# Your Complete Pre-Departure Checklist: From Accepted to Arrived

### **Félicitations! Your French Academic Adventure Begins Now**

Receiving an acceptance letter from a French university is a monumental achievement, marking the start of an exciting academic and cultural journey. This guide is designed to be a comprehensive companion, navigating the student through every crucial step from the moment of acceptance to the first week of arrival in France. It is structured chronologically into four distinct phases to ensure a smooth and organized transition.

A central theme throughout this process is the French administrative concept of the *dossier*—a meticulously organized file of personal documents. Nearly every significant administrative task in France, from opening a bank account to renting an apartment (*dossier de location*) and renewing a residence permit, requires a complete and accurate dossier.1 Therefore, the most effective strategy for any prospective student is to prepare a "master dossier" of all essential documents from the very beginning. This guide will help build that dossier step-by-step.

This checklist is divided into four phases:

* **Phase 1: The First 90 Days** – Securing the university place and obtaining the student visa.
* **Phase 2: The Final Month** – Finalizing travel, financial, and health logistics.
* **Phase 3: The Final Week** – Strategic packing and last-minute preparations.
* **Phase 4: Your First Week in France** – Navigating arrival and essential administrative tasks.

By following this structured approach, the path from being an accepted applicant in India to becoming a settled student in France can be managed with confidence and clarity.

## Phase 1: The First 90 Days – Securing Your Place & Your Visa

The journey to studying in France involves a series of sequential and interdependent administrative steps. Unlike some other countries, the French student immigration process for Indian nationals is a rigid, multi-stage gauntlet that must be followed in a specific order: University Acceptance → Campus France "Etudes en France" (EEF) Procedure → France-Visas Online Application → VFS Global Appointment for Biometrics → Visa Issuance. A delay or error at any point can halt all subsequent progress. This linear dependency makes early, meticulous preparation not just advisable, but absolutely essential for success.

### 1.1 The "Etudes en France" (EEF) Procedure: Your Academic Gateway

For students residing in India, the "Etudes en France" (EEF) procedure, managed by Campus France, is the compulsory first step after receiving a university admission letter. This process validates the student's academic project and is a mandatory prerequisite before any visa application can be submitted.7

#### Step-by-Step Guide

1. **Create Your Account:** The process begins on the official Etudes en France website (https://pastel.diplomatie.gouv.fr/etudesenfrance/). Students must register to create a personal account and will receive a unique Campus France Registration Number (e.g., INXX-XXXX), which is essential for tracking the application.7
2. **Complete Your File:** Log in to the portal and meticulously fill in all sections, including personal information, academic history, and language skills. This stage requires uploading several documents, such as a CV/Resume, a photograph, a copy of the passport, and all academic marksheets and certificates.7
3. **Pay the Campus France Fee:** A non-refundable processing fee of 18,500 INR (plus applicable online processing charges) must be paid. Payment is made online through the designated portal (https://payment.ifindia.in). This fee is distinct from the visa application fee and is required for any stay exceeding 90 days.7
4. **The Academic Interview:** After the file is reviewed and the fee is paid, Campus France will schedule an academic interview. The purpose of this interview is to discuss the student's academic background, motivation for choosing France, and future plans. It is crucial to bring all original mandatory documents, a set of photocopies, and the fee payment receipt to this interview. Upon successful completion, the Campus France advisor issues an "Interview completion certificate," a vital document for the subsequent visa application.7

### 1.2 The Long-Stay Student Visa (VLS-TS): Your Application with France-Visas

The "Visa de Long Séjour valant Titre de Séjour" (VLS-TS) is the standard long-stay visa for students. It functions as a residence permit for the first year of study in France and must be validated online within three months of arrival.11 The application process is managed through the official government portal, France-Visas.

#### Step-by-Step Online Application

1. **Navigate the Portal:** The entire application process is initiated on the official France-Visas website (https://france-visas.gouv.fr/).10
2. **Use the Visa Wizard & Create an Account:** The first step on the portal is the "Visa Wizard," which helps determine the specific visa type and required documents based on the applicant's situation. Following this, the student must create a personal account to fill out the application form.13 Campus France provides helpful video tutorials for creating an account and completing the application.13
3. **Fill the Application Form:** The online form is divided into several sections: "Your plans," "Your information," "Your last visa," "Your stay," and "Your contacts." It is critical that the information provided here is accurate and perfectly consistent with the details submitted in the Campus France file to avoid discrepancies that could delay or jeopardize the application.15
4. **Digitize Your Documents:** The portal offers an option to upload digital copies of all supporting documents. This is highly recommended as it can significantly speed up the subsequent appointment at the VFS Global centre.10 Ensure all scans are clear and legible.
5. **Book Your VFS Appointment:** After submitting the online application and paying the visa fee, the France-Visas portal generates a receipt and directs the applicant to the VFS Global website. VFS Global is the official external service provider that manages appointments for submitting biometric data (fingerprints and photograph) in India.13

### 1.3 Crafting Your Financial Dossier: Proving Your Stability

French authorities require students to prove they have sufficient financial means to support themselves. The minimum amount is officially set at **€615 per month** for the duration of the academic year.18 Demonstrating this convincingly is one of the most critical parts of the visa application.

#### Acceptable Proofs of Funds

* **Self-Funded:** Students funding themselves must provide personal bank statements for the last three months. These statements must be official documents from the bank (on letterhead, signed, and stamped) and show a stable, sufficient balance that is immediately accessible. Screenshots are not accepted.18
* **Parental/Family Sponsorship:** If parents or a family member are sponsoring the studies, the application must include a formal, notarized letter of sponsorship, a copy of the sponsor's ID (passport or Aadhaar), and their financial documents. This includes their bank statements for the last three months, Income Tax Returns (ITRs), and recent salary slips.18
* **Education Loan:** An official loan sanction letter from a recognized financial institution in India is an accepted proof of funds. The letter must clearly state the loan amount and the terms of disbursement.18

| Funding Source | Required Document | Key Details to Check |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Self-Funded** | Personal Bank Statements | Must be for the last 3 months, on official bank letterhead, signed/stamped, and show a stable balance of at least €615/month. |
| **Sponsorship** | 1. Sponsorship Letter (Notarized) 2. Sponsor's ID (Passport/Aadhaar) 3. Sponsor's Financials | Letter must confirm support. Financials include 3 months of bank statements, recent ITRs, and salary slips. |
| **Education Loan** | Official Loan Sanction Letter | Must be from a recognized bank and clearly state the loan amount and disbursement conditions. |

### 1.4 Securing Proof of Accommodation: A Critical Hurdle

One of the most challenging requirements for the French student visa is providing proof of accommodation for at least the first three months of the stay.10 Securing a long-term rental from India is not only difficult but also fraught with risks of scams. This creates an "accommodation paradox" where proof is needed before arrival, but safe arrangements are best made after arrival. The key is to understand the hierarchy of acceptable proofs and choose the most robust option available. A formal rental contract is ideal but rare to obtain from abroad; an

*attestation d'hébergement* is strong but requires a host in France; a temporary booking is the most common but must be heavily supported by other documents.

#### Option 1: University Residence (CROUS)

This is the most secure and straightforward option. University-managed residences (known as CROUS) provide an official certificate of accommodation upon reservation, which is highly credible for the visa application.23

#### Option 2: Staying with a Host (***Attestation d'hébergement***)

If staying with a friend or relative, they must obtain an *attestation d'hébergement* (certificate of accommodation) from their local town hall (*Mairie*). This is an official document where the host confirms they will provide lodging. This is a very strong proof of accommodation.25

#### Option 3: Temporary Booking (Hotel/Airbnb)

The most common solution for students without local contacts is to book a refundable hotel or Airbnb for the first few weeks. This booking confirmation must be submitted with a detailed cover letter explaining the plan to secure long-term housing upon arrival. This option is only considered credible if it is backed by very strong financial documents, proving the student can afford both the temporary and future permanent housing.21

#### Avoiding Housing Scams

When searching for accommodation online from India, students must be vigilant. Common scams include 32:

* **Listings that are too good to be true** (e.g., very low rent for a prime location).
* **"Landlords" who are abroad** and cannot arrange an in-person viewing.
* **Requests for money transfers** (especially via Western Union or wire transfer) before signing a lease or seeing the property.
* **Pressure to make a quick decision** and pay a deposit immediately.
* **Refusal to provide proof of ownership** or a proper rental contract.

Never send money remotely without having visited the property and signed a legal lease agreement.

## Phase 2: The Final Month – Finalizing Logistics & Finances

With the visa application submitted, the final month before departure is dedicated to arranging travel, finalizing financial instruments for use in France, and managing health and legal preparations.

### 2.1 Booking Your Flight: Smart Strategies for Students

* **When to Book:** It is strongly advised to book flight tickets only *after* the student visa has been approved and stamped in the passport. However, a tentative flight itinerary is often required for the visa application itself.9
* **Student Baggage Allowances:** Many international airlines offer special deals for students, which often include a more generous baggage allowance. This is a significant benefit, as excess baggage can be very expensive. Airlines like Emirates and Lufthansa, for example, often provide student fares that include two checked bags of 23 kg each on routes from India to Europe. Students must typically present their student visa or university admission letter at check-in to avail of this offer.
* **Arrival Timing:** Plan to arrive in France at least one week before the university orientation or the start of classes. This buffer period is crucial for overcoming jet lag, settling into accommodation, and completing the initial administrative tasks without being rushed.37

### 2.2 Managing Your Money Across Borders

* **Forex Cards:** A multi-currency Forex card is one of the most efficient ways to carry money for initial expenses. Cards from Indian banks like HDFC, ICICI, and Axis Bank can be pre-loaded with Euros, which locks in the exchange rate and helps avoid the high currency conversion fees associated with using Indian debit or credit cards abroad.41
* **Notifying Your Indian Bank:** It is imperative to inform all Indian banks where the student holds an account (debit or credit) about the international travel plans, including the duration of stay. This is a critical step to prevent the bank's fraud detection systems from flagging transactions made in France as suspicious and blocking the cards. This can usually be done via the bank's mobile app or by calling customer service.
* **International Driving Permit (IDP):** For students who plan to drive in France, an Indian driving license is valid for the entire duration of their studies, provided it is accompanied by an official French translation or an International Driving Permit (IDP). The IDP can be obtained in India through the Parivahan Sewa Portal by filling out Form 4A and submitting the required documents to the local RTO. The process is straightforward and typically takes 3-7 working days.42

### 2.3 Health & Insurance: CVEC and Beyond

* **Paying the CVEC:** The *Contribution de Vie Étudiante et de Campus* (CVEC) is a mandatory student and campus life contribution fee. As of 2024-2025, the fee is between €103 and €105. This fee must be paid online at the official portal (cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr) *before* the final university registration. After payment, a certificate is generated, which is a compulsory document for completing the university's *inscription administrative*. Certain students, like scholarship holders, may be exempt but must still complete the process online to obtain an exemption certificate.46
* **Arranging Health Insurance:** The French visa requires proof of health insurance that covers at least the first three months of the stay. This initial private insurance is intended to bridge the gap between arrival and full registration into the French Social Security system. The policy must provide minimum coverage of €30,000 for medical emergencies and repatriation.9

### 2.4 Legal Preparations: The Power of Attorney (POA)

Executing a Power of Attorney (POA) before leaving India is a prudent step. A POA is a legal document that authorizes a trusted individual in India, typically a parent, to manage financial and administrative affairs on the student's behalf. This can be invaluable for tasks such as operating Indian bank accounts, signing loan documents, or handling any unforeseen bureaucratic requirements in India while the student is in France. The POA can be drafted on plain or stamp paper and must be notarized to be legally valid.56

## Phase 3: The Final Week – Packing & Departure

The final week is about strategic packing. The goal is not to replicate life in India but to pack for a smooth adaptation to life in France. This means prioritizing items that are essential for the first few weeks, are difficult or expensive to find in France, or bridge a cultural or climatic gap. Bulky, standardized, or locally-suited items should be purchased after arrival.

### 3.1 The Ultimate France Packing List for an Indian Student

* **Documents (Carry-On Only):** A waterproof folder containing all original documents and at least two sets of photocopies is the most critical item. This folder should never be placed in checked luggage.
  + Passport with the French student visa.
  + Original university offer letter and proof of admission.
  + Campus France interview completion certificate.
  + Proof of financial support (bank statements, loan letter).
  + Proof of accommodation for the first three months.
  + Receipts for tuition fee and CVEC payment.
  + Health insurance certificate.
  + Flight tickets and itinerary.
  + Apostilled birth certificate and academic transcripts.
  + Several passport-sized photographs (French format).
  + A list of important contacts.37
* **Clothing:** French weather is variable and generally cooler than in India. Layering is the most effective strategy.
  + **Essentials:** Pack several pairs of jeans/trousers, t-shirts, sweaters, and hoodies. A high-quality, waterproof jacket is indispensable.41
  + **Formal Wear:** Include one formal outfit for university presentations, events, or interviews, as the dress code can be more formal than in India.60
  + **Winter Gear:** While it is advisable to pack thermal wear, gloves, and a scarf from India, heavy winter coats are often best purchased in France, as they are better designed for the local climate.41
  + **Footwear:** Prioritize comfortable walking shoes. Include one pair of waterproof boots for winter/rain and one pair of formal shoes.41
  + **Traditional Wear:** One or two ethnic outfits for cultural events or festivals.
* **Electronics:**
  + **Adapters:** France uses Type C and E electrical sockets. A high-quality universal travel adapter is essential. Bringing a small Indian power strip is also a wise idea, allowing multiple devices to be charged with a single adapter.41
  + **Devices:** Laptop, smartphone, chargers, and a power bank (must be under 100Wh and carried in hand luggage) are non-negotiable.41
  + **Voltage Check:** Most modern electronic chargers (for laptops, phones) are compatible with the French voltage (230V), but it is crucial to check the label (it should read '100-240V, 50/60Hz'). Avoid bringing appliances like hair dryers or electric kettles from India, as they may not be compatible and are inexpensive to buy in France.41
* **Kitchen & Food:**
  + **Cookware:** A small pressure cooker (2-3 litres) can be very useful for Indian cooking, but only if luggage space permits. It is highly recommended to pack an extra rubber gasket, as these are very difficult to find in France.41
  + **Spices:** A "starter kit" of essential Indian spices (e.g., turmeric, cumin, garam masala) in small, sealed, and clearly labelled packets is a good idea for the first few weeks. Large quantities should be avoided to prevent issues at customs.41
  + **What Not to Bring:** Do not pack perishable items, fresh produce, meat, or dairy products. Most dals, rice, and other Indian groceries are available in larger French cities at Indian or ethnic grocery stores.41
* **Medicines & Toiletries:**
  + **Prescription Medication:** Carry a supply for 1-2 months, kept in the original packaging, accompanied by a doctor's prescription that includes the generic names of the drugs.41
  + **First-Aid Kit:** A basic kit with band-aids, antiseptic, pain relievers (e.g., Paracetamol), and medication for common ailments like colds or indigestion is recommended.41
  + **Toiletries:** Pack travel-sized toiletries to last for the first week. Full-sized products can be easily purchased in France.58
* **Bedding & Linens:**
  + It is strongly advised **not** to pack bedding (duvets, pillows, bedsheets) from India. French bed and pillow sizes are different, and these items are bulky. They can be purchased affordably upon arrival from stores like IKEA, Carrefour, or Monoprix.41
  + Pack one lightweight, quick-dry towel for immediate use.41

### 3.2 Preparing Your Carry-On Bag: Your Lifeline for Arrival

The carry-on bag should contain everything needed for the first 24-48 hours and all irreplaceable items.

* **The Master Document Folder:** All original documents, passport, and visa.
* **Medications:** All prescription medicines and the doctor's note.
* **Electronics:** Laptop, phone, power bank, and universal adapter.
* **Change of Clothes:** One full set of clothes.
* **Valuables:** Wallet with cash (€100-€150) and Forex card, jewelry.
* **Essentials:** Basic toiletries (under 100ml), glasses/contact lenses, and snacks (non-perishable).37

### 3.3 Final 48-Hour Pre-Flight Checklist

* Weigh all luggage to ensure it complies with airline limits.
* Charge all electronic devices fully.
* Download offline maps of the destination city and airport.
* Share the final flight itinerary and French contact details with family in India.
* Re-confirm the flight status online 24 hours before departure.
* Complete the airline's online check-in.

## Phase 4: Your First Week in France – From Arrival to Settling In

The first week in France is an "administrative sprint." It is a period where several critical, time-sensitive, and interdependent tasks must be completed. Validating the visa, registering at the university, opening a bank account, and applying for social security are not tasks to be done at a leisurely pace. They form a cascade of priorities: the bank account is needed for the *Relevé d'Identité Bancaire* (RIB), which is required for social security and housing aid (CAF); university registration has a strict deadline; and visa validation must be completed within three months. A structured plan for the first few days is essential to navigate this sprint successfully and avoid future complications.

### 4.1 Day 1-2: Arrival and Immediate Essentials

* **Navigating Immigration:** At the French port of entry (e.g., Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris), the student will go through immigration control (*Police Aux Frontières*). They must have their document folder ready to present their passport with the VLS-TS visa, university admission letter, and proof of accommodation and funds if requested.38
* **Airport to Accommodation:** Major airports are well-connected. From Charles de Gaulle (CDG), options to central Paris include the RER B train (approx. €11.45), Roissybus (approx. €16.20), or a taxi (fixed rates, approx. €55-€62 to the city center).
* **Get Connected:** The first priority upon settling into accommodation should be to acquire a French SIM card. Major providers include Orange, SFR, Bouygues Telecom, and Free Mobile. Prepaid (*prépayé*) SIM cards can be purchased easily from provider stores, electronics retailers like Fnac, or some tobacco shops (*tabacs*).

### 4.2 Day 2-4: The Administrative Core

* **University Registration (*Inscription Administrative*):** This is the final, formal registration process at the university. Students must visit the university's international office or *service de la scolarité*. The required documents typically form the core of the "master dossier":
  + Passport and Visa
  + Original Letter of Admission
  + CVEC Payment/Exemption Certificate
  + Apostilled and officially translated birth certificate
  + Passport-sized photographs
  + Proof of health insurance  
    Upon completion, the student receives their student ID card (carte d'étudiant) and a certificate of school attendance (certificat de scolarité).62
* **Opening a Bank Account:** A French bank account is essential for receiving salary payments, housing aid (CAF), and health reimbursements, and for setting up utilities.38
  + **Choosing a Bank:** Options include traditional banks like BNP Paribas, Société Générale, and Crédit Agricole, which offer student packages but may take longer to open an account, versus online banks like N26 or Revolut, which are faster but may not be suitable for all administrative needs.66
  + **Documents Needed:** Passport, visa/residence permit, proof of address in France (*justificatif de domicile*), and the *certificat de scolarité*.65
  + **The All-Important RIB:** Once the account is open, the bank provides a *Relevé d'Identité Bancaire* (RIB). This document contains the IBAN and BIC/SWIFT codes and is the standard format for sharing bank details in France for all direct debits and transfers.76

### 4.3 Day 5-7: Securing Your Stay and Finances

* **Validate Your VLS-TS Visa (OFII):** This is a mandatory online procedure to be completed within three months of arrival. It officially registers the student's stay with the French Office of Immigration and Integration (OFII).
  + **Process:** Visit the official ANEF website: administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr.
  + **Information Needed:** Visa number, arrival date in France, French address, and a credit/debit card to pay the tax.
  + **Fee:** The tax is currently €50 for students.
  + **Confirmation:** After payment, a PDF confirmation of validation is generated. This document must be saved, as it officially serves as the residence permit for the first year.80
* **Register for Social Security (*Sécurité Sociale*):** International students must register for the French national health insurance system. This is free and mandatory.
  + **Process:** Register on the dedicated website for foreign students: etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr.
  + **Documents Needed:** ID (passport), student visa, university enrollment certificate, French bank details (RIB), and a translated birth certificate.46
  + **Outcome:** After registration, the student receives a temporary social security number, which allows for partial reimbursement of medical costs. This is the first step toward obtaining the *Carte Vitale* (health insurance card).
* **Apply for Housing Allowance (CAF):** Students may be eligible for housing assistance from the *Caisse d'Allocations Familiales* (CAF).
  + **Process:** Applications are made online at caf.fr. The process requires creating an account and filling out detailed information about housing and financial resources.96
  + **Documents Needed:** Valid residence permit (the validated VLS-TS), translated birth certificate, rental agreement (*contrat de location*), and the French bank RIB.105
* **Get Your Transport Pass:** Major French cities offer discounted transport passes for students.
  + **Paris:** The **Carte Imagine R** offers students under 26 unlimited travel across the Île-de-France region for an annual fee of approximately €392.30.109
  + **Other Cities:** Cities like Lyon (TCL), Strasbourg (CTS), Marseille (RTM), and Grenoble (TAG) have similar student subscription plans offering significant discounts on their public transport networks.114

### 4.4 Cultural Primer: Navigating the French University and Social Scene

* **The Classroom:** The French academic system differs significantly from the Indian system. It emphasizes theoretical knowledge and independent learning.
  + ***Cours Magistraux (CM):*** These are large-scale lectures where the professor presents material and students take extensive notes. Active participation is generally not expected.134
  + ***Travaux Dirigés (TD):*** These are smaller, mandatory tutorial sessions designed for discussion, group work, and student presentations. Participation is often graded.134
  + **Professor-Student Relationship:** The relationship is typically more formal and distant than in many other cultures. Professors are addressed as "Monsieur" or "Madame" followed by their last name. Office hours are less common, and students usually approach professors with questions immediately after class.135
* **Social Etiquette:** French social customs are built on a foundation of politeness and formality.
  + **Greetings:** Always say *"Bonjour"* (good day) when entering a shop, office, or classroom, and *"Au revoir"* (goodbye) when leaving. This is a fundamental sign of respect.141
  + ***Vous* vs. *Tu*:** Use the formal "vous" when addressing professors, university staff, shopkeepers, and anyone older or whom the student does not know well. The informal "tu" is reserved for friends, family, and fellow students once a rapport has been established.142
  + ***La Bise*:** The cheek kiss is a common greeting among friends and acquaintances. The number of kisses (usually two, one on each cheek) varies by region. It is best to let a French person initiate it.141

## Appendix: Quick Reference Guides

#### Master Document Checklist

| Document Name | Purpose | Original/Copy | Notes |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Immigration & Travel** |  |  |  |
| Passport | Identity, Travel | Original (in hand) | Must be valid for at least 6 months beyond intended stay. |
| VLS-TS Student Visa | Entry to France | Original (in passport) |  |
| Flight Tickets | Travel | Printout & Digital |  |
| Passport Photos | Various applications | 10-12 copies | French format (35x45 mm). |
| **Academic** |  |  |  |
| University Admission Letter | Visa, University Registration | Original + Copies |  |
| Campus France Certificate | Visa Application | Original + Copies |  |
| CVEC Certificate | University Registration | Printout | Mandatory for *inscription administrative*. |
| Academic Transcripts | University Registration | Originals + Copies | Apostilled and officially translated into French. |
| Degree Certificates | University Registration | Originals + Copies | Apostilled and officially translated into French. |
| **Financial** |  |  |  |
| Proof of Funds | Visa, Bank Account | Originals + Copies | Bank statements, loan letter, or sponsorship documents. |
| Tuition Fee Receipts | Visa, University Registration | Printout & Digital |  |
| **Personal & Accommodation** |  |  |  |
| Birth Certificate | Social Security, CAF | Original + Copies | Apostilled and officially translated into French. |
| Proof of Accommodation | Visa, Bank Account | Printout | Hotel booking, *attestation d'hébergement*, or rental contract. |
| Health Insurance Policy | Visa, Arrival | Printout | Covering first 3 months in France. |
| Power of Attorney (POA) | Legal/Financial matters in India | Original (left in India) | Notarized. |
| International Driving Permit | Driving in France | Original (in hand) | To be carried with original Indian license. |

#### Sample First-Month Budget (Paris vs. Other Major City)

This budget is an estimate to help with initial financial planning. Costs can vary based on lifestyle and specific choices.

| Expense Category | Paris (Est. €) | Lyon/Marseille (Est. €) | Notes |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Rent (Deposit + 1st Month) | €1,200 - €1,800 | €800 - €1,200 | Rent is the single biggest expense, significantly higher in Paris.145 |
| Utilities (Setup/First Bill) | €100 - €150 | €80 - €120 | Includes electricity, gas, internet. |
| Groceries | €300 - €400 | €250 - €350 | Shopping at discount supermarkets (Lidl, Aldi) saves money.146 |
| Public Transport Pass | €38 (Imagine R) | €25 - €35 | Student passes offer significant savings.116 |
| CVEC Fee (One-time) | €105 | €105 | Mandatory for all students.52 |
| OFII Visa Validation Fee | €50 | €50 | Mandatory for VLS-TS visa holders.85 |
| Phone/SIM Card | €20 - €30 | €20 - €30 | For a prepaid plan with data. |
| Miscellaneous | €150 - €250 | €100 - €200 | Books, supplies, initial household items, leisure.145 |
| **Total Estimated First Month** | **€1,963 - €2,823** | **€1,430 - €2,090** |  |

#### Emergency Contact List

It is vital to have these numbers saved and a physical copy kept in a wallet or passport holder.

| Service | Phone Number | Notes |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Emergency Services** |  |  |
| Medical Emergency (SAMU) | 15 | For serious medical situations.149 |
| Police | 17 | For reporting crimes or immediate police assistance.149 |
| Fire Brigade (*Pompiers*) | 18 | For fires, accidents, and some medical emergencies.149 |
| Pan-European Emergency | 112 | Works from any phone across the EU for any emergency service.149 |
| **Embassy of India, Paris** |  |  |
| Address | 13-15 Rue Alfred Dehodencq, 75016 Paris | .153 |
| General Enquiries | +33 1 40 50 70 70 | .153 |
| Consular Section | +33 1 40 50 71 71 | For visa, passport, OCI queries.155 |
| **Emergency Number (for Indian nationals in distress)** | **+33 6 48 34 00 63** | For after-hours emergencies only (e.g., lost passport, accidents).155 |
| **Student's Personal Contacts** |  |  |
| University International Office | \*\* |  |
| Local Contact/Guardian | \*\* |  |

#### Essential French Phrases for Your First Week

* **Bonjour / Bonsoir** - *Hello / Good evening* (Use "Bonjour" all day until around 6 PM).
* **S'il vous plaît** - *Please* (Formal/Plural).
* **Merci beaucoup** - *Thank you very much*.
* **Excusez-moi / Pardon** - *Excuse me / Sorry*.
* **Je voudrais...** - *I would like...* (e.g., "Je voudrais un café").
* **Où est...?** - *Where is...?* (e.g., "Où est la banque?").
* **Combien ça coûte?** - *How much does it cost?*
* **Je ne comprends pas** - *I don't understand*.
* **Parlez-vous anglais?** - *Do you speak English?*
* **Au revoir** - *Goodbye*.

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