*

Registration at the university online via the IA web (the website is only in French). From June 27th until July 19th AND from August 21st until September 1st.

Click here to register online via the IA web:

<http://www.ut-capitole.fr/formations/s-inscrire/>

- *Registration at the university in person:*

From the end of August - beginning of September

Administration procedure in France may be a tricky business... (a lot of information or websites are in French). Do not worry the TSE Admission service will help you out with all the administrative formalities and complete your registration at the university at the end of August!

Before your registration: The TSE Admission Service will send you by email all the necessary information to prepare your registration at the university (CVEC payment, registration form, required documents, date and time of your registration appointment).



Health

Health Insurance

If you are a new international student from outside the European Union:

- You must affiliate to the CPAM (French Health Insurance System) only AFTER your registration at the university.

Please click here and follow the procedure: <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr/#/>

Students from the EU/EEE/Switzerland/Monaco stay covered in their home country via the European Health Insurance Card (excepted Andorra)

Note that you are responsible for your own affiliation!

- This affiliation is mandatory to:
 - get a refund of your medical expenses until 70% of your own expenses for common and benign disease (more serious illnesses and significant surgery are entirely covered by Social Security).
 - be able to take an internship within the European Union
- If you want an additional refund, you may subscribe to a complementary health insurance called “mutuelle” or “complémentaire santé”.

General Medical Information

After signing up for medical insurance, it is expected that students find their own “médecin traitant” or general practitioner, and submit the doctor’s information (a form which is filled out during the first visit) to the insurance company along with a RIB (bank code needed for reimbursements). Students are required to pay for a medical visit to a doctor or specialist up front, and can then submit a form for reimbursement to the insurance company. Medical reimbursements often take more than 6 weeks to come through.

Students are allowed to go to any G.P. and can find the nearest one by googling “médecin traitant” into google maps Toulouse. A visit should cost 25€ for a generalist and around 30 € for a specialist. Insurance companies will reimburse 23€ and 27€ respectively.

It is important to note that without the student’s G.P. information on file, the insurance company will not reimburse the full amount of the doctor visit.



French bank account

Almost all students open a bank account upon arriving in France since a bank account is essential for receiving and making bank deposits (rent, CAF, medical reimbursements, etc.). Also, with a bank account, students receive a Carte Blue, which is necessary for online purchases, recharging a student Moneo account, and for renting a bike with VélôToulouse.

Documents required to open an account:

- Passport
- Proof of address
- Student card or proof of enrollment in a university

Business hours for most banks:

Monday–Friday or Tuesday–Saturday morning, 8:30 –12:00/12:30 and 13:00/13:30–17:00

Banks with several locations and cash machines throughout Toulouse:

- HSBC www.hsbc.fr
- Banque Populaire www.banquepopulaire.fr
- Credit Mutuel www.creditmutuel.fr
- BNP Paribas www.bnpparibas.com
- Credit Agricole www.credit-agricole.com
- LCL www.lcl.com
- Caisse d'Épargne www.caisse-epargne.fr

Generally in France, one does not pay to withdraw money from a cash machine that is operated by a different bank. Instead, banks usually offer incentive points and benefits to their clients to encourage cardholders to withdraw from the cash points specific to that bank.

There are two cash points close to the Manufacture des Tabacs. The closest cash machine is at the corner of Av. Paul Sejourné and Rue des Amidonniers. The other machine is located next to Pub St Pierre at Place St. Pierre.

Please note that the Toul'Box packages also provide help with opening a bank account.



Cost of living

The estimations below give an idea of an average student's overall costs and monthly budget.

Per Month:

- Accommodation: 400€
- Food: 200€
- Electricity & Gas: 40€
- Telephone & Internet: 30€
- Transport
(Tisseo Tube/Bus Pass): 11,20€ (Student between 20 and 25)
- Miscellaneous
(Books, Clothing, Entertainment): 150€

Total Per Month: 831,20€



Important phone numbers

Emergency:

- Police: **17**
- Fire department: **18**
- SAMU (Emergency medical services): **15 or +33 (0)5 34 39 33 33**
- European emergency number: **112**

Utilities:

- Electricity: www.edf.fr
- Gas: www.engie.com
- TV license: www.impots.gouv.fr

Medical:

- SOS Médecins: +33 (0)5 61 33 00 00
- SIMPPS (Inter-university Department for preventive medicine and promoting health): +33 (0)5 61 63 37 25
- Vaccination centre: +33 (0)5 61 22 23 46 - 17 place de la Daurade
- All night pharmacy / drugstore: +33 (0)5 61 62 38 05 - 76 allées Jean Jaurès
- Family planning: +33 (0)5 61 25 54 17 - 95 Grande rue Saint Michel
- Red Cross hotline: +33 (0)8 00 85 88 58
- Drugs / alcohol / tobacco info services: +33 (0)8 00 23 13 13
- AIDS information service: +33 (0)8 00 84 08 00

General:

- Central Post Office: +33 (0)8 99 19 52 37 - 9 rue Lafayette
- Lost and Found: +33 (0)5 62 27 63 00
- Lost credit cards: +33 (0)8 92 70 57 05
- Telephone numbers: www.pagesjaunes.fr



Dates to know

National Holidays 2023 - 2024

- November 1 *All Saints Day (La Toussaint)*
- November 11 *Armistice Day (Jour d'Armistice)*
- December 25 *Christmas Day (Noël)*
- January 1 *New Year's Day (Jour de l'an)*
- March 31 *Easter (Pâques)*
- April 1 *Easter Monday*
- May 1 *Labour Day (Fête du travail)*
- May 8 *WWII Victory Day (Fête de la Victoire 1945)*
- May 9 *Ascension (l'Ascension)*
- May 19 *Whitsun*
- May 20 *Whitsun Monday*
- July 14 *Bastille Day (Fête nationale)*
- August 15 *Assumption*

Festivals and Concerts:

- September *Piano aux Jacobins*
- October *Festival Cinespaña*
Jazz 31
- December *Christmas Market*
- January *C'est de la Danse Contemporaine*
- March *Rencontres Cinémas d'Amérique Latine*
- April *Festival Flamenco*
- May *Fêtes des Berges et du Vélo*
- June *Marathon des Mots, Rio Loco,*
Fête de la Musique
- July *Danse à Toulouse*
- August *Toulouse d'Été*



Toulouse

Located at the heart of south-west France, Toulouse enjoys a privileged geographical location, close to the Mediterranean Sea, the Atlantic Ocean and the Pyrenees.

Administration is located in a brand new building near "Place Saint-Pierre" but most classes will take place in the former tobacco factory nearby. Both buildings are situated between the Garonne River and the Canal de Brienne, and are close to the city's historical center (5 minutes' walk from the Place du Capitole).

Students can thus easily enjoy the charms of the "pink city" with its diverse historical resources, remarkable heritage and a variety of cultural and sports activities on offer. Toulouse is also a business-oriented, lively, young and cosmopolitan city where shops and sunny coffee terraces abound.

Toulouse is also known for its strong economic dynamism and stands out as a hub of excellence for the aerospace industry (Airbus, ATR, Alcatel Alenia Space, etc.). It is also the home of many innovative firms in other industrial sectors such as biotechnologies (Pierre Fabre, Sanofi-Aventis, Ciba-Vision, etc.) and electronics (Continental, Motorola, etc.).

Weather:

In the winter, average temperatures range between 0 and 5 degrees Celsius, with a few falls of snow. The average summer temperature ranges between 20 and 35 degrees with some sporadic heat waves. Most buildings and apartments will not have air conditioning. A rain coat and umbrella is never a bad idea!

Packing List:

- Good backpack
- Warm winter coat
- Camera
- Pocket Dictionary
- Voltage converter / adapter
- Ski clothing (for the TSE ski trip!)



Accommodation

The University of Toulouse (network of 3 Universities and 16 schools in Toulouse) offers “Welcome packages” for international students arriving for the first time in Toulouse. This Toul’Box includes exhaustive practical information, welcome meeting and services (some of them with payment). They have contracted with students residences, phone providers, banks and transports to offer students the best solutions within a range of different budgets, on top of their existing offer of guarantee for accommodation.

For international master students, the school has included a “All In” package that provides hosting solutions among a large range of student housing, flat shares, apartments. An airport or train station pick-up service is also included.



<https://toulbox.univ-toulouse.fr/en/packages/show/15/>

Many students choose to live in studios and T1 apartments right next to the Manufacture des Tabacs. These studio apartments are furnished and range between 350€ - 600€ per month. Leases usually run from September to August. Breakfast service, Internet, and laundry facilities are also available inside the apartment buildings for an extra charge. This is a nice option for those who want to live in a student concentrated environment, close to the university, and are not on a tight budget. Below are the two options next to TSE:

<http://www.estudines.com/uk/> (that are also in partnership with Toul’Box)

<https://www.adele.org/en/residence/urbanarea/toulouse/student-housing>

For those who are comfortable living with flat-mates, are on a tighter budget, or interested in living with local French students, sharing an apartment in the city is also a popular choice.

Apartments can range from 2 to 4 flat-mates and generally come with shared common rooms, an equipped kitchen, and private individual rooms. Prices range between 200€ - 450€ depending on the size, number of flat-mates, and proximity

to the centre city. Those interested should register on the following sites and be proactive about following up and contacting the available listings.

<https://www.appartager.com/?l=1>

A “Garant” is someone who co-signs an apartment contract, and is held responsible for payments if the student defaults on payments. Often, apartment contracts require a Guarantor who is currently working and/or living in France.

Those with difficulties obtaining a Guarantor should refer to the TSE package or the other Toul’Box ones:

<https://toulbox.univ-toulouse.fr/en/packages/show/15/>

Government aid (CAF) up to 170€ a month is also available for students with formal housing contracts. More information on how to qualify and apply for aid can be found at:

www.caf.fr



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Transport

By plane:

Toulouse Blagnac Airport is 8km from the city centre and most international airlines fly into this airport.

<http://www.toulouse.aeroport.fr/en>

Getting to and from Blagnac Airport is relatively easy. The airport shuttle, Flybus (La Navette Aeroport) runs between the central train station, Gare Matabiau, and the airport every 20 minutes, stopping at three different tube stops on the way. A one-way ticket costs 8€ and takes about 30 minutes. <http://www.tisseo.fr/en/airport-shuttle>

You can also go from the Airport to Toulouse city center by tram (T2 line).

Some budget airlines such as Ryanair fly into Carcassonne International Airport and there are several direct trains between Carcassonne and Toulouse each day operated by SNCF. <http://www.aeroport-carcassonne.com/en>

By train:

The central train station in Toulouse is Gare Matabiau - SNCF and is located next to the tube stop Marengo-SNCF. www.sncf.com

By bus, tube or tram:

Toulouse has two convenient tube lines that run through the centre of the city, and an extensive bus and tram system connecting the city centre to nearby suburbs. A standard one-way trip costs 1,80€, but students under 26 can apply for a "moins de 26 ans" Tisseo card. With this card, students have 10 rides for 4,50€. Students 26 and older can apply for a student card, and can have 10 rides for 9,80€. Monthly passes are also available to students under 26 years for just 11,20€ per month. More information about how to apply for a discount Tisseo card can be found at: <https://www.tisseo.fr/en>

By Bike:

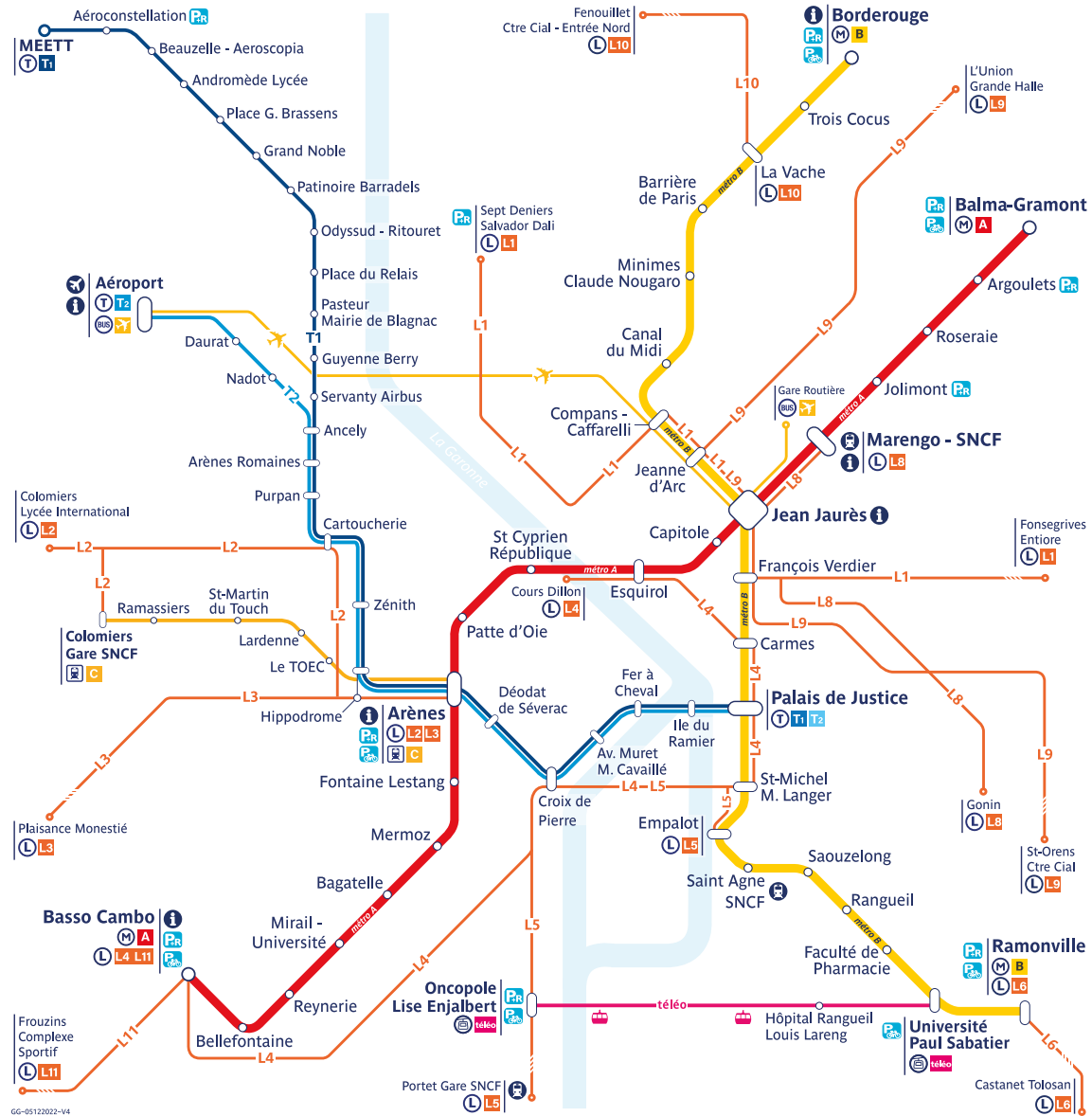
VélôToulouse is a very convenient and easy-to-use bike system with bike stations located throughout the city. For 1,20€ a day or 20€ a year, students can borrow a bike from any station, and return it to any other station. VélôToulouse has become extremely popular over the past year and is now a common mode of transportation for getting to and from the university during the day, or out to the bars late at night. www.velo.toulouse.fr

More information about Toulouse transport : <http://www.toulouse.fr/web/guest/en-un-clic/moments-de-vie/>
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www.tisseo.fr/se-deplacer/plans



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