Study in Saint-Étienne and its metropolitan area
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
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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)
• Télécom Saint-Étienne
• Sciences Po Lyon, Saint-Étienne campus
• CNAM (higher education institution specialising in science, engineering, technology)

200 RESEARCH LABORATORIES across Lyon-Saint-Étienne
4 AREAS OF EXCELLENCE:
• new manufacturing,
• health, optics,
• design,
• digital technology.

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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.

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.

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

2nd largest pool of SME-SMIs in France

79.97 km² area

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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

1️⃣ 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.

2️⃣ 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 its 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.

3️⃣ 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.

4️⃣ 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!

5️⃣ 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.
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!