

THINGS TO KNOW

ANGERS,

ADMINISTRATIVE
CAPITAL OF

MAINE-ET-LOIRE,

one of the

5 departments which

make up the Pays

de la Loire Region

PAYS DE LA LOIRE REGION,

8th FRENCH

REGION in terms of
hosting foreign

students

(12,000 international
students)

Angers Loire Métropole:

300,000 habitants

City of Angers:

150,000

residents



40,000

students

10%

foreign students

Université d'Angers:

25,000

students

12%

foreign students



ANGERS, RANKED 10th (OUT OF 44) FRENCH UNIVERSITY TOWNS
WHERE IT'S GREAT TO LIVE AND STUDY (awarded by L'Étudiant magazine)

Most of the information presented in the Campus France City Information Sheets concerns all international students regardless of their institution.

In France, in each of the host cities, most foreign students study at universities. Accordingly, the City Information Sheets attach great importance to them without overlooking the other higher education institutions even if it is not possible to list them all here with their specific information.

For more information on the institutions' welcomes and orientations:

<https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/recherche/categorie/centre-val-loire-639>

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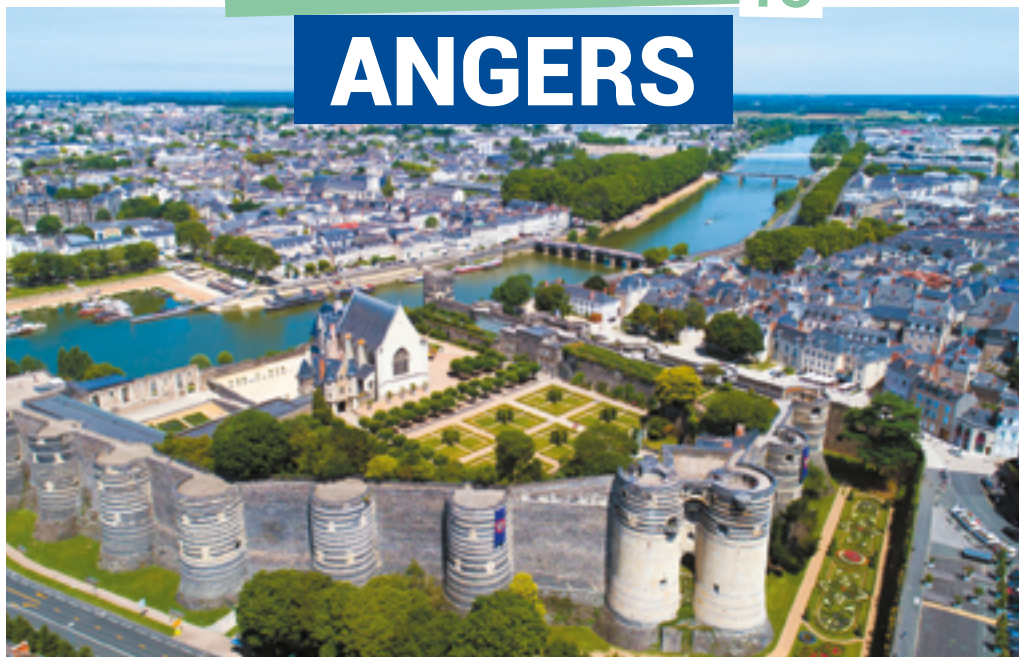


**DISCOVER
YOUR CITY**



Campus France will guide you through your first steps in France and **exploring Angers**, your new home.

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ANGERS**



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YOUR ARRIVAL IN ANGERS /

◆ Infocampus, a welcome service for students enrolled at the University

At Université d'Angers, Infocampus welcomes and guides you in all your procedures. The aim is to provide you with information on all available options and to simplify your life by answering questions concerning:

Residence permits, housing and food services, transportation, health, jobs and internships, sports, culture, recreation, clubs and volunteer work.

This welcome relies on student "ambassador" teams as well as a network of several local partners who are here on site.

2 locations were created to greet arriving students:

• Infocampus – La Passerelle

Campus universitaire de Belle-Beille,
2 rue Joseph Lakanal, 49000 Angers.

• Infocampus – Saint-Serge university library

57 quai Félix Faure, 49000 Angers.

Hours: **End August to end September, Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm. After October 1, an advisor can see you by appointment at the Infocampus Desk - La Passerelle.**

Contact: 02 44 68 86 05 or

infocampus@contact.univ-angers.fr

Learn more:

- Download the Welcome Guide for International Students: <http://www.univ-angers.fr> > International > Etudiants hors échange

◆ Welcome and orientation for international doctoral students and researchers

A welcome service especially created for international researchers is also available at Université d'Angers:

<http://www.univ-angers.fr> > International > Venir à l'Université > chercheurs étrangers

◆ Buddy System

Université d'Angers invites all its students to take part in the **Buddy System** and assist international students. This promotes intercultural exchange and helps international students settle in:

<https://www.univ-angers.fr> > International > Buddy System

◆ Welcome and orientation in the institutions

If you are enrolled in another institution, please consult the Campus France website for orientation. The site presents a series of **Information Sheets covering the different higher learning institutions:**

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Students >

Documentary resources > Practical information for students and researchers > Reception arrangements in institutions

If you cannot find your school in this list, then go directly to their website.

At Université d'Angers, the Direction de l'International (Pôle mobilité entrante) handles international students and researchers.

◆ National Services

- students: www.etudiant.gouv.fr

- doctoral students, researchers:

<http://www.euraxess.fr/fr>



HOUSING IN ANGERS /

There are numerous solutions for housing in Angers: Student-only accommodations managed by CROUS, student housing and private residences, and rooms in private homes.

What's most important is to take care of this as early as possible, before your arrival.

• **As soon as you arrive, Infocampus can suggest leads to find housing.**

But it is essential that you get information on housing before your arrival:

<http://www.univ-angers.fr> > Vie de campus > vie pratique > logement

• Angers Loire Métropole Housing Center.

This is a service of Angers Loire Métropole, the greater metropolitan area, for advice and assistance in your housing search.

Contact: 02 41 05 50 55 or

accueil-logement@angersloiremetropole.fr

Site: <http://www.angersloiremetropole.fr> > mon quotidien > menu > logement > locataire > le logement étudiant

A FEW TIPS

◆ Short-term housing

• **Residence halls:** <https://www.maine-et-loire.fr/> > services et infos > logement et habitat > aides au logement des jeunes > foyers de jeunes travailleurs

• **For other types of housing** consult the Angers

Tourist Office website:

<https://www.tourisme.destination-angers.com>

> organiser

◆ Long-term housing

• CLOUS student housing, Centre Local des Œuvres Universitaires, of Angers - Maine et Loire:

Address: Belle-Beille university campus,
8 boulevard Victor Beaussier, 49000 Angers.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Contact: 02 30 06 02 49

Nantes - Pays de Loire CROUS website (the Angers CLOUS is part of this network):

<http://www.crous-nantes.fr/service/clous-angers-maine-et-loire/>

The website *Trouver un logement*:

<https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr/>

On campus, the CROUS also manages all low-cost food services (university restaurants, cafeterias, food-trucks, etc.).

• Private Housing Platforms:

Two higher learning institutions in Angers use

Studapart, the platform for private student housing:

<https://www.studapart.com> > rechercher par ville

Other offers for student lodging, managed by private organisms, are also available in Angers.

Consult the specialized sites, for example:

- <https://www.adele.org>

- <https://www.immojeune.com>

- <https://www.location-etudiant.fr>

- <http://www.smebhabitat.fr/>

- <https://housinganywhere.com/fr/>

• There is also a **site managed by the CROUS, Lokaviz, which includes a listing of student accommodations in private homes:**

<https://www.lokaviz.fr/>

• **Shared Leases:** consult *La Carte des Colocs*, a national site for shared leases that's free and simple to use: <https://www.lacartedescolocs.fr/>

• **Other solutions available on the Campus France site:** www.campusfrance.org > Getting Organized > Accommodation

◆ If you need a guarantor to secure your lodging

Visale is a new and free guarantor system:

www.visale.fr

◆ If you want to file an application for APL funds (Aide Personnalisée au Logement, or personalized housing aid),

CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales) can check your eligibility: 08.10.29.29.29 or www.caf.fr

◆ For housing adapted to your special needs,

Contact the CROUS Service Social, or if enrolled at **Université d'Angers**, contact:

<http://www.univ-angers.fr/fr/vie-des-campus/accompagnement-du-handicap.html?search-keywords=handicap>

GETTING AROUND ANGERS



To get to Angers from Paris, the simplest route is to take a train from Gare Montparnasse (travel time: 1 and a half hours

by TGV, the high-speed train). There are also direct TGVs to Angers from the Paris Charles de Gaulle airport: <https://www.oui.sncf/>



To get to the campus from the train station, visit the dedicated page on the Université d'Angers web site:

<http://www.univ-angers.fr> > vie de campus > vie pratique > transport



For getting around the city and surrounding area, the public transport system with buses and tramway has day, and some night, services with reduced youth fares: <https://www.irigo.fr>



For travel within the region:

- consult Destineo, the information platform for Pays de Loire public transportation: <http://www.destineo.fr/fr/>

- take regional trains:

<https://www.ter.sncf.com>

- to travel greater distances, don't forget the bus for low-cost travel: <https://fr.ouibus.com/> or <https://www.flixbus.fr/>



For ride-sharing, refer to the collaborative websites:

- local: <https://www.covoiturage49.fr/>

- national: <https://www.blablacar.fr>



For greater independence, use **VéloCité**, the free bike-share program for the city of Angers: <http://www.angers.fr> > vivre à Angers > voirie déplacements > le vélo



FIRST THINGS FIRST /

ENROLLMENT IN YOUR INSTITUTION

◆ CVEC

Before you can enroll in your institution, you must download proof of payment of the Contribution Vie Etudiante et de Campus (CVEC) – the student and campus life contribution fee.

- Log in at: <https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>

- For additional information and special cases:

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Getting Organized > CVEC

- For international students at Université d'Angers, a personalized and individual orientation is available to assist you in your first steps before enrollment at the University (CVEC, residence permit, French lessons, doctor's visits, health insurance, and more) You can schedule an appointment by email before your arrival at: bienvenue@contact.univ-angers.fr

- For students enrolled in other institutions, you can find information on site to learn about possible assistance in your procedures.

◆ Confirm Registration

Take note! Even if you have a pre-registration letter, you are not officially enrolled. You must confirm your enrollment with the institution's Service de la Scolarité (Admissions) as soon as you arrive.

RESIDENCE PERMIT (TITRE DE SÉJOUR)

◆ Information

• For students enrolled at the University, at the Infocampus Desk - La Passerelle. Schedule an appointment with the Direction International - Université d'Angers.

Address: Campus universitaire de Belle-Beille, 2 rue Joseph Lakanal, 49000 Angers.
Hours: Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm.
Contact: 02 44 68 86 56.

• At the Maine-et-Loire Prefecture.

Address: Direction de l'immigration, 7 bis rue Hanneloup, 49000 Angers.
Hours: Bureau du Séjour des Étrangers Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 9:15am to 12:15pm.
Contact: 02 41 81 81 81 or pref-ide-etrangers@maine-et-loire.gouv.fr
Website: <http://49.accueil-etrangers.gouv.fr/>
To make an appointment: <http://www.rdv.maine-et-loire.gouv.fr/>

GOOD TO KNOW

- If you arrive in France with a VLS-TS long-term student visa: You must validate it online within three months of arrival: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr>
- If you are an Algerian national or a student with a "concours" (tests) visa or a "mineur scolarisé" (enrolled minor) visa or a visa with the indication "carte à solliciter dans les deux mois" (residence permit to be requested within 2 months of entry): Depending on your campus, your residence permit application is made at the Préfecture or with the Service des Relations Internationales at your campus.
Take note: To renew your residence permit, you must apply within two months prior to its expiration date.

- Learn more about your rights and obligations: www.service-public.fr > Etranger > Titre de séjour et document de circulation (Foreigners > Resident Card and Travel Document)



PRACTICAL INFORMATION /

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

If you stay in France for more than 3 months, it will be much easier day-to-day if you open a bank account, online or in one of the 120 bank agencies located in Angers.

In France, opening a bank account is a right: www.service-public.fr > Argent > Comptes bancaires > Droit au compte

HEALTHCARE

In France, receiving medical treatment is **practically free** but you must be insured. **Accordingly, signing up for medical insurance is mandatory.**

Login to the <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr> site to register, to understand your eligibility and benefits, and to take the necessary steps.

Learn more:

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Getting Organized > Health

As a student, you can also take advantage of the university medical services. In these health centers where consultations are free, you'll be greeted by a team of doctors, nurses, and social workers who can give personalized advice in terms of health and prevention.

This is the case for Université d'Angers which has a health and prevention service: Service Universitaire de Médecine Préventive et de Promotion de la Santé (SUMPPS).

Hours: **by appointment**, Monday to Friday, 8:45am to 5:45pm.

Learn more: <http://www.univ-angers.fr> > vie des campus > santé

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

You can also sign up for **top-up insurance** which will cover all health expenses not covered by the **free and compulsory health insurance**.

Take note: The plans and coverage levels differ from one company to another. To choose a **top-up insurance policy** which meets your needs and your budget, you can **compare student health insurance plans** on the Internet.

HOUSING INSURANCE

In France, housing insurance is mandatory.

You can sign up for housing insurance called "garantie risques locatifs" - rental risk guarantee - at your bank or a private insurance company. Online subscription is often possible.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SAMU: Call 15 Emergency Medical Services

Police emergency: Call 17 in the event of violence, theft, robbery.

Fire Department: Call 18 in the event of fire, gas leak, water damage, natural catastrophe, or traffic accident.

Call 112: European emergency services number that's accessible from anywhere in the European Union in addition to the French numbers above.

LEARNING FRENCH

Learning French is an opportunity that's not to be missed! Find what works best for you:

- by consulting the Campus France site or the Français Langue Etrangère (FLE) - French as a foreign language - centers and universities which offer courses at all levels year-round:

<http://ecolesdete.campusfrance.org>

- by asking in your institution, at city hall, or in your host city's Maison des Associations - community centers.

FINDING A JOB OR AN INTERNSHIP

3 addresses:

• **Université d'Angers** has a platform with job and internship listings: <https://ipoline.univ-angers.fr/>

• **The CRIJ des Pays de la Loire** (Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse, or regional youth information center) also has a platform available to you with job and internship postings:

<https://www.infos-jeunes.fr/carte-du-reseau-information-jeunesse/centre-information-jeunesse-angers>

• **The Jobaviz website, run by the CROUS**, can help you find a student job compatible with your studies: <http://www.jobaviz.fr/rechercher-un-job-etudiant/n:39>



THINGS TO DO IN ANGERS /

TAKE UP A SPORT

In your school or university, you may have free access to sports. Contact your institution's **Service des Sports** for information or visit the **Université d'Angers website** which offers 60 activities at very attractive rates: <http://www.univ-angers.fr> > vie des campus > sport

In Angers, you will find a diverse choice of sports facilities or city recreation centers:

<http://www.angers.fr> > vivre à Angers > sport

The A'Tout card allows you to access numerous services and facilities of the City of Angers and Angers Loire Métropole metropolitan area:

<http://www.angers.fr> > services et démarches > les services de la carte A'tout

BE ACTIVE

Attend cultural and sporting events, or join a social or community group, through one of the numerous local or national student clubs and associations.

Learn more:

- Ask for more information at the Service de la Vie Étudiante or see the Université d'Angers website: <http://www.univ-angers.fr> > vie des campus > associations > culture/sport
- consult the national sites: www.animafac.net or www.letudiant.fr

GAINING CULTURE AND PARTYING

Angers offers many ways to cultivate yourself or have fun. Movie theaters, concerts, theater, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students.

Learn more: <http://www.angers.fr> > vivre à Angers > culture

In Angers, you'll also find **Le J**, a friendly service and location created by the city and dedicated to young people: <http://www.angers.fr> > vivre à Angers > Jeunes à Angers > le J, Angers connectée jeunesse

You can also consult the schedule of cultural and often free activities organized by Université d'Angers. The university offers a free **Culture Card** for preferential admission fees to shows: <http://www.univ-angers.fr> > vie des campus > culture

For entertainment or to pick up some culture, you can choose from:

- 3 multiplex theaters (student rates, rewards card) including an arthouse theater: Les 400 Coups.

- 7 museums, reduced rates for students:

www.musees.angers.fr

- 10 performance centers for shows, theater and dance

- a dozen book shops, including an institution, the Richer Librairie, founded in 1927.

- a network of 9 municipal libraries organized around the Toussaint multimedia library which has the city's largest collections and free access:

<http://bm.angers.fr>

- 2 university libraries on the Belle-Beille and Saint-Serge campuses: <http://www.univ-angers.fr> > vie des campus > bibliothèques

The Saint-Serge university library is open 7 days a week, even Sundays!

In Angers, for going out or staying abreast of events, read **the leading regional daily paper, Le Courrier de l'Ouest**, available in newsstands or on the Internet:

<https://www.courrierdelouest.fr/>

You can also check out the cultural agenda of the Angers Tourist Office:

<https://www.anjou-tourisme.com> > agenda

TOP ATTRACTIONS /

- Place du Ralliement, which means the rallying place and is as its name implies, one of the most central places in Angers with its monumental theater.
- The Angers Castle, the city's fortress (free admission for young people), with its Tapestry of the Apocalypse which is over 100 meters in length!
- Saint-Maurice cathedral from the 12th and 13th centuries, a testimony to the gothic art of Angers.
- The Adam House, in the Old Town close to the cathedral.
- The Museum of Natural Sciences in the city center with precious collections in a charming environment (student rates).
- The Fine Arts Museum with its historic collections housed in an old private mansion (student rates).
- The David of Angers gallery, exhibitions of the works of David, a famous sculpture from Angers (student rates).
- The Balzac Park, 50 hectares of themed natural areas.

For more information, consult the Angers Tourist Office website:

<https://www.tourisme.destination-angers.com/>





IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

JANUARY

• Premier Plans Festival, a festival of European first-time films, meetings with movie directors.

FEBRUARY

• Operation Made in Angers, visits to Angers companies and artisans to discover their business worlds.

APRIL

• Printemps des Orgues, an organ festival for young players (reduced rates).

MAY

• Angers Fête l'Europe, concerts, conferences, exhibitions, and films to discover European culture.

JUNE

- Fête de la Musique: Music everywhere in town (free concerts).
- The Fête du Vélo en Anjou, a bicycle festival to discover the Loire River along an original and fleeting bike trail that's 120 kilometers long.

JULY - AUGUST

• The Angers Summer Festival, in the Toussaint Abbey cloister, evenings of music from around the world (reduced rates).

SEPTEMBER

- Campus Day, a meet-and-greet organized by Université d'Angers, which closes with a concert and is open to all the students in the city.
- European Researchers Night: Researchers meet the general public.
- Journées du Patrimoine (heritage days), free visits of cultural sites.
- The Accroche-Cœurs, a street arts festival which is part of a sustainable development approach.

OCTOBER

- Fête de la Science in the university laboratories.

DECEMBER

• Angers Graphic Book Festival, an occasion to meet important authors of French and foreign comic books.

Learn more:

<https://www.tourisme.destination-angers.com/>



& SHARE
PARTICIPATE

To stay informed and attuned to others and the world, to share and dialogue with students, follow **social media** where Campus France has an especially strong presence!

*Don't forget to join the **France Alumni** network. Take part in discussion groups on various subjects, take advantage of cultural outings, and consult job and internship offers.*

