

Webinar

Preparing for the Start of the Academic Year International Audience





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This presentation is available online at : <https://welcome.univ-perp.fr/en>

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Welcome to the Occitanie Region

The third-largest region in France for international students, with more than 34,000 international students, including 1,500 at the University of Perpignan Via Domitia





Welcome: University Perpignan Via Domitia

Founded in 1350. A multidisciplinary university with four major fields of study

Science, Technology, Health - Law, Economics, Management

Liberal Arts and Humanities - Arts, Literature, and Languages

- Internationally oriented, with a strong cross-border focus
- A European university within the [ACROSS](#) Alliance
- 1 engineering school and 2 doctoral schools
- 3 institutes (IUT, IAE, IFCT)
- 3,500 graduates per year, offering 88 national degree programs



Main Campus, Moulin a Vent
[Campus Map](#)



Welcome: University Perpignan Via Domitia





University Perpignan Via Domitia

International facts and figures

9,500 enrolled students

20% international students
representing 100 nationalities,
including students from one-quarter of
the countries bordering the
Mediterranean

1/4 of students are from EU member
states, 15% of whom are participating
in the Erasmus+ exchange program

1 University Center for French Studies
([CUEF](#)) – (ideal for learning French)

University awarded the
“Bienvenue en France” designation

+50 international cooperation
agreements

+180 bilateral European
Erasmus+ agreements

13 dual degree programs

2 university research schools:
TULIP and TESS

7% of theses are co-supervised



University Perpignan Via Domitia

Other campus -<https://www.univ-perp.fr/upvd/nos-campus>



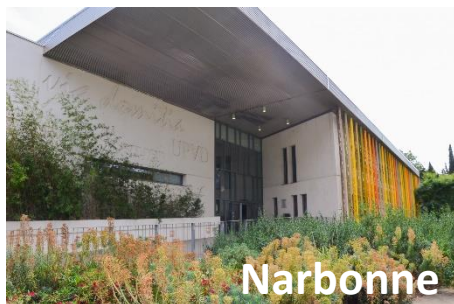
IUT Carcassonne



Font Romeu



IUT Perpignan



Narbonne



IAE Perpignan



Maily Perpignan



University Perpignan Via Domitia





Student's services

Important Dates for Your Onboarding

1^{er} au 4 september: Orientation tour of the campus and student services for all new students. For more information, contact the departments (LSH, SEE, SJE, STAPS, etc.) **Welcome party on September 3**, €5 (DJ, food trucks)

Early October: Campus Days in Narbonne (September 29), Font Romeu (September 30), Carcassonne (October 1), and Mailly (October 2).

October 5–8: Campus Week at the Pinède on the Moulin à Vent Campus, featuring concerts, booths, activities, and presentations by the university's services and student organizations.

*Thursday during Campus Week (**October 8**) is dedicated to international students, with presentations about your respective countries and cultures to the university community. It's **International Day** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Don't miss it!*



International Day
Pine area, MaV Campus



Student's services

Student life and Culture

<https://www.univ-perp.fr/vie-de-campus/culture>



Thanks to your [CVEC](#) membership fee *(€105) paid during your administrative registration, as a student at UPVD, you have access to all kinds of cultural and musical activities, outings, student parties, and more. Free concerts and workshops at the ***Maison des Arts et de la Culture 'Arts centre'***, located at the entrance to the Moulin à Vent Campus, and at other locations across the university's campuses.

**What is the CVEC? Every student enrolled in an undergraduate program at a higher education institution must obtain, prior to enrollment, a certificate confirming payment or exemption from the Student and Campus Life Contribution (CVEC). The CVEC helps fund a wide range of initiatives designed to improve your student life.*

Exchange students are exempt from the CVEC.



Student's services

Student life and Culture



Events and activities
throughout the year





Student's services

Student life and Culture



Workshops: stop-motion animation, clay modeling, singing, public speaking, drawing, linocut printing, theater, mosaic art, writing ([registration required](#)).





Student's services

Sport - <https://www.univ-perp.fr/vie-de-campus/sport>



Thanks to your contribution to the CVEC, as a student at UPVD, you also have access to all kinds of sports activities and outdoor excursions

SUAPS activities offered at the Maison des sports (located at the entrance to the MaV Campus) or at other locations (stadiums, golf courses, swimming pools, tennis courts, etc.) can be reserved online.

Access to the Moulin à vent gym is free with your pass (student ID).

Sport

En ce moment



LE 9 JUIN
Remise des prix du concours photo « L'UPVD Ici et ailleurs »



LE 14 AVR.
Des nouvelles du sport universitaire



DU 10 AU 12 AVR.
Coupe de France des IAE

Informations pratiques

[S'inscrire à séance](#) [Sportifs de haut niveau](#) [Association sportive](#) [Pauses pédagogiques](#)

Pour vous inscrire à une activité, rendez-vous sur la plateforme

[ACCÉDER À LA PLATEFORME D'INSCRIPTION AUX ACTIVITÉS](#) [VISIONNER LA PRÉSENTATION ACTIVITÉS SUAPS](#)

↓ Télécharger le livret d'activités SUAPS 2025/2026

 Les réservations du SUAPS

La page web du SUAP

Choisissez votre localisation

ATTENTION
Votre réservation entraîne une présence obligatoire sur le créneau d'activité. Une absence injustifiée peut entraîner une interdiction temporaire de 15 jours dans cette activité.

Perpignan

Narbonne

Carcassonne

Font-Romeu



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Student's services

Sports Available for Booking



BACHATA
BASKET
BODY
FIGHT
BOXE
CARDIO
RUNNING
CROSS
TRAINING
LATINO
DANCE
FITNESS
FOOTBALL



GOLF
JUDO
NATATION
PADEL
PILATES
SALSA
TENNIS
PING PONG
TOUCH RUGBY
TOURNAMENTS
VOLLEY
YOGA
ZUMBA



Student's services

Libraries (BU) - <https://bu.univ-perp.fr/>



With your student ID, you can borrow books, publications, newspapers, DVDs, and more.

Undergraduate students, external readers

20 items => 3-week loan period (renewable once) (max. 4 DVDs)

Master's student, Ph.D. student

30 items => 4-week loan period (renewable once) (max. 4 DVDs)

There are also photocopiers available in the university libraries, as well as a reprographics service for printing large or special projects (Ground Floor of Building F, Mav Campus).



Student's services

Librairies - <https://bu.univ-perp.fr/>



Several locations available on all campuses.

The screenshot shows the website of Université Perpignan Via Domitia. The header includes the university logo and name, a link to 'ACCÉDER AU SITE DE L'UPVD', and a dropdown menu for 'MES SERVICES'. The main navigation bar has links for 'Ressources', 'Services', 'Bibliothèques' (which is highlighted), 'Se former', and 'Soutien à la recherche'. A dropdown menu for 'Bibliothèques' is open, listing the following options:

- Mission et organisation
- BU Lettres sciences humaines
- BU Sciences
- BU Bourse du travail
- BU Narbonne
- BU Font-Romeu
- Autres bibliothèques
- Actu'BU

The background of the website features a large image of a modern building with a glass facade. In the foreground, a sign with the word 'BIENVENUE' and the university logo is visible. At the bottom left of the screenshot, there is a text overlay: 'Les bibliothèques de l'UPVD'.



Student's services

Librairies - <https://bu.univ-perp.fr/>



There are group study areas and quiet study areas available, as well as computer rooms with Wi-Fi. The staff at the library service desks will assist you with all your inquiries and reservations.

***Please note:** The Joint Documentation Service trains hundreds of UPVD students in information literacy.*

The workshops offered are tailored to all levels (undergraduate, master's, doctoral students, faculty, and UPVD staff) and focus on cross-disciplinary skills essential to academic success.



Equipment Loans at the Front Desk



Student's services

Library on the main campus





Student's services

Health - <https://www.univ-perp.fr/vie-de-campus/sante-social>



Student's Health Service :

Free consultations: general medicine, gynecology, academic accommodations* (exemptions from attendance requirements and other accommodations)*, vaccinations and screenings, appointments with a psychologist (University Psychological Assistance Center), and appointments with a nurse.

[Access the health clinic schedule](#)



Student's services

Your health



H Building,
Campus
MaV





Student's services

Places to eat on the Campuses



On all campuses, you'll find dining options both nearby and right on campus.

The [CROUS](#) dining facilities offer hot meals or a €1 sandwich option for student ID cardholders, which can be reloaded via the "[Izly](#)" app. Menus and opening hours are available online.

Examples of dining options on the Moulin à Vent Campus





International Welcome Desk



A free, multi-service resource offered by the University of Perpignan Via Domitia, whose primary mission is to inform, guide, and assist international students, doctoral candidates, and researchers with their administrative procedures.

- Residence Permit
- Social Security Enrollment (CPAM)
- Application for CAF Benefits
- Enrollment in health insurance or a mutual health insurance plan, etc.
- Registration for International Day and the International Mentoring Program



International Welcome Desk



Available to you:

- A dedicated space for all your online transactions
- A resource center offering practical information and guidance on administrative procedures and daily life in Perpignan.



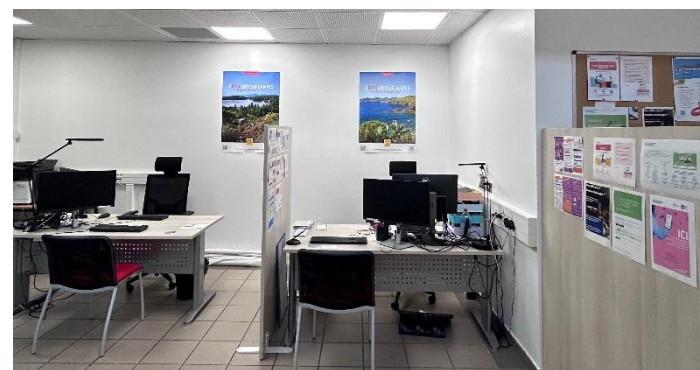


International Welcome Desk

Reception Desk and Tellers' Windows



A – base building –
Ground floor

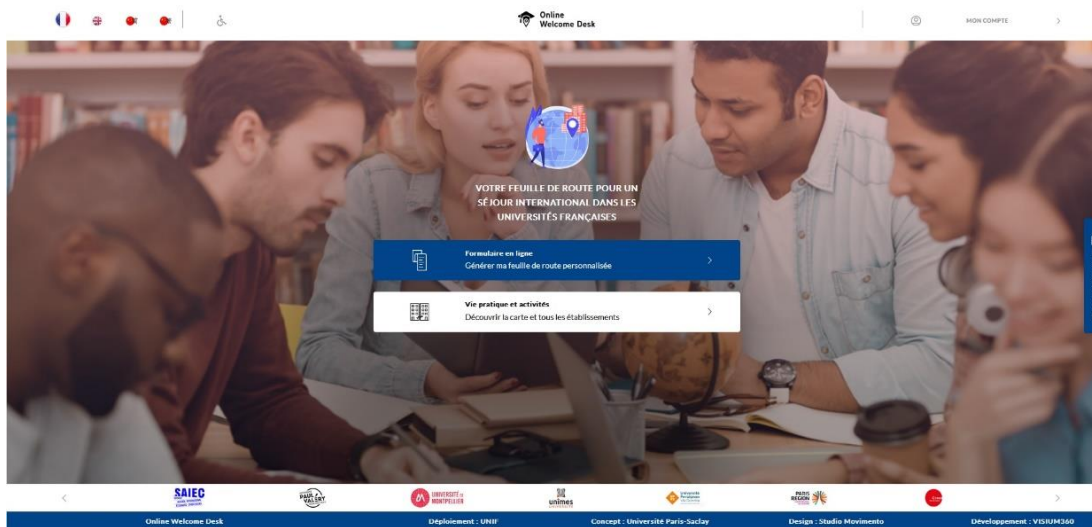


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Preparations Before Departure

We invite you to create your own personalized itinerary at :
<https://welcomedesk.unif.fr/owd/>
(available in different languages)



Preparations Before Departure

Don't forget! Contact us to sign up for the [international mentoring program](#), this program is completely free and specifically designed for international students. Our team will assign you a mentor.

A French or international student at UPVD will:

- will contact you by email before your arrival
- will meet you at the train station or airport (depending on availability)
- will accompany you to your accommodations
- will help you with administrative procedures, if you wish
- will show you around the city, your campus, and share all the local tips



parrainage@univ-perp.fr





Preparations Before Departure



Before Departure Check-list :

- ☐ Check that your passport and visa are valid
- ☐ Scan and save all important documents
- ☐ Prepare several hard copies : passport, visa, translated birth certificate, UPVD admission letter, insurance (preferred but not required), proof of financial resources (solvency). *Please note that the amount of financial aid requested will be €877 per month, starting in the 2026 school year.*
- ☐ Book permanent housing (studio apartment, CROUS dorm room, etc.) or temporary housing (e.g., Airbnb, youth hostel, student or hotel accommodations, etc.)
- ☐ Make sure you have a payment method that works in France (e.g., buy a prepaid card at a tobacco shop). *Make sure you have enough money to cover your living expenses in France for the first few days, while you take care of the necessary paperwork.*



Your Arrival: The First Steps

☐ Download useful apps or websites:

- UPVD app: <https://www.univ-perp.fr/application-upvd>
- [Izly](#) website (to arrange your meals at the CROUS)
- Apps: translation ([DeepL](#)), transportation ([Sankeo](#) in Perpignan, [Citibus](#) in Narbonne, [RTCA](#) in Carcassonne, [LiO](#) Transports for all of Occitanie),
- App or website for online banking
- Housing <https://welcome.univ-perp.fr/chercher-un-logement> : (Cité universitaire du Moulin à vent, [Lokaviz](#) app, Airbnb, Le Bon Coin, etc.)
- Apps: City or Tourist Office apps to find out about local cultural events and other activities.



Your Arrival: The First Steps



- ☐ **Pay your CVEC fee (€105).** Without proof of payment, your administrative registration at the university will not be processed, and you will not be able to obtain your enrollment certificate. (<https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>) (Exchange students are exempted.)
- ☐ **Pick up your enrollment certificate and student ID card from the school office.** (For non-EU students, you can pick them up using your student visa.) This certificate is required for several administrative procedures (such as enrolling in Social Security, opening a bank account, and validating your residence permit). Contact the registrar's office regarding tuition fees, enrollment, address changes, the general academic calendar, etc. : [here](#)
- ☐ **Validate your residence permit** (most of which are available online through the ANEF), using the student visa (D) that was issued in your passport. The residence permit authorizes you to live in France and grants you access to benefits such as education and social security. You have up to 3 months to complete this validation process.



Your Arrival: The First Steps

If you would like more information, our partner, Campus France, has a page dedicated to visas: <https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/visa-long-sejour-etudiant>

Appointement upon request: The UPVD International Welcome Desk team can assist you with the online visa application process or help you fill out the paper residence permit application form, either in person or via video call.



These first three steps: CVEC, administrative registration (obtaining the enrollment certificate) and **validating the visa** (or applying for a visa) must be done promptly before taking any other steps.

Our reception desk can then assist you with the process of enrolling in Social Security and health insurance, applying for housing benefits*, or any other administrative needs on a case-by-case basis.



Your Arrival: The First Steps

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*** Please note: Housing benefits from the CAF for non-EU students has ended** since July 1, 2026. This reform aims to eliminate housing assistance (APL) for international students from outside the EU, the EEA, and Switzerland who do not receive scholarships. You are not affected by the reform taking effect on July 1, 2026, if you are a scholarship recipient from the EU.

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étudiant

As a new student in France, feel free to visit the website <https://www.etudiant.gouv.fr/fr> for all the information you need, as well as valuable advice on university life.



« Bonne rentrée à tous ! »

Thank you



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