

Welcome to Sciences Po Grenoble - UGA!



Welcome guide for international students

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I / Before your arrival

1 - ISSO

[The International Students & Scholars Office \(ISSO\)](#) of Grenoble Alpes university is entirely dedicated to international students, doctoral students, researchers and their accompanying family. ISSO is an accredited EURAXESS Service Center, a label given by the European Commission.

ISSO will help you with your visa application procedure, to find an accommodation in Grenoble, to inform you about health insurance etc...

Contact:

 Student accommodation: studenthousing@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr

 Any other subject: isso@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr

2- Visa

If you are a **non-European citizen**, you have to apply for **visa**.

Please read the information about visa application procedure on  [this page](#).

ISSO will help you to check your application file and if you need more help on that matter.

3- Accommodation

ISSO will also help you to search for an accommodation in Grenoble during your stay in France.

Please read the information about accommodation on the ISSO web page  [here](#).

There are many possibilities regarding to student accommodation in Grenoble:

- Public student residences (CROUS)
- Private student residences
- Individual private rentals : search on Leboncoin, Seloger.com, Lokaviz...
- Shared accommodation « Colocation »
- Student and youth homes
- Room in a private home
- Home sharing in return for volunteer work

You'll find all the **details about the type of accommodations and how to apply to them** on ISSO's web page  [here](#)

Feel free to contact them if you have any question or if you need assistance:

 **Student accommodation:** studenthousing@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr

4- Health insurance

There are 2 cases:

-  If you are an EU citizen currently living in the Shengen Area, you should ask your state healthcare to provide you with the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) which covers the full lenght of your stay.
-  If you do not benefit from a state health insurance of a Shengen Area country, you can choose a travel insurance to cover your eventual health expenses.

Since you are to stay on a long term basis, you have to register to the French state healthcare. You will find all the details on  [this page](#):

 You will need a **civil liability certificate** covering the year 2026-2027 to complete your registration file in Summer. If you choose to subscribe to a student complementary health insurance ('mutuelle'), they will be able to provide you with this document. Otherwise, you can request it from your accommodation insurance or your bank. Please make sure to have this document ready by the end of June/beginning of July.

More information about: Supplementary Health Insurance, home insurance, Personal Civil Liability insurance  [here](#).

5- CVEC – student tax

All students resgistered in a French university have to pay the **annual student tax CVEC** (around 100€). CVEC is the student and campus life contribution. This contribution is intended to finance student services in the fields of health, sports, culture and student initiatives.

Please click  [here](#) to get more information and pay for your 2025-2026 CVEC.

 This is important that you pay and get the CVEC attestation before your arrival in September since **you'll need it to register to Sciences Po Grenoble - UGA**.

6- Bank account

Having a bank account located in France is not mandatory, however very useful for healthcare refunds and other domestic transfers.

More information  [here](#).

7- Travel

All you need to do next is book your plane ticket to **Lyon-Saint Exupéry Airport**, then take a train or a bus to Grenoble — or simply book a train ticket directly to **Grenoble train station**!

More information about travel  [here](#).

8 – Cost of living

Carefully budgeting for your university stay is important and will spare you some unpleasant surprises. Remember that, in addition to your regular, ongoing expenses there will be various settling-in costs you will need to cover on arriving in France.

All the information about cost of living in France and in Grenoble  [here](#)
and about daily life  [here](#)

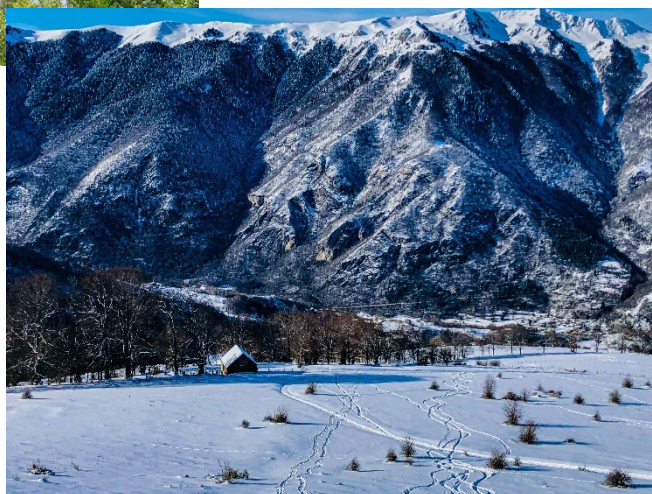
II / Once you are here

1) Sciences Po Grenoble-UGA



Grenoble is nestled at the foot of the mountains, but very open to the outside world, as it is located in the heart of Europe, close to Switzerland, Italy and the Mediterranean Sea.

Grenoble is a dynamic student city and we have everything you need to make your stay unforgettable: quality teaching, history, sport and culture.



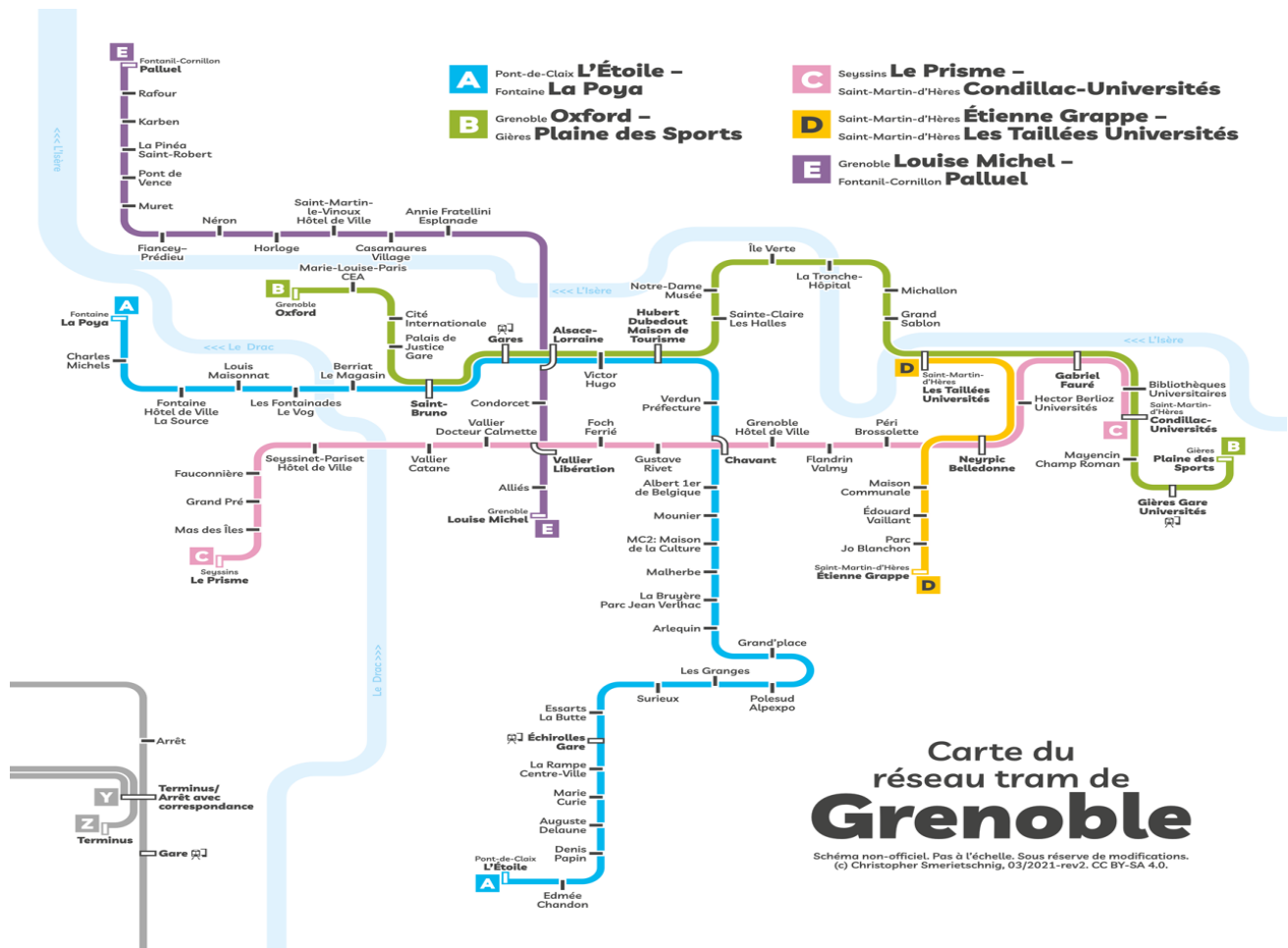
Located at the heart of the campus and welcoming around 1800 students from all regions of France and around 250 international exchange students from over 180 partner institutions worldwide, Sciences Po Grenoble - UGA is a prestigious « Grande Ecole » for teaching and research in the social and political sciences. Sciences Po Grenoble-UGA is a select, independent school which is part of **Grenoble Alpes University (UGA)**, one of the Top 100 Universities in the Shanghai ranking and the best French University outside Paris.

2) Campus & transports

You can download the **Campus Map** [here](#).

Transport in Grenoble

Sciences Po Grenoble - UGA is close to the tramway stop Bibliothèques universitaires from line B and C.



[Here](#) is a more detailed Map for all the transport network in Grenoble.

You can choose to take a monthly or annual transport pass or to rent or buy a bike to get around Grenoble. More information [here](#).

3) MUSE



MUSE is THE place to go for services on the university campus, bringing together many UGA and CROUS Grenoble Alpes departments, including :

- **International Students & Scholars Office** (ISSO) - Université Grenoble Alpes
- **Grenoble University Health Centre** - Student portal
- **CROUS Grenoble Alpes services** (social services, culture and student life, grants and housing)
- **Physical and Sports Activities Department** (SUAPS) - UGA
- **L'Ouvre-Boîte, culture and scientific culture** - UGA
- **Pépité Ozer** (student entrepreneurship cluster) - UGA
- **Disability Services** - UGA

4) Community life, sport, campus life...

Sciences Po Grenoble - UGA, at the heart of Grenoble's university campus, is a major school that places its students at the heart of the institution: student representatives are involved at the heart of decision-making (Board of Governors, CEVIE), students and future students are supported, community life is rich and varied (more than twenty approved associations, financial support and educational recognition for community involvement), sport is an integral part of studies (compulsory, optional, high-level athletes, dynamic teams, multi-activity outdoor sport, etc.).

👉 [Student Life](#) at Sciences Po Grenoble - UGA

👉 [Sport](#) at Sciences Po Grenoble - UGA

👉 [Student Involvement](#) at Sciences Po - UGA

ISI association

For many years, ISI has been responsible for welcoming and integrating international students at Sciences Po Grenoble - UGA. Throughout the year, we organize a multitude of events to facilitate links between French and international students, and to enable the latter to make the most of their stay in Grenoble.

Contacts :

✉ E-mail : isi.grenoble@gmail.com

✉ Social networks: facebook.com/isi.iepg

5) Work

International student can work maximum 964 hours/year (20h/week). There are numerous websites providing adverts and you might find some on the campus when you are here. Students usually work in restaurants and bars but you could also give language courses and find numerous and different opportunities depending on your skills and wishes.

More info about work on the ISSO web page 👉 [here](#).

6) Registration

We will come back to you around the **end of June/beginning of July** to give you the registration procedure.

 You will have to fill in a registration form and to send it back with some documents.

For exemple:

-  Copy of your ID
-  ID photo
-  Civil liability certificate (see section I/ 4) Health insurance)
-  CVEC payment certificate (see section I/ 5) CVEC)
-  A copy of the last diploma
-  A sworn statement stating that you are not covered by the French citizenship call-up day

You won't have to pay tuition fees at Sciences Po Grenoble - UGA since you will already have paid them at your home institution.

As you are registered as a student of Sciences Po Grenoble - UGA, you have access to all the services and we will provide you with the Sciences Po Grenoble-UGA diploma at the end of your 5th year (in case of success).

7) Start of the year

The integration week will take place from September 1st, 2026. If you wish to participate, you will have to be here by the end of August 2026.

We'll come back to you with more information about this by this Summer.

 The International relations office is located on your right at the main entrance of Sciences Po Grenoble - UGA, come and say hello anytime!

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions and see you soon!

Contacts

- For any **questions regarding your arrival in Grenoble**: accommodation, visas, settling in, etc.
Please contact **Mr Antoine DAVAL**, Incoming Student Coordinator:
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