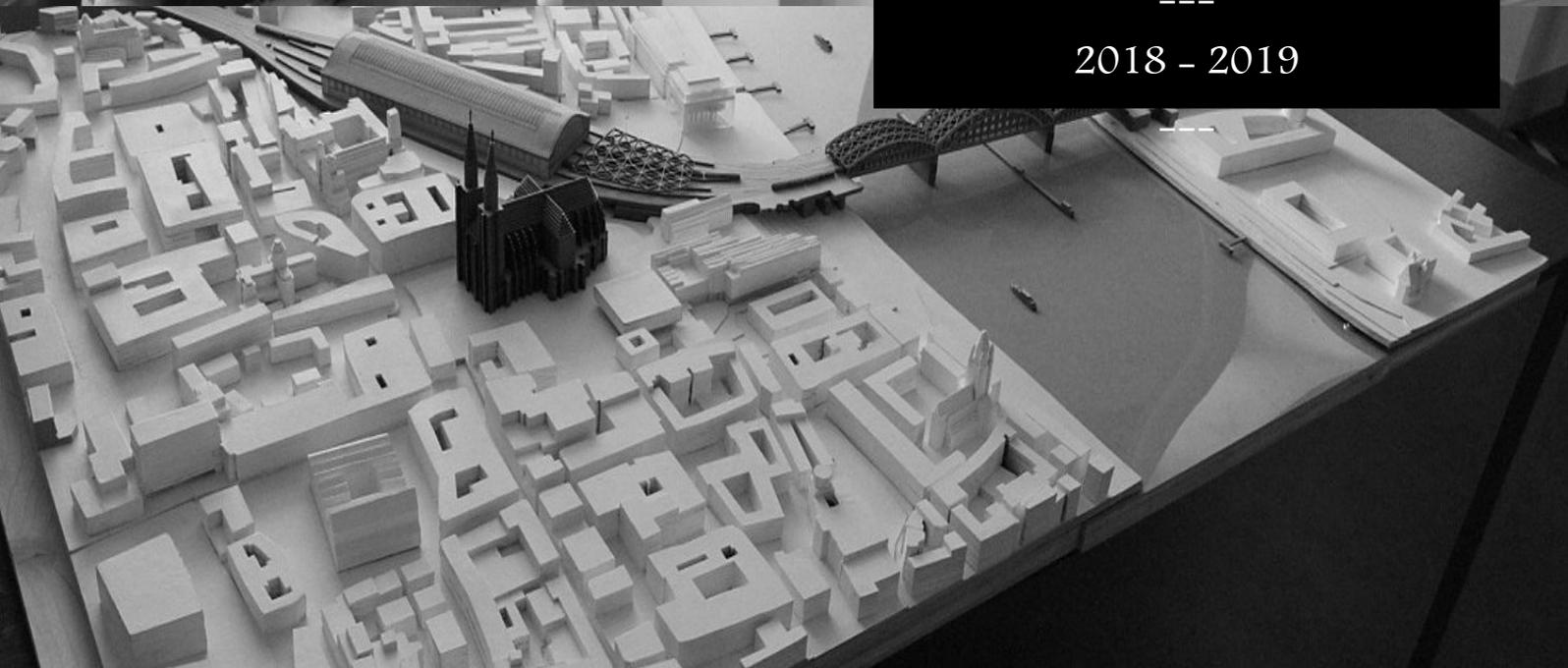




Guide to international  
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# Who are we ?

ENSASE is a public school of higher education under the authority of Minister of Culture and Communication – Architecture and Patrimonial Direction. L'ENSASE, as the others schools of architecture in France, has the possibility to deliver at the students the Architect Diploma.

The school is located in the city center of Saint-Etienne, next to the stores, the hotspots for young people, pubs, cinemas but also at only 3 minutes walking from the Hôtel de Ville. This situation, in the core of the social life, is particularly appreciated by the students of the school.

L'ENSASE is working in a regional environment, in partnership with others school of architecture such as Lyon, Grenoble and Clermont-Ferrand and with the « Cité du Design ». It has also the supporting of the « Région Auvergne-Rhone-Alpes » and to work regularly with local and regional authorities.

ENSASE is also giving to the students the opportunity to exchange all around the world during their studies. The school attempts to strengthen and to the value the mobilities, to consolidate the international dimension of its formations according to the orientations of its educational program, centred on the project of architecture, the sensibilisation in the urban problems and in the public spaces, the sustainable development.



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## THE PLACE TO BE

**S** **The Bachelor or Diplome d'Etudes en Architecture (Licence) :** in 3 years and give the opportunity at the student to obtain 180 Credits. It allows to have the basis of the architectural culture.

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**S** **The Master Degree or Diplome d'État d'Architecture :** in 2 years and give the opportunity to obtain 120 ECTS Credits, following a Bachelor Degree. This cycle allows the student to learn about the mastery of scientific/technical knowledge and to study urban and architectural project.

**The HMONP (L'Habilitation à exercer la Maitrise d'Oeuvre en son Nom Propre) :** in 1 year, following a Master Degree to get a professional situation and to be registred at « L'Odre des architectes »

**The PhD :** in 3 years, following a Master Degree.

**Educating the futurs architects** that they will be able to reply at the purpose sociologics, economics et ecologics in a changing world.

**Trying to develop the architectural culture** thanks to some interviews, exhibitions, tv, podcasts but also with some speech in the schools.

**Having an international policy** with a lot of partnerships in foreign countries, a student's mobility, the realization of international works and study trip.

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## KEY FIGURES

- 550 students with 140 graduates each year, **70 international students** and 45 in mobility **for studies or internships**
- **30 partnerships with foreign schools.**
- **5300 square metres workspace.**
- 4 fields in master degree :
  - « Espaces Aberrants, Temps de crise ,Architectures Paradoxales »
  - « Architectures, Urbanismes, Territoires »
  - « Formes, Architectures, Milieux »
  - « Habitat, Culture, Environnement »
- **A school which is working with 2 important works of the architect Le Corbusier :** « Firminy Vert » and « le Couvent de La Tourette ».

## A creative place

- **The Library** with more than **32000 documents** which are specialized and that the students can read if they need.
- **The Computer department :** in open access, to develop their skills but also to follow some lessons.
- **The model department :** students have some materials at their disposition to do a project or a work given by their teachers.
- **The photographic department :** to improve and learn some rules of photography.
- **The sport department :** possibility for the students to practise a sport.



**L'**ENSASE decides, under its programme, some partnership with more than 30 schools specialized in architecture. This politic which is looking towards the mobility and the exchanges allows a lot of students in the worldwide to come to study in France and more particularly in Saint-Etienne. Currently, the school welcomes more than 30 students each year who come from the differents schools.

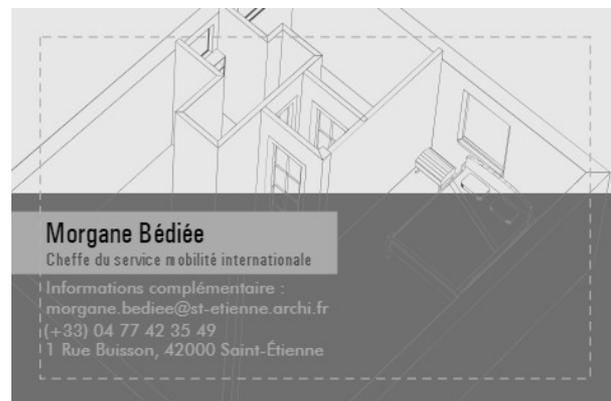


### Partner countries from EU or Switzerland :

- Germany
- Italy
- Belgium
- Irland
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Spain
- Switzerland
- Hungary
- Slovenia

### Partner countries except EU :

- Brasil
- Mexico
- Colombia
- Canada
- United Kingdom
- United States



# *The ECTS*

Instituted in 1989 by the European Union, the ECTS (European Credits Transfer System) allows an improving academic recognition for studies abroad and specifically in the ERASMUS program. Their principal aim is to make degree programs and student performance more transparent and comparable all cross European Union countries.

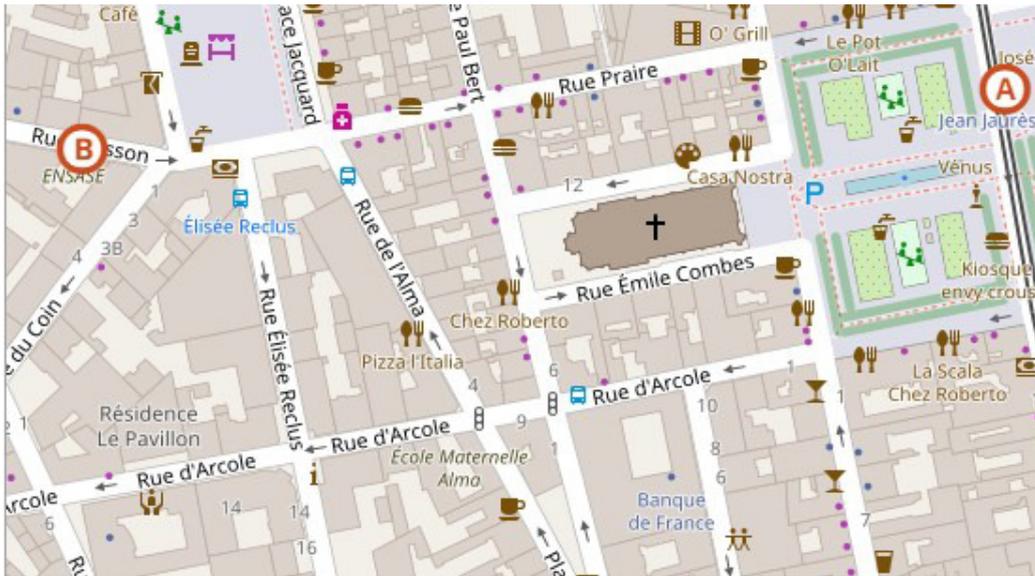
ECTS Credits are a value assigned to course units to describe the workload that student will have with success. The Credits are given to the student according the hours of work which including lectures, individual study, seminars, the internships, the researchs, practical work, projects and the skills. In the case of ECTS, 60 Credits is about a full-time academic year and 30 Credits is about a semester.

It's a tool which make easier the student's mobility from a country to another but also between the different home institution by easing the process of recognising qualifications and periods of study.

Credits are awarded to individual students after they have completed the required learning activities and achieved the defined learning outcomes, as evidenced by appropriate assessment.



# **TRANSPORT INFORMATION :**



## **► Coming to l'ENSASE or Saint-Etienne :**

### By train :

→ 2 stations are available : Saint-Étienne Chateaucieux et Gare Carnot.

### By tramway :

→ T1 to « Hôpital Nord » or « Solaure » or T2 « Terrasse » or « Chateaucieux ». Stop to « Place Jean Jaurès » and walk up to the street until Place Jacquard, more precisely at 1 Rue Buisson.

### By bus :

→ Take the bus M7 until « Sainte-Enfance » or Bus 16 until « Place Jacquard »

### By plane :

→ Saint-Exupéry Airport at Lyon with the possibility to take OUIBUS to go until Gare de Saint-Étienne Chateaucieux. It costs almost 9€.

→ Andrézieux Boutheon Airport and then the possibility to come by taxi. It's also possible to take a bus 37 to « Centre Fouillouse - Gare ». Stop to « Hopital Nord » and finally to take tramway T1 or T2 and to stop at « Jean Jaurès »



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### **Opening a french bank account :**

To follow the studies in good living conditions, the student has to consider a budget of 650€/month per expenses.

The opening of a bank account in France allow the student to receive payments (for medical refunds, CAF..) but also to have a debit card, a bank account number (RIB) and withdraw cash.



Documents requested :

- proof of accommodation in Saint-Etienne
- student card
- copy of your passport or identity card

### **Get a residence permit in France :**

The students who come from a country of the European Union don't have to apply for a student visa. They only need to have an identity card or a passport and to be sure about the validity.

The citizen except EU have to apply for a long stay Student Visa before arriving in France and contact the French Embassy or French Consulate in their country. The price of Visa is about 90€.



To get a residence permit, a lot of document are necessary :

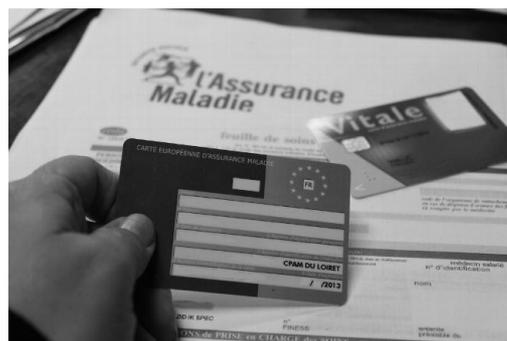
- A validity passport
- Form of a residence permit
- Recently ID Photos
- Proof of admission in the school
- Proof of accommodation

To get a validated residence permit and not a temporary : students have to apply to the organization OFII on Internet (<http://www.ofii.fr/>) in November. They will receive, after it, a residence permit which will be dematerialized and signed.

## **Health and Insurance :**

### **Students from EU/EEE or Switzerland :**

For these students, they still register at the system of social security in their country and they are exempted of being registered to the french student social security.



Before their departure, they should have the European Health Insurance Card which allow them to profit of medical care if they need them.

### **Students living outside the EU or Switzerland :**

Foreign students who come from a country outside the European Union or Switzerland must be registered at the CPAM (Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie) by themselves. This registration will be do on the website « [etudiant-etranger.amelie.fr](http://etudiant-etranger.amelie.fr) » in September.

To succeed the registration, students have to be registred in a public school of higher education, to have a bank account (to see « opening a french bank account ») but also a residence permit which have to be validated by OFII. ( to see « get a residence permit). This membership will take almost 3 months.

It means that international students will have a provisoire number and will be protect during 3 months. They will have a definite number when they will give all the documents necessary.

## **Liability Insurance**

This liability insurance (SMERRA) covers personal injuries or damage to property that have been caused by the student. All international students will need to provide a proof of liability insurance to get their student card.

## Forms of communication



**Mobile :** To communicate with citizens, as the other countries, a student need to have mobile subscription. You can find different societies like : Orange, Free, Bouygues, La Poste... The stores are in the city center.

It costs between 2€ and 60€ according to the options that student wants to have. It's possible to choose a monthly price (cash will be take directly on bank account) or to use some pre-paid card.

→ To call abroad in France, need to use : 00 + area code of the country + number of your friend

## **Internet and WIFI :**



To go on Internet, student have to take a monthly subscription in the same society that your mobile phone. The subscription cost between 10€ and 30€ monthly according to the options the student took..

If you are in the city center, student will be able to use the WIFI available in city anytime and anywhere. Moreover, ENSASE school (**Wifi School : Name : ENSASE / Password : @rchitecture**) but also some stores and fast food have a WIFI which allows students to surf on Internet.

## **The tools at school :**



**Email :** The students can have a mailbox which allows them to send mail to their teachers or to the administrative personnel if they need some informations, an alert when you receive a mail, possibility to have an address book , a grammar rectifier ...

**TAIGA :** It's a software used by the internal persons from school (teachers, administrative, students) and to exchange informations but also to check the time schedule.

**The digital prints :** At the beginning of the school year, each student receives a card with 6E which provide the possibility to print works for school and other documents. Students can put some money on their account during the year close to l'Intranet (<https://paiements.st-etienne.archi.fr/> ) or the accounting agency.

L'ENSASE has a lot of copiers and a printer which are accessible all the time at school.



### **The student's association :**

L'ENSASE has many student's associations. Their main is to represent the students but also to organize some parties and events for them. You will find here the different names :

- BDA ENSASE : which organizes students parties.
- FOCUS : about the photography.
- ARCHIMATOS : buys professional materials for students.
- BISTANCLAC : organize a music festival.
- VILLEBREQUIN : tries to creat a link between school and work.
- BIM'SE : archiectural competition.
- IMHOTEP : organizes some workshop.
- SPORTECTURE : about the sport and competition.

### School's registration :

Now, students have to contribute at the « social student life » (if they're not in an exchange program) at CROUS and paid on Internet 90€.



After that, students will receive an email (almost a day) which will enclose a certificate with a number which will allow them to do their registration in a school of higher education.

Moreover, scholarship students and refugees have to pay this collection but they will have back their money during the year.

### The Accommodation :

Students have a lot of variety of accommodation in Saint-Etienne :

→ To live **in an apartment**. The rent will be a little more expensive than in a dormitory but it will be better to do the architectural projects and it's next to the school. It's easy to find a flat on different sites such as : Le Bon Coin or in an estate agency.



→ To live with other students in a flat. It will be a beneficial financial option as the rent will be divided

The foreign students can also enjoy some help such as : « Aide au Logement (A.L) » which is given by CAF. (see useful addresses). If they want this, students had to stay not less than 3 months in their accommodation and also open a bank account.

## *To do shopping in the city :*

It exists of food trade in Saint-Étienne (supermarket...), but also some markets in different quarters, next to l'ENSASE :



- **Open markets** *manufactured products and foods : from 6a.m to 1 p.m*
  - Place Jacquard : *monday, wednesday, friday and saturday*
  - Place Carnot : *tuesday, wednesday and sunday*
  - Cours Fauriel : *mercredi et samedi*
- **Indoor markets** *with manufactured products : from 2 p.m à 7 p.m*
  - « Les Ursules » *from Tuesday to Sunday*
- **Centre Deux – Centre Commercial** *with tramway T1 to Solaure*
  - 1 -7 Rue des Docteurs Charcot, 42100 Saint-Étienne
- **Monop', supermarket**
  - 7 – 9 Place de l'Hotel de Ville 42000 Saint-Étienne
- **Carrefour City**
  - Rue Benoit Malon, 42000 Saint-Etienne

## *Where is it possible to eat when we are students ?*

The university restaurant (CROUS) which are calling « resto U » or « RU » are opened from Monday to Friday. It's the most economic solution to get a real meal and it's about 3,25€. (see useful adresses)



Finally, students can also eat at school thanks to BDA ENSASE which proposes some sandwich and other fast food. It's also possible to use a microwave to heat her own food.

The city has also a lot of restaurants in her city center, which have a variety restaurant's menu and good prices. The principals streets for these restaurants are : Place Jean Jaurès and Place du People

## Go out in Saint-Etienne :

→ It's possible to move in the city in bus or in tramway thanks to STAS. Currently, there is 3 tramway lines which serve all the city center, «Gare de Chateaucieux », « Hoptal Nord » and the South of Bellevue « Solaure ». About 50 bus lines which are going in Saint-Etienne but also in their urban areas.

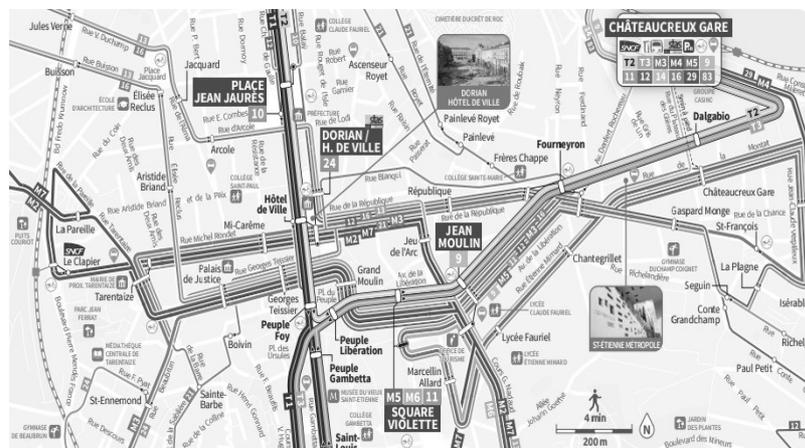
### **Different prices :**

- 1 trip : 1,60€

- 10 trips : 10,00€

- Monthly : 27,00€

- Yearly: 209,00€



→ Go out in the city but also respect the environment : it's possible ! Young students will find at their service in the city some terminal with bikes : « Les Vélivert ». The princip is easy : at the start of the day you register on Internet or at a terminal for limited time and then take the bike, go out and put it back where you can at the end of the day..



## What do students can do in Saint-Etienne ?



**Cultural :** The city has an important history and an amazing architectural conservator. The students, during free-time, can visit some museums such as : « Musée de la Mine » and « Musée d'Art Moderne ». It will may be help us during their projects.

**Cinema :** Saint-Etienne has 3 cinemas : « Le Méliès » and « L'Alhambra » and « Le Camion Rouge ».

L'ENSASE project also 2 movies monthly in partnership with « Le Méliès », « La Comédie de Saint-Etienne » and « L'Ecole des Mines ». A special card with 15 projections is available and costs 32€.



**Shows :** A lot of concerts, festivals and shows are present in the city. Students can go to the « Zenith », « Le Fil » but also going to the « Opera Saint-Etienne ». Moreover, they have to know that in this theatres there is special prices for young students with their Student Car or with « Sainté Pass ».

**Hanging out with friends :** Students and young people from the city can go to « La Rue des Martyrs » to take a break and drink a coffee during the afternoon but also taking a drink with friends during the evening. At midnight, students can go to the hotspots such as « Le Bul » or « Le Kopa » in the city center.



# USEFUL ADDRESSES :

## **CAF CAISSE ALLOCATION FAMILIALE**

3 Avenue Emile Loubet, 42000 Saint-Étienne

## **CROUS SAINT-ETIENNE**

11 Rue Tréfilerie, 42000 Saint-Étienne

## **CPAM de le Loire**

3 Avenue Président Emile Loubet, 42000 Saint-Etienne

## **PREFECTURE DE LA LOIRE** (for residence permit)

2 rue Charles de Gaulle, 42022 Saint-Etienne

## **STAS OFFICES**

Place Dorian, 42000 Saint-Etienne

Chateaucieux Train Station, 42000 Saint-Etienne

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## **RESTAURANT TREFILERIE**

31 bis, rue du 11 Novembre, 42100 Saint-Étienne

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# USEFUL WEBSITES :

<https://www.st-etienne.archi.fr/>

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

<http://www.crous-lyon.fr/>

<http://saint-etiennetourisme.com/>

<http://www.saint-etienne.fr/>

<https://www.reseau-stas.fr/>

<https://smerra.fr/>

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

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