



WELCOME TO MINES NANCY

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE



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DEAR
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT, WE ARE
DELIGHTED TO
WELCOME YOU
TO MINES NANCY!



François Rousseau,
Director of Mines Nancy

Here you will benefit from a century of educational innovation, internationally acknowledged professors and the very innovative concept of ARTEM bringing together technologies, design and business.

In today's world, education should not aim at bringing you skills for a specific job you would do for the rest of your life. You will be expected to renew your knowledge regularly throughout your career. The education you will get at Mines Nancy is in accordance with this new way of working.

At Mines Nancy, you will acquire technical skills and get prepared to live in an ever-changing world, by developing your leadership, creativity and innovating skills. This will allow you to broaden your views and tackle challenges in all their complexity.

During your stay at Mines Nancy, you will not only enrich your professional experience but also discover a different culture and a different way of thinking, get to know France and French people and become more confident and independent.

This Student Guide has been specifically designed to help you prepare your stay and smoothly integrate into the dynamic atmosphere of Mines Nancy.

Prepare yourself to be challenged, excited and inspired! I look forward to meeting you on our campus.

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Mines Nancy is one of the leading engineering Grandes Écoles widely acknowledged both at a national and international level.

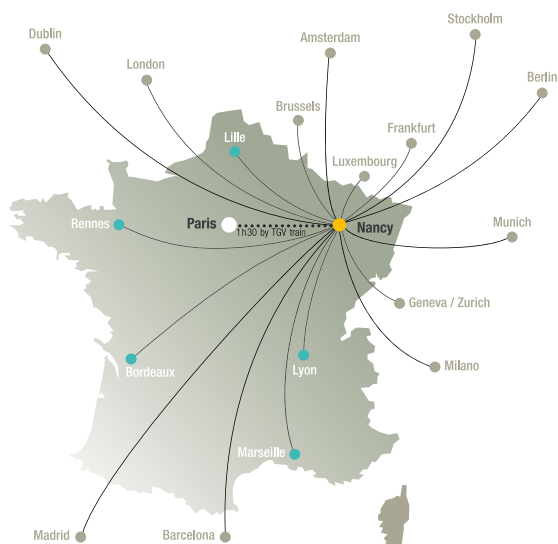
It is located in Nancy, a beautiful city in the East of France. Nancy is known as the former capital of the Duchy of Lorraine and famous for its cultural landmarks and exclusive Baroque and Art Nouveau architecture.



Nancy is one of France's most vibrant cities with more than **60,000 students from all around the globe**. Being inspired by its creative student population, Nancy offers a great variety of entertainment and leisure activities, bars and restaurants, museums and art galleries as well as a vivid cultural events agenda throughout the year.

Nancy's favorable geographical location

close to Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany allows easy and affordable travel all across Europe. Just one-and-half-hour trip by TGV high-speed train to get to Paris city center! You will find all information about Nancy and its cultural and touristic offers at the tourist office, which is located on the main square, Place Stanislas, or by visiting the website: www.nancytourisme.fr



ABOUT us



Mines Nancy is widely acknowledged both in France and internationally. Our mission is to train innovative engineers who hold a strong background in science and humanities which will allow them tackle complex challenges of today's society.

This ambition is supported by high-tech, industrial and social projects that bring together students, teachers, researchers, startups and industrial partners to build up sustainable future for our planet.

Key figures

6th

best engineering school in France

8th

most committed school to ecological transition and Social Responsibility

25%

international students

80⁺

partners abroad

17th

ARWU subjects ranking

51th 76th

international research labs

7








5 reasons to study at Mines Nancy

- **INT2:** Interdisciplinary & International environment
- **Wide opportunities for cutting-edge** research and advanced innovation
- **Top-tier entrepreneurship** for students
- **High employability of graduates** (80% of our students are hired before graduation!)
- **Affordable life** costs and benefits for students

PROGRAMS

STUDY PATHWAYS

Mines Nancy offers its students opportunities for exchange, double-degree programs and international internships in the most advanced fields.

Exchange program	Double-degree program	International internships 
Big Data & Data Science		Robotics & AI
Materials Science		Strategic Materials
Computer Science		Cyber Security
Geology & Geoscience		5G
Energy		Transport of tomorrow
Industrial Engineering & Applied Math		3D Manufacturing



French summer school

Would you like to learn or improve your French and discover French culture? Our Summer School offers an intensive French language training and a rich cultural agenda.

Duration: July-August

Fees: from € 100 / week



Student Entrepreneurship

Mines Nancy nurtures student entrepreneurship and provides support and facilities for students developing their own startups:

- **Personalized mentoring**
- **Dedicated training**
- **PEEL business incubator resources**

HOW TO APPLY?

The application process slightly varies depending on the program. In case of any questions or difficulties, please contact us at info@minesnancy.com

	Exchange program	Double-degree program	Research internship	French Summer-School
Admission requirements	Being at least a 3rd-year student of partner university in relevant fields	Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in relevant fields	Being a current-Bachelor's or-Master's student	Being a current student of any level program
	Excellent academic performance			
	At least B2 level of French/English			
Application-deadlines	30 Apr for fall semester	30 March for fall semester	Throughout the year	30 Apr
	30 Nov for spring semester	30 Oct for spring semester		
Required Documents	Application form			
	CV and cover letter			
	Copy of ID/passport			
	Academic transcripts			
	Recommendation letters (optional)			
	French/English proficiency certificate (for non-native speakers)			
How to apply?	1	Get nominated by your university	Find a relevant research topic at Mines Nancy	Prepare required documents
	2	Submit required documents at info@minesnancy.com		
	3	Wait for Admission office confirmation		
	4	Receive your Acceptance letter		

French grading system			
THF	18-20	A+	Excellent with honors
TB	16-17	A	Very good–highest honors
B	14-15	A-	Good – high honors
AB	12-13	B	Fairly good - honors
P	10-11	C	Satisfactory
CP		D	Sufficient
E	0-9	FX/X	Fail

Academic calendar
Fall semester: September-early February
Spring semester: February- end of June
Winter holidays: 2 last weeks of December
Summer holidays: July-August
National holidays: Jan 1, Easter, May 1, 8 & 26, July 14, Aug 15, Nov 1 and 11

STUDENT LIFE

Studying at Mines Nancy is not all about classes and exams. It's also about making new friends, discovering new culture and enjoying fascinating experiences.

Campus Artem

Mines Nancy is located on the newest and the most dynamic campus of the University of Lorraine. The campus is located within a 30 minutes' walk from the city center. You can also get here by bus 11 or tram T1, from the city center at the bus stop "Campus ARTEM Blandan".

Student clubs

The very dynamic student life at Mines Nancy is a part of the school's identity. If you want to participate in one of 40+ student clubs or associations, you are welcome to join our Student's Union (BDE).

For sports lovers, Mines Nancy offers plenty of options. The University's SUAPS (student sport association) offers 70 types of sport activities and over 250 sport facilities free for all students (swimming pools, gyms, group sports, hiking and skiing, sport dances and yoga etc.) Register on the SUAPS website and enjoy!

Mines Nancy students are welcome to actively participate in a wide range of cultural events organized by the University throughout the year. Have a look at our cultural agenda! The city of Nancy also welcomes students to visit its best attractions and events.



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ENJOY FRENCH LIFESTYLE!

Take time to unwind

and find pleasure in small things like enjoying a coffee at the terrace in the morning, reading a book in a park...

Appreciate mealtime

French dinners are not just about eating but about gathering with friends to taking time discussing everything from politics to personal news.

Be a Flâneur

(someone who strolls around aimlessly). Walk around the city and explore new paths without a precise plan. Take your camera and enjoy the vibe!

Do groceries French way

Shop at local farmers' markets to eat fresh grown food. Buy your meat from the butcher, bread from the boulangerie, and pastries from the pâtisserie.

Do Sundays à la Française

Sunday in France is a full rest day with most shops and public places being closed. Use this day to relax and enjoy time with friends.

Embrace the Art

French people appreciate art in all its forms: reading, going to museums and theaters. Discover French art to be closer to people and raise your cultural awareness.

French survival phrases

It is helpful to know some simple but useful phrases in French for your everyday life in France. Check out the basic survival phrases we prepared for you.

Bonjour - Hello/Good morning

Bonsoir - Hello/Good evening

Au revoir - Good buy!

Salut - Hi/Buy-buy!

Comment allez-vous?

How are you?

Je vais bien, merci

I'm fine, thank you

Oui/Non - Yes/No

S'il vous plaît - Please

Merci - Thank you

Je vous en prie - You're welcome.

Excusez-moi/Pardon

Excuse me

Je m'appelle... - My name is ...

Je suis un(e) étudiant(e)

I am a student

J'habite à... - I live at

Parlez-vous anglais?

Do you speak English?

Je ne parle pas bien le français

I don't speak French well

Je ne comprends pas

I don't understand.

Je voudrais..., s'il vous plaît

I would like..., please

Pouvez-vous m'aider,

s'il vous plaît ?

Can you help me, please?

Au secours!

Help!/Emergency!

YOUR PRACTICAL CHECK-LIST

There are many important practical details that you should think about to smoothly prepare your arrival to France. We listed below the most crucial practical tips for you.

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- **Visa**
 - **Medical insurance**
(for non-EU students)
 - **Bank account**
 - **Accommodation**
 - **Support services**

Visa

Check if you need a visa and apply for it online:

A visa is the sticker put in your passport by the French consulate in your home country. Most of students' long stay visas are categorized as VLS-TS (visa long séjour valant titre de séjour). This document allows you to enter France.

Within 3 months after your arrival to France, you must validate your VLS-TS to be granted a residence permit

If this is not done, you will not have a legal resident status and you will have to leave France without the opportunity to come back. But don't worry, you can validate your VLS-TS easily online.



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Medical insurance

In France, medical insurance (or Social Security) is mandatory for all students. Once you obtain your insurance, the costs of your visits to the doctor will be partially reimbursed by the French Social Security authorities. You can apply for Social Security online.

Students from EU or Schengen area who have a European Health Insurance card (issued by home country and valid for the entire period of studies) do not need to obtain French Social Security. Mines Nancy students have access to a university health center, also known as «Santé U» offering a variety of health care services.

CHECK-LIST



International students in France are allowed to work 60% of the annual working time (50% of the annual working time for Algerian students).

Non-EU students must prove that they have sufficient means of support (at least €650/month) for the entire duration of their stay in France. It is one of the visa application requirements.

Bank account

International students who spend more than 3 months in France should open a bank account. We advise you to ask your home bank whether it has agreements with any French bank to facilitate the process.

Your average monthly expenses in Nancy:

Accommodation: € 150-400

Housing and civil liability insurance: from € 30

Food: about € 200 (a full meal at student cafeteria: € 4)

A monthly bus ticket: € 20-30

Visit to a doctor: from € 25 (70% is reimbursed by Social Security)

Entertainment:

Cinema ticket: € 4-8

Museum entry: free for students

Restaurant dinner: from € 20



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Accommodation

Most of our international students decide to stay in one of CROUS Student Residences. This accommodation is the most affordable for students and there are many locations across the city.

Who is guarantor?

To rent accommodation in France, international students should submit a letter from a guarantor (French resident who agrees to pay the rent in case if a student can no longer do so). If you don't have one, you may use:

VISALE online service
or its alternative **GarantMe**

For students staying in CROUS residences, a hosting university can be a guarantor.



CROUS Student Residences

Standard room: 9 m², basic furniture; shared spaces: private bathroom with toilets, kitchen and study room.

Comfort room: 9-15 m², basic furniture; refrigerator, private bathroom with toilets; shared spaces: kitchen and study room.

Studio: 13-18m², basic furniture, refrigerator, small kitchen, private bathroom with toilets

Prices: € 150-400 / month

Apply online on the Student Services Portal

Other accommodation options

Private renting

To rent a private apartment, the price and conditions are set by the landlord and described in the tenancy agreement. If you use the real estate agency services, you will have to pay a commission.

Average prices:

€ 450-600 / month + utility fees

Flat-sharing (colocation)

If you rent a shared apartment, the rental contract includes the joint-liability of ALL flat mates who must be listed and sign the contract.

Average prices:

€ 200-400 / month + utility fees



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SUPPORT

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Mines Nancy International Office

We are always ready to provide a wide range of support services to our international students. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions!

Telephone: +33 (0)3 72 74 48 60

Mail: info@minesnancy.com

Opening hours: Monday to Friday

9.00 — 12.00 & 14.00 — 17.00

University of Lorraine International Welcome Desk

The central point of contact for all international students and researchers coming to the University of Lorraine.

The office provides comprehensive informational support and guidance.

E-mail:
drie-info-contact@univ-lorraine.fr
Telephone:
+33 (0) 3 72 74 05 04
Book an appointment at:
rdv.univ-lorraine.fr/international



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Emergency numbers

112
Emergency

17
Police

15
Medical
emergency

18
Fire
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