

in **Study**
Saint-Étienne
and its metropolitan area

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SAINT-ÉTIENNE
la métropole



A RICH AND REWARDING STUDENT LIFE!

Saint-Étienne Métropole offers you a student life full of wonder, opportunities, new discoveries and experiences.

Wonder thanks to unspoilt nature offering an exceptional quality of life with natural sites that will take your breath away! The Loire Gorges offer water sports, Le Pilat Regional Nature Park offers hiking trails and the city itself boasts 700 hectares of parks and gardens making it one of the greenest places in France.

Opportunities because Saint-Étienne is the ideal place to start building a professional network while still a student. Numerous collaborative projects and dedicated spaces all over the district offer chances for students and professionals to meet and work together, enabling you to prepare your future all the more serenely.

Discoveries with all the cultural amenities and the city's special place as France's only UNESCO Design City. With the Cité du Design, Saint-Étienne can claim to have a unique institution in France, one which plays a large role in the city's abundant cultural offering. Major cultural institutions (Zénith, La Comédie, Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Musée d'Art et d'Industrie, Opéra, Le Fil) rub shoulders with off-beat alternative venues.

Experiences thanks to the huge variety of festive and leisure activities on offer in a city that has reinvented itself precisely with the aim of offering new experiences. Concerts, festivals and parties of all kinds bring to new, vibrant life to some of the city's most iconic and atypical sites.

Our Métropole has many assets that make it a great place to study, one where you really will make the most of student life. I hope that in your years studying in Saint-Étienne you will enjoy discovering this fantastic environment, that you can flourish in our district and make it your own.

Gaël PERDRIAU

President of Saint-Étienne Métropole
Mayor of Saint-Étienne



SAINT-ÉTIENNE: A TRUE STUDENT CITY

Saint-Étienne offers a wide range of high-calibre higher education courses. With its five multi-disciplinary campuses, the Métropole can meet student demand as well as the needs of the economic actors: universities and higher education institutes, initial training, sandwich courses, development of specialist postgraduate courses and research. All of which amounts to a vast range of career opportunities for students!

27,000
students in higher education

3,000
foreign students every year

11,500
researchers in Lyon-Saint-Étienne

The strongest growth in student numbers in France over **10 YEARS**

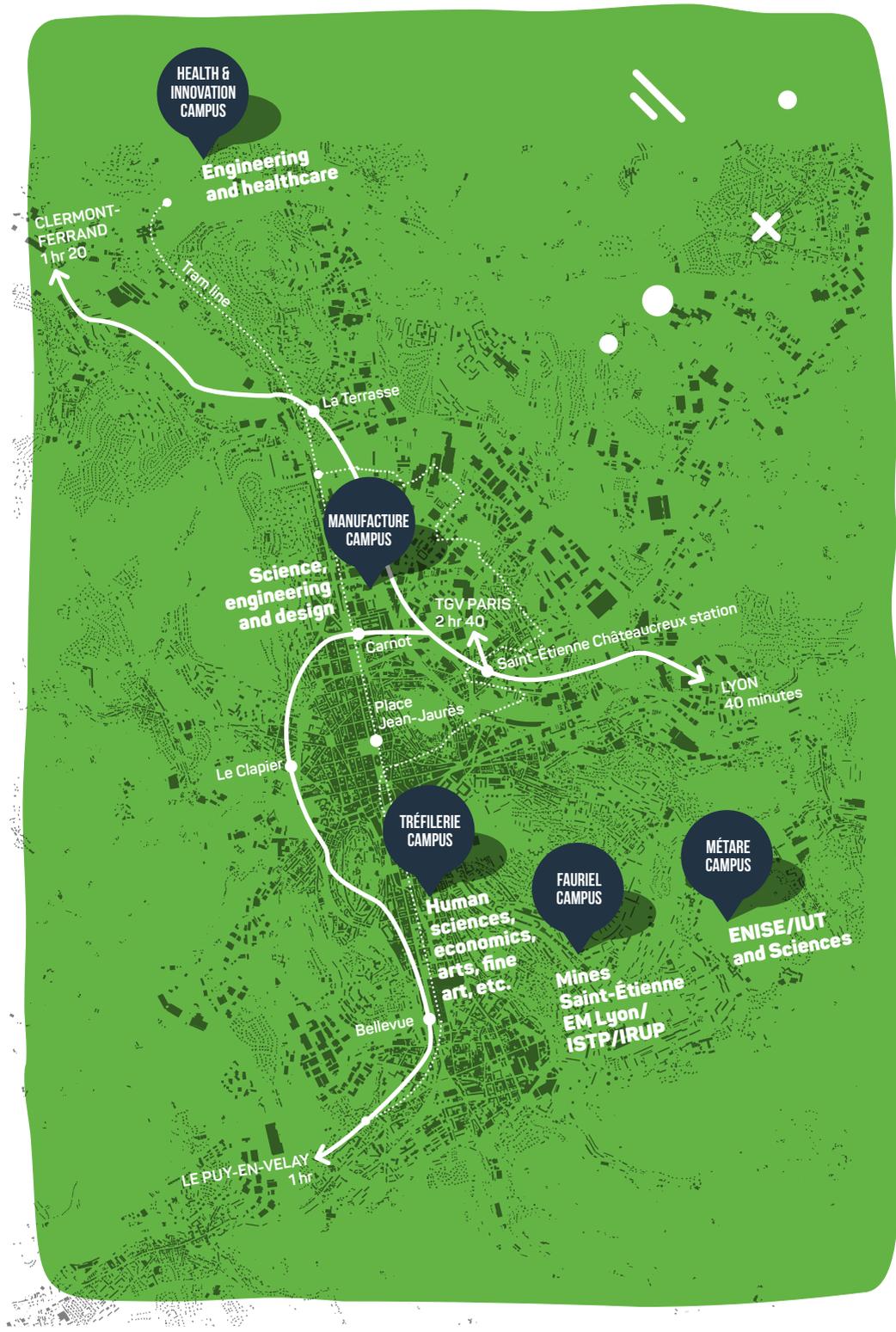
200
RESEARCH LABORATORIES
across Lyon-Saint-Étienne

No. 1
centre for design research in France

4 AREAS OF EXCELLENCE:
• new manufacturing,
• health, optics,
• design,
• digital technology.

14 OF THE NATION'S BEST ENGINEERING SCHOOLS:

- Jean Monnet University
- ISTP (engineering school specialising in sandwich training),
- IRUP (university institute specialising in sandwich training)
- IOGS (Institut d'Optique Graduate School)
- ESADSE (Higher School of Art and Design)
- EN3S (Social Security training school)
- Mines Saint-Étienne (engineering school)
- ENSASE (Saint-Étienne school of architecture)
- ENISE-Centrale Lyon (engineering school)
- EM Lyon Business School: Saint-Étienne campus
- École de la Comédie (drama school)
- Telecom Saint-Étienne
- Sciences Po Lyon: Saint-Étienne campus
- CNAM (higher education institution specialising in science, engineering, technology)





A RICH AND VARIED STUDENT LIFE

Ranked 4th among France's most livable big cities*, Saint-Étienne has plenty to appeal to students: popular courses, a vibrant cultural scene, nature on the doorstep and low living costs.

* JDD ranking - 2020

FILL UP ON CULTURE

To study well, you need to live well and that means taking advantage of all that the city has to offer. In Saint-Étienne, you will never be short of somewhere to go: **it's buzzing with cultural venues and events.**

The city is home to a number of major cultural institutions: a Zénith concert hall, a national drama centre, an opera house, the country's second most important museum of modern and contemporary art, the Cité du Design...

But that's not all - Saint-Étienne also has a host of more quirky venues! With two arthouse cinemas, several venues in converted former industrial buildings, the old school of fine arts which now houses two exhibition halls, a dynamic theatre with a rich dramatic and musical programme: something for everyone, literally!

SAINTÉPASS: ALL THE INFO, ALL THE DEALS!

SaintéPass is a website packed with offers for all the cultural and sporting events in the district: concerts, theatre, opera, football matches, festivals, music, and more. Thousands of free or reduced rate tickets for the district's students!

www.saintepass.fr



NEW PARTY EXPERIENCES

With concerts, festivals and parties of all kinds happening in some of Saint-Étienne's most iconic and atypical sites, there's no shortage of opportunities to party. The Musée de la Mine park is the new symbol of a city that has reinvented itself to propose a raft of new festive experiences.

SAINTÉ WELCOMES ITS STUDENTS

When the new academic year starts, Saint-Étienne will be celebrating having its students back in town by organising 10 days of festivities and discoveries - all free! An unmissable week of fun and mingling for all the district's students!



SAILING IN SUMMER, SKIING IN WINTER

Not many large cities have nature on their doorstep in the way that Saint-Étienne does!

Just 15 minutes out of the city centre, the Pilat and the Forez mountains envelope the city in a mantle of green. And provide the ideal place to practise outdoor sports and leisure activities or just breathe the sharp, clean air!

In summer the place to be is the Saint-Victor **water sports centre** in the heart of the Loire Gorges.

In winter, **20 minutes is all it takes** to reach the first cross-country ski trails.

No need to choose between the snow and the beach in Saint-Étienne!





CAREFREE STUDENT LIFE



LOW-COST STUDENT HOUSING

Why choose to live in broom cupboard when, for the same rent, you can have a nice flat with plenty of space in a lively, central part of town? Saint-Étienne boasts some of the lowest rents in France. Everyone can afford a decent place without breaking the bank, whether they prefer to share or go it alone. Saint-Étienne also has around twenty halls of residence.



**AVERAGE RENT FOR A STUDIO:
€362 A MONTH**

EASY TO GET AROUND

Saint-Étienne is a compact city: you can get most places on foot or by bike. All the campuses not in the city centre are easily reached by the Saint-Étienne Métropole public transport system.



**€10 A MONTH
FOR A TRAVELCARD**

🛡️ YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO GO HOME ALONE AGAIN!

Get home safely with the **Noctambus**: two lines serve most of the places students go out every weekend (Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings). Service guaranteed every hour from midnight to 5 in the morning!



HELPFUL ADVICE: ESPACE INFO JEUNES

A unique service open to all young people aged from 13 to 29, free and without an appointment. A team of advisors provide information and support for the district's students with all their personal and career plans:



ACCOMMODATION

A selection of good quality rental offers to find somewhere to live easily.



CITIZENSHIP

Practical, technical and methodological support to help you with your life plans.



CAREERS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Help with writing a CV, looking for a placement, internship or summer job.



HEALTHCARE

A resource centre with free information and prevention service, but also access to counselling.



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DISCOVER SAINT-ÉTIENNE, CITY OF 7 HILLS

175,000
inhabitants

OVER 4,000
associations

13th
largest city in France

40
festivals a year

4th
most livable
French city

2nd
largest pool of SME-SMIs
in France

79.97KM²
area

3rd
largest filer of patents among
French metropolitan district

AN ACCESSIBLE CITY

By car

- > Lyon: 40 min
- > Clermont-Ferrand: 1 hr 20
- > Grenoble: 1 hr 30
- > Paris: 5 hr

By high speed train **TGV**
Saint-Étienne - Paris: 2 hr 40

Lyon Saint-Exupéry **airport**:
40 min by car

**THE ONLY FRENCH CITY TO BE NAMED
A "UNESCO CREATIVE CITY OF DESIGN"**



5 GOOD REASONS TO LIVE AND STUDY IN SAINT-ÉTIENNE

1 → TO BECOME ARDENT FAN OF EVERYTHING GREEN

Saint-Étienne sees green not so much as a colour, but as a philosophy. Here, nature is round every corner. You'll find parks and gardens that are a pleasure to roam and which have earned the city its "3rd flower" Le Pilat Regional Nature Park and the water sports centre at Saint-Victor-Sur-Loire, both within minutes of the city centre, will delight nature lovers and fans of outdoor pursuits.

2 → TO LIVE THE DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Saint-Étienne is France's only UNESCO City of Design. And the city possesses an institution that is quite unique in France: the Cité du Design. Every 2 years it hosts an international event, the Biennale Internationale Design. Design is a tradition and an ever-present feature of life in the city -

there'll be no lack of occasions to find out what all the fuss is about.

3 → TO ENJOY A RICH AND VARIED STUDENT LIFE

In Saint-Étienne student accommodation is among the cheapest in France. Here you'll have a higher standard of living than in many other large French cities, even on a student budget. And you can take advantage of the huge range of places to go out, leisure and other activities offered by Saint-Étienne, city of 27,000 students.

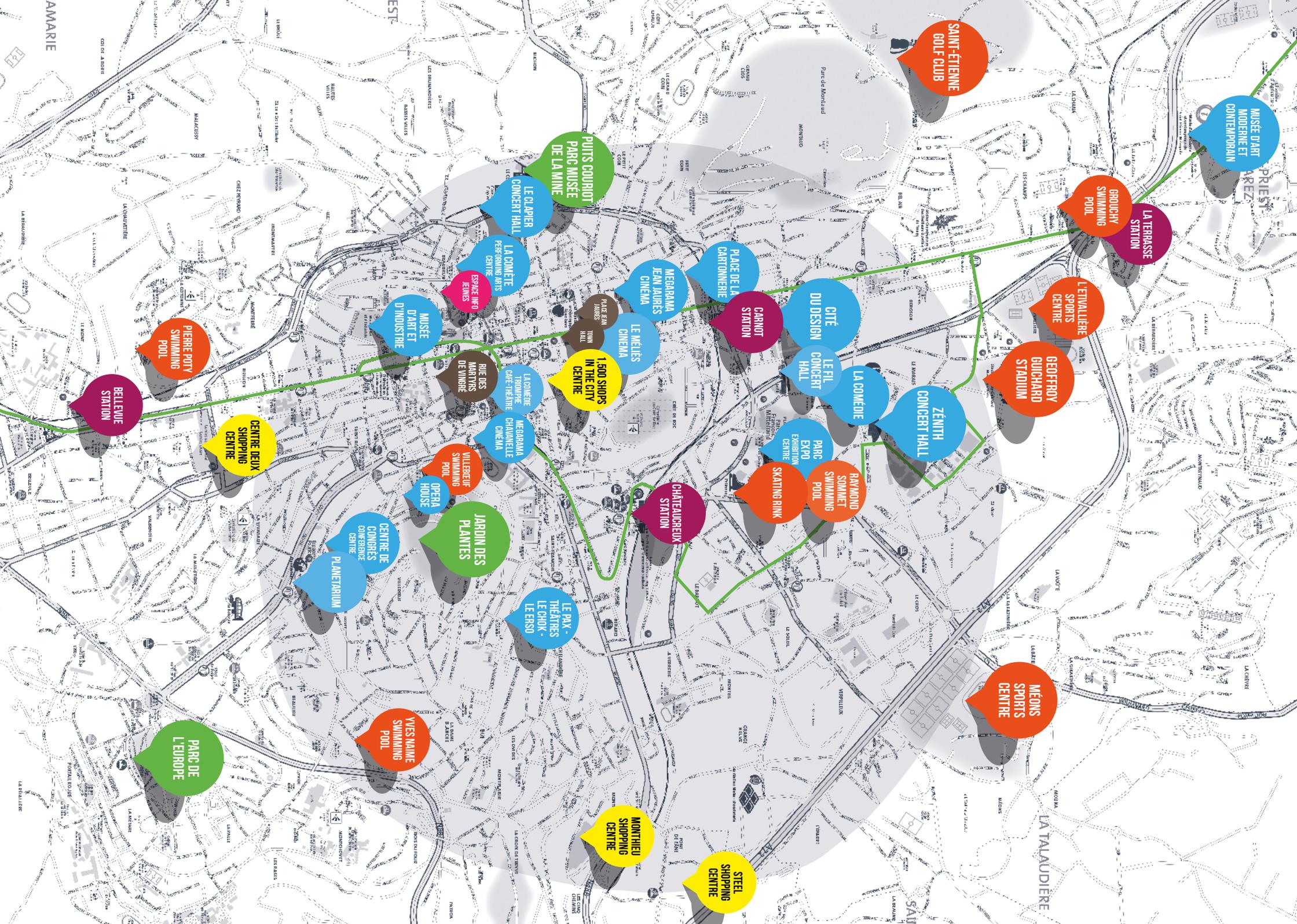
4 → TO STUDY AT HIGH-CALIBRE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

In Saint-Étienne, there is an extensive, varied range of higher education courses on offer: University, *prépa* foundation classes, *Grandes Écoles*, university technology institute, sandwich courses, further education,

degrees, post-graduate research possibilities: you are bound to find the course that fits you like a glove!

5 → TO MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Saint-Étienne is a friendly city, and you're sure to meet many people on your course, socially and in a professional capacity with whom you'll form a lasting bond. Choosing the city where you'll live and study is a big step, often a decisive one for the rest of your life and career. Here, you'll be building your network in the second biggest pool of SME-SMIs in France and building friendships for life.



MUSÉE D'ART MODERNE ET CONTEMPORAIN

LA TERRASSE STATION

GROUCHY SWIMMING POOL

L'ETVALLIERE SPORTS CENTRE

GEOFFROY GUICHARD STADIUM

ZENITH CONCERT HALL

SAINT-ETIENNE GOLF CLUB

CITE DU DESIGN CONCERT HALL

LA COMEDIE

LE FIL CONCERT HALL

PARC EXPO EXHIBITION CENTRE

CARROT STATION

PLACE DE LA CANTONNIERE

MEGARAMA JEAN JAURES CINEMA

LE MELES CINEMA

1,500 SHOPS IN THE CITY CENTRE

PUITS COURROT PARC MUSEE DE LA MINNE

LE CAJARIER CONCERT HALL

LA COMETTE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

ESPACE INFO JEUNES

MUSEE D'ART ET D'INDUSTRIE

CENTRE DEUX SHOPPING CENTRE

PLANETARIUM

CENTRE DE CONGRES

PIERRE POTY SWIMMING POOL

BELLEVE STATION

LE PAX - THEATRES LE CHOK - LE ESSO

CHATEAUREUX STATION

SKATING RINK

RAMONDO SOMMET SWIMMING POOL

JARDIN DES PLANTES

VILLEBEUF SWIMMING POOL

OPERA HOUSE

LE TALAUDIERE

MEANS SPORTS CENTRE

PARC DE L'EUROPE

YVES MAINE SWIMMING POOL

MONTHEU SHOPPING CENTRE

STEEL SHOPPING CENTRE

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COVID-19

The current public health crisis requires us to be vigilant and to adapt our behaviour, but leisure activities remain an integral part of student life. So for your sake and that of those close to you, keep up the barrier measures!

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