

GUIDE

for **EBIM** students



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Housing

Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris (CIUP) www.ciup.fr

private park and foundation in the South of Paris with 39 (two of them in the Northeast of Paris) international residences for students, researchers and artists

applications to be led way in advance, but authorities can reserve rooms and allocate them freely

rents and quality of the rooms differ between the houses; the most typical type of accommodation is a single bedroom with a private bathroom for approx. 500 EUR/month; shared kitchens and laundry facilities are provided in the houses

food court in the Maison Internationale is open Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner, but closed in August; menus starting at 3 EUR. Another restaurant is located in the Spanish house (open every day, serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner). Cafeterias in the Maison Internationale (open every day) and the German house (Maison Heinrich Heine www.maison-heinrich-heine.fr/fr/ Monday through Friday 8:00 AM 2:30 PM, Saturdays 10:00 AM 2:30 PM)

several **supermarkets** (e.g. Lidl's at 90 bd Jourdan) and bakeries (La fabrique aux gourmandises, 82 rue de l'Amiral Mouchez, closed on Mondays and Tuesdays) close to the Porte d'Orléans and the Porte de Gentilly Stade Charléty

public transportation by tramway line T3, RER line B (station Cité Universitaire), Métro line 4 (station Porte d'Orléans), bus lines 21 and 67 (stop Stade Charléty Porte de Gentilly), night bus line N14 (stop Porte d'Orléans), and airport shuttle bus Orlybus (stop Stade Charléty); www.ratp.fr

a couple of **Vélib'** stations on or nearby bd Jourdan

MSE within walking distance (approx. 2.3km) from CIUP; right in front of the building Vélib' and Métro stations (Campo Formio, line 5); stops of the 57 and 67 buses (approx. 15 minutes to CIUP depending on traffic) a few steps down the road

Centre Régional des Oeuvre Universitaire et Scolaire (CROUS) www.crous-paris.fr/ runs university halls of residence and student restaurants, helpful general information by its national head CNOUS

Other Dormitories

Adele, 33 residences in Paris

www.adele.org/public/residence/residence_liste.php?ville_mere=PARIS

Les Etudines, some 20 residences in the Paris area, but only few within city limits

www.estudines.com/residence-logement-etudiant-paris-13.html

Le Club Étudiant, e. g. Villeneuve St. Georges

www.leclubetudiant.com/inf/?RUB=56

Private Housing

www.lokaviz.fr list of private student housing run by CROUS

www.fusac.fr (France USA Contacts), magazine (also available online) dedicated to the English-speaking community in Paris which not only includes housing ads

www.paris.en.craigslist.fr online community with classifieds and forums

www.pap.fr popular French web site for private housing ads; see also: www.avendrealouer.fr , www.seloger.com

The University in Paris:

MSE – Maison des Sciences Économiques

How to start:

After your arrival in Paris you should make an appointment with Prof Bonnisseau. He will give you information about

- which office you can use and how to get your key
- how to do your inscription at Paris 1 (read the section about inscription and cotutelle for details)

- he will write you a certification that you live and study in Paris, that can be helpful to carry around during the first weeks (to facilitate administration issues)
- if you want to borrow books at the library you need a professor to write a note that you are allowed to (read the section about libraries for details)

OFFICES at MSE:

Jean-Marc Bonnisseau	507
Dominique Guégan	512
Elda André	110
Mme. Dutry	B 16

How to get to the MSE:

The Maison des Sciences Economiques is located at boulevard de l'hôpital 106-112 in the 13th arrondissement in Paris. You can reach it by Metro (M5 Campo Formio) or bus (57/67).

The 67 goes to cité universitaire.

There is also a vélib station in front of the building.

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday 7.30-22.00, Saturday 9-18

holidays: Monday to Friday 9-20

The library:

The library is in floor 0. It is opened from monday to friday from 9-19h.

In holidays it is closed. As a doctoral student you are allowed to borrow up to four books.

Some professor has to sign a declaration for the allowance to borrow.

Standard textbooks and standard journals are available. It is also possible to work in the library which is often a good alternative to the crowded and sometimes noisy offices.

General things about MSE:

The lectures are usually on the floors 0 and 1.

On the second floor there is space to discuss and work collaboratively.

On the fifth and sixth floor the french Ebim professors and the mathematically orientated economic researchers have their offices. Here you will also probably have your office. Due to lack of space, the offices are designed for up to 8 doctoral students working in the same office. However, most doctoral students arrive later than in Germany, so before 11am you normally have good working conditions. Later it can be quite crowded.

On the floors 2-4 there are also economic researchers, but with less mathematical focus.

In general you have to search more actively the contact to professors and doctoral students.

But this effort is a sensible one as there are a lot of good professors and doctoral students from a lot of different fields.

Seminars in Paris:

Good information about seminars in Paris:
<http://www.parisschoolofeconomics.eu/>
Interesting seminars are for example:

Monday at 11 Game Theory at Institut Henri Poincaré (here it is possible to present your work in the doctoral seminar which is before the game theory seminar at 10)

Monday at 17 theory seminar in MSE

Friday at 14 internal seminar for researchers at MSE (here you can also present your work)

Friday at 11 psychology and economics at MSE

Friday at 9 Bachelier Seminar (Finance) at Institut Henri Poincaré

There are more, for example very good macro, institutional economics, ...

Administration in the University:

In general more complicated than in Germany. Often the people in the administration only speak French. Ask the people and they will help you. Many rules are special for EBIM students, some people in the administration do not know these rules. I benefited a lot from the help of Prof Bonnissseau in such situations, he knows the rules best.

Other places to work:

There are a lot of libraries that offer good working conditions. Examples are Bibliotheque François Mitterand, Institut Henri Poincaré and the libraries in the cité universitaire.

Courses:

There are economic courses for the programs Qem which is a master program and Edeem which is a doctoral program. They normally start in September and January. Moreover, there are also language courses for these programs that you can attend. All these courses are at MSE. The université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne of which MSE is a part of, also offers language courses for french and other languages. The university also has a sports program.

Coffee and lunch:

Inside the Mse you can buy a machine coffee on the first floor. On the fifth floor you can buy capsules for coffeemachines located on

the third, fourth and fifth floor. One doctoral student sells these capsules for 0,40€ a piece.

Concerning lunch there are several possibilities. There are two bakeries, three chinese restaurants, three italian restaurants, an indian restaurant and some french bistros nearby. Also there are some Crous restaurants in the area. A good one is next to Jardin des Plantes at 31 rue Geoffroy Saint Hilaire. Crous is the french equivalent to Mensa. To enter, you may need to show a students card.

Cours de français

Overall, there are many opportunities to study french in Paris. Here, I would like to mention the following two possibilities:

French classes at the „MSE“

For QEM/MMEF & other Master students free french classes are offered directly at the MSE three times a week during the semester (January-June & September-December). At the beginning of each term the students are divided into three groups according to their level of knowledge of language (beginner/intermediate/advanced). As an exchange (doctoral) student from Bielefeld you are allowed to attend these classes. The atmosphere is quite nice, the groups are usually small and the teachers are well qualified. For more information contact the QEM-office, google „qem language class paris“ or have a look at the following page:

<http://erasmusmundus-qem.univ-paris1.fr/?id=513348>

French classes at Sorbonne Paris 1

It is possible to participate as „auditeur libre“ in the French classes Sorbonne Paris 1 at the Tolbiac campus. Courses are free and are of good quality, starting from A2 up to C1 European Reference. They start in September and January. Here you find all information:

<http://www.univ-paris1.fr/ufr/sgel/presentation-du-sgel/>

French classes at „Alliance francaise“

Another option is to book a course at the renowned „Alliance francaise“ (<http://www.alliancefr.org/>). They offer various types of classes that range from 4 to 26 hours per week. They furthermore provide individual hours as well as specialized business french classes. Compared to the french courses at the MSE you have more flexibility and you can choose between many different options. The disadvantage is that it is quite expensive while the courses at the MSE are for free. Nevertheless, to get a „quick crash course“ or in case that you are arriving late during the semester, I would recommend those classes. The atmosphere is good, the groups are small and the learning curve is steep. Depending on

the annual budget, the courses may be covered by EBIM up to a certain amount.

Inscription

If you come to Paris 1 without doing a cotutelle, you do an inscription as Erasmus student. This is a quick procedure, but the responsible secretary has resigned. Please clarify this during your recommended initial appointment with M. Bonnissseau.

If you come to Paris 1 as a cotutelle doctoral student, you do an inscription as doctoral student at Paris 1. This is done online (<http://sesame.univ-paris1.fr/Candidat/>). You will need signatures of your German and your French supervisor, and of M. Guégan (5th floor MSE). In case you have questions speak to M. André (1st floor MSE) or M. Dutry (1st floor Anbau MSE).

Cotutelle

To do a cotutelle you need a supervisor from Paris 1 and make a cotutelle contract. You can ask U. Haake for the contract, it needs to be signed by a number of people, so make sure you start organizing it early.

When you do a cotutelle you can get financial support from the Deutsch-französische Hochschule (<http://www.dfh-ufa.org/forschung/promotion-cotutelle-de-these/>).

They finance trips from Bielefeld to Paris, conferences in Germany and France, as well as public transport in Paris and travel expenses for your defense. Application deadlines are 31.3. and 31.10. each year.

Public transport

Metro and Busses

You need a ticket for zones 1-2 (that includes everything inside the périphérique)

A good solution is a **Pass Navigo**. You can only get it at some big stations, including train stations, Châtelet, Bastille... You need to bring an ID and some proof of your address in Paris (Electricity bill, RIB). You can recharge it monthly (62 Euro), or weekly (18,85 Euro). If you buy single tickets, take a „carnet“, that is a bundle of 10 tickets (12,50 Euro).

When you are younger than 27, you can get public transport much cheaper, have a look at <http://www.imagine-r.com/> .

To find metro timetables online: <http://www.transport-idf.com/> or www.ratp.fr .

Velib'

These are public bicycles that are everywhere in town. You can get daily and weekly passes at the Velib' stations, and (only if you have

a Pass Navigo) also a yearly pass (30 Euro). The yearly pass cannot be bought at the Velib' stations, you need to go to some RATP office. 30 Minutes are for free each time you take a bike, after that you pay extra.

Bank account

You will have to get a French bank account in order to pay for electricity, phone etc. Often you will be asked for a **RIB** (Relève d'identité bancaire), that is a piece of paper you get when you open a bank account. It has your address on it and your bank data assures to people that you are „reliable“ (you need it also if you want to join a fitness club or get a yearly pass for the cinema).

BNP Paribas has a one-year free bank account for students, maybe other banks do also have this offer.

Travelling to Paris

From Bielefeld it is best to go by train. First to Cologne, then take the Thalys (www.thalys.fr) from Cologne to Paris. It is handy to become a Thalys The Card member, than you can easily book online and travel ticketless.

To access the airports in Paris (Charles de Gaulle (CDG) in the north or Orly in the south), it is the cheapest to take the RER train and not any special buses. The RER B goes to CDG and takes about 25 Minutes from Gare du Nord).

Leisure

You can get a cheap little magazine (0,40 Euro) at each kiosk, called **Pariscope**. There you find nearly everything happening in the city.

For opera and concerts have a look at www.operadeparis.fr and www.sallepleyel.fr . In the opera you can get last minute tickets for 5 Euros, if you are under 27 there is also a possibility at Salle Pleyel to get very cheap tickets.

Have a look also at www.les-bons-plans.fr , here you can find cheap and costless events in Paris, such as cheap restaurants, free concerts etc.

If you like cinema: you can get a yearly pass for a great number of cinemas in Paris for about 20 Euro a month. You can find details on <http://www.ugc.fr/typepage.do?alias=carteugcillimite> . With this UGC illimité you can go to the cinema as often as you like – many Parisians have this pass.