



Welcome guide for Exchange Students at the *Faculty of Languages, Cultures and Societies*

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Dear international students,

The faculty is honoured that you have chosen to study in our various departments as part of your international mobility.

International students are a valued part of the community: your presence contributes to the cultural understanding and academic exchange we are eager to promote for students in our faculty.

The guide that follows is meant to facilitate your stay in the faculty. Here, you will find useful information for navigating academic and extra-curricular life.

We hope that you will enjoy your stay with us and that you will keep in touch with us when you return to your home institutions!

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PRESENTATION OF LILLE

Located in the North of France, Lille is an hour from Paris, London and Brussels. Home to more than 100,000 students enrolled at a wide variety of schools, it is a vibrant university city.

At the heart of Flanders, Lille is a culture-oriented city with several museums, among which you will find the largest fine arts museum in France after Le Louvre, and renowned architectural gems.

Other cities in the Metropolitan area or MEL (Métropole Européenne de Lille) are easily accessible by metro, by bus or by bike.

[More here](#)





THE UNIVERSITY OF LILLE

The University of Lille offers a wide range of study programs in all disciplines.

With more than 80,000 students, including 9,900 international students, it is one of the largest universities in France with six different campuses across the metropolitan area.

THE FACULTY OF LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND SOCIETIES (*FLCS*)

The Faculty of Languages, Cultures and Societies was created in 2021, from the merger of the Faculty of Applied Modern Languages (LEA), located on the Roubaix campus, and the Faculty of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures (LLCE), located on the Pont de Bois campus in Villeneuve d'Ascq.

Today, 19 languages are taught in the four departments that make up the faculty: LEA, Angellier, EGNS, ERSO.

More than 5600 students from Bachelor to Postgraduate levels study at LCS, and around 150 international exchange students come to our faculty every year from all over the world.





CAMPUS ROUBAIX-TOURCOING (LEA)

In the LEA department, you can study international relations, multilingual and intercultural communication, tourism and translation.

Undergraduate students take two foreign languages and also attend courses (taught in French) in management, economy, law and communication. Graduate students specialise in international trade, tourism, international cooperation or specialised translation.

Languages taught at LEA :

English (compulsory)

German

Chinese

Spanish

French as a second language

Italian

Dutch

Polish

Portuguese

Russian

Swedish

Français sur Objectifs spécifiques - FOS

International students who register to the faculty LCS are strongly advised to register to the "FOS" courses.

These courses are especially made for non-native speakers and will help you to improve your speaking, writing and knowledge about the French culture.



CAMPUS *PONT DE BOIS*

Department of English Studies - Angellier

The Department of English Studies offers a programme in the language, literatures, and civilisations of Anglophone countries.

Undergraduate students acquire and strengthen fundamentals in linguistics, literature, civilisation, translation and the English language. A wide range of elective courses are also available. Graduate seminars can also be attended by exchange students.

The department offers a specific course for English native-speakers, "Tandem". Each English speaker teams up with a French student to improve their respective language skills through various activities that they design and plan together. Tandem is a great way to meet French speakers your age and learn more about France and French culture. Even better, it's worth 3 ECTS!



CAMPUS *PONT DE BOIS*

Department of Germanic, Dutch and Scandinavian Studies (EGNS)

In this department, students are enrolled in undergraduate programmes in **German, Dutch and Scandinavian Languages** and graduate programmes of German or Dutch.

The cultural and linguistic areas covered in this department extend throughout Europe and beyond: from Germany, Austria and Switzerland to Norway, across Sweden, Denmark, The Netherlands, Flanders, Luxemburg and Germany, all the way to Suriname, South Africa and the Caribbean.

Department of Romance, Slavonic and Asian studies (ERSO)

The Department of Romance, Slavonic and Asian studies offers courses in language, literature, and civilisation in eight different languages:

Romance languages: Spanish, Italian and Portuguese / **Slavonic languages:** Russian. **Near Eastern languages:** Arabic, Hebrew. **East Asian languages:** Chinese, Japanese. The Spanish and Hebrew programmes are available only to non-beginners, whereas the other programmes in this department are open to both beginners and more experienced.

Students in the department acquire excellent language skills and a deep knowledge of the countries where their chosen language is spoken.

FRENCH A FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSES (FFL), TANDEM AND THE LANGUAGE RESOURCE CENTRE

The University of Lille offers French courses for all international exchange students free of charge. They are strongly recommended. All you need to do is register via the application form and take a placement test at the beginning of the semester. The date of the test will be given to you after your application is approved.

Please note that this placement test is compulsory for participation in the FFL programme, so make sure you don't miss the test.

There are two FFL programmes, you may participate in both.



The intensive French (FFL) programme

This programme is offered before the beginning of classes. It provides 20 hours of intensive language courses. This is a non-credit programme. sure you don't miss the test.

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The extensive French (FFL) programme

The extensive FFL is a weekly, semester-long course in French for academic purposes worth 3 ECTS. Groups are adapted to your level based on the placement test.

If you are a native English speaker, our English department also offers a specific course for English native-speakers, Tandem (see above) for 3 ECTS.

The Language Resource Centre (CRL) gives you access to digital resources to study a variety of languages. There are also tutors available if you need help. The CRL also has a (non-credit) tandem programme !

Languages offered: German, English, Arabic, Catalan, Chinese, Danish, Spanish, French as a foreign language, Modern Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, French Sign Language, Dutch, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Swedish, Czech.

You can find more info (in French) here: <https://clil.univ-lille.fr/crl/>

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de l'Université de Lille

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DEFI CRL

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des langues vivantes

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• campus Cité Scientifique : bâtiment B5
Tél. : 03 62 26 81 82 - Mail : delang@univ-lille.fr

Pôle DEFI pour les formations en Français Langue Etrangère (FLE) :
• campus Pont-de-Bois : bureau A4.057 - Tél. : 03 20 41 63 83
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HOW TO GET HERE ?

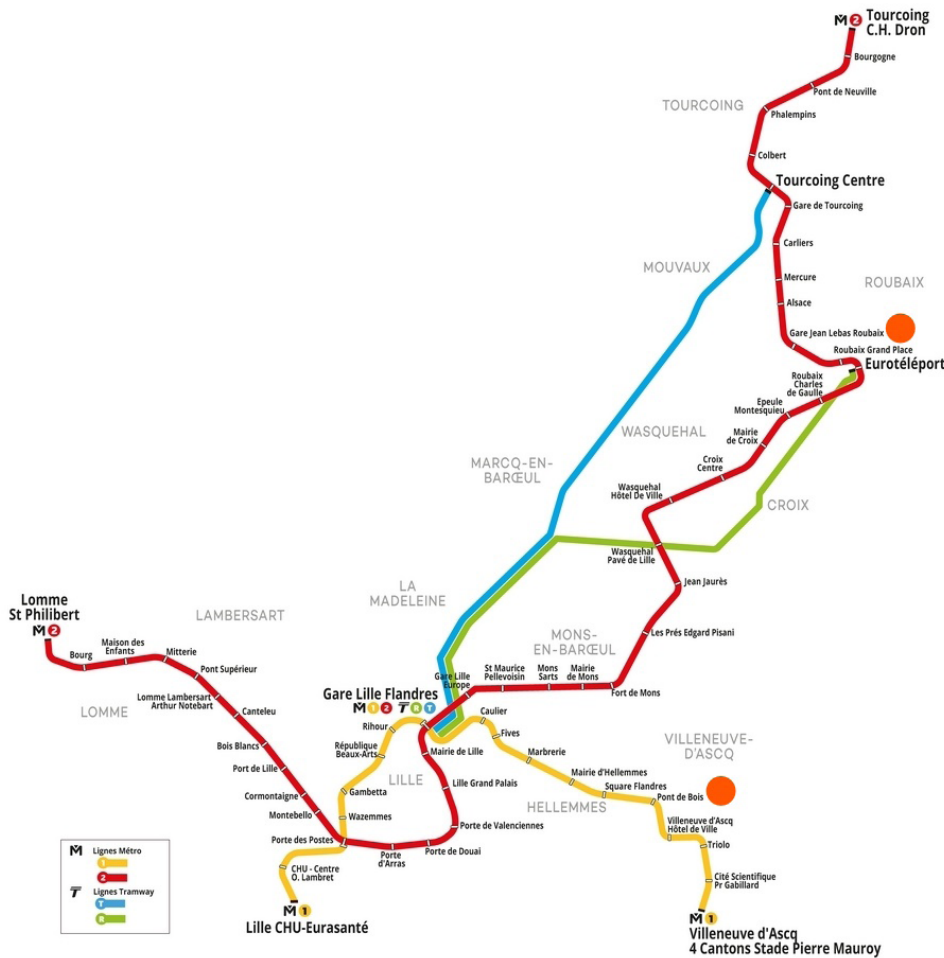
ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

The metro has two lines, the yellow line (1) and the red line (2). The Pont de Bois campus is located on Line 1, whereas the Roubaix (LEA) campus is accessed via Line 2. If you choose to study on both campuses, be aware that you will need approximately 45 minutes to change campuses

METRO ↓



BUS ↓



Here are the important steps to take in order to study with us as an exchange student:

1. You need to be registered at a partner university. Ask the International Office at your home university or faculty if they have an agreement with us.
2. Apply for an international mobility programme with your home university and request the University of Lille.
3. If you are selected, your university will send us your nomination by to our deadline (mid- April for the autumn semester and full year; mid-October for the spring semester)
4. Our mobility office will contact you to inform you about our application procedure. You will need to fill in an application form and provide several documents (ID, student card, Learning agreement, etc)

Accommodation :

On our application form, you can also request a room in student residence.

FFL registration:

The form also allows you to register for the FFL (French as a Foreign Language) courses (see page 8 for more info)

Special needs:

There is a specific section for you to let us know if you have special needs.

5. Once you have been accepted, you will receive an admission notice via e-mail.
6. Download ULillGo, the ULille app! You will find all the answers to the questions you might have on practical matters on our mobility application available for your smartphone or via the internet: accommodation, traveling to Lille, registration etc. All the pedagogical questions will be answered when you arrive.
7. You should also download UlillExplore and join our Buddy System too! Via the application, you can be paired up with a ULille student who can answer your questions about student and academic life, even before you arrive!
8. Direct all academic questions to the Lille coordinator.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR ↓

Autumn semester: 01/09/2022 – 13/01/2023

Exams: 03/01/2023 – 13/01/2023

Spring semester: 03/01/2023 – 12/05/2023

Exams: 02/05/2023 – 12/05/2023

DURING YOUR *STAY*

Getting settled

Welcome to Lille! Upon arrival, once you've settled into your French accommodation, the first step is to go and meet your **international officer** to inform them that you are here. They will sign your certificate of arrival and give you some useful information for the beginning of the semester and your registration at the University of Lille.

If you have registered for the French intensive and/or extensive course, go and take the placement test.

You are strongly advised to attend the **welcome meeting** organized by the international office. Make sure you take part in the Orientation Week activities (see below).

Finally, you should visit the Maison Internationale, which is there for you and all the international students at the University of Lille with the goal of helping you with any question or difficulty. The MI staff also organise events, tours and visits throughout the year. They even have a University Shop, if you want to pick up your ULille sweatshirt. At the "Ressourcerie" you can buy second-hand objects at a very low price.

Courses and exams

When you submitted your application form, you sent us a **Learning Agreement** listing the courses you would like to take during your stay. Once on campus, you will be able to access the course schedules of the various departments, which lists times and rooms so that you to know when and where you can attend the courses on your Learning Agreement. You may have to adjust your selection with the help of your host coordinator, especially if the courses are taught in different departments.

When attending a course for the first time, inform your professor that you want to enroll in his/her course.

The exam organisation depends on course, so make sure you do not miss the first class of the semester to have the correct information from your professors. If you need to contact a professor to get information: `firstname.lastname@univ-lille.fr`

Navigating the French university system

- Teaching units.

Each semester of the undergraduate curriculum is made of BCCs (“Blocs de Connaissances et de Compétences”) which are divided into modules, called UEs (“Unités d’Enseignement”), usually worth 3 ECTS each.

- Lectures (CM), seminars (TD) and lab (TP) classes.

In the French system, classes are divided into three types: CM (“Cours Magistraux”) which are large lectures held in auditoriums; TD (“Travaux Dirigés”) which are taken in smaller groups; TP (“Travaux Pratiques”) which are classes in which student-led work is overseen by a teacher (these are usually language lab classes).

Scale at the University of Lille 1 0-20	ECTS Grading scale	Percentage of students normally achieving the grade	Definition
14.50 – 20	A	10%	Excellent Outstanding performance with only minor errors
12.50 – 14.49	B	25%	Very good Above the average standard but with some errors
11 – 12.49	C	30%	Good Generally sound work with a number of notable errors
10.50 – 10.99	D	25%	Average Fair but with significant shortcomings
10 – 10.49	E	10%	Sufficient Performance meets the minimum criteria
8 – 9.99	FX		Fail Some more work required before credit can be awarded
0 – 7.99	F		Fail Considerable further work is required

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LILLE

Lille is a dynamic city where student life is very active. Many events take place throughout the year on campus and in town.

JIVÉ – Integration days

The University of Lille organises several events at the beginning of September for all the new students: campus tours, immersion activities, meetings and celebrations.

Welcome days

The JIVÉ programme includes the Welcome Days, a series of events especially for international students. They take place in September and January.

You can find the full programme [here](#) and we strongly recommend that you attend as many activities as you can to discover Lille, the University, its services and external partners.

ISW – International Student Week

takes place at the end of November with numerous activities celebrating international exchanges:

Partage ma table : have a Sunday lunch with a local family

Opening night ceremony at the City Hall

A week full of thematic events, showcasing a different country each year.

Closing night (concerts)



We wish you all the best for a successful exchange at the University of Lille!



CONTACTS

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Useful links:

[The University of Lille](#)

[The Faculty of Languages, Cultures and Societies](#)

[Courses taught in English](#)

[The International office at the university](#)

[La Maison Internationale](#)

[Public transport in Lille](#)

[SNCF \(French Railroad company\)](#)

[Tourist office](#)