



SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM AT PURPAN

FAQ Sheet

GENERAL INFORMATION

Don't hesitate to contact us
if you haven't found the
answer to your question :
ssap@purpan.fr

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE SUMMER PROGRAM ?

You have to apply through your home university, most of the time through the International Relations Office or the Study Abroad Office.

WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM?

Through your home university (IRO, Study Abroad Office)

On the PURPAN website: <https://www.purpan.fr/summer-studies-abroad-program/>

Several Webinar sessions will be scheduled in **January 2025**, please contact your Study Abroad Advisor to register.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER?

Check with your university – Applications should arrive at PURPAN by March 31st , 2025.

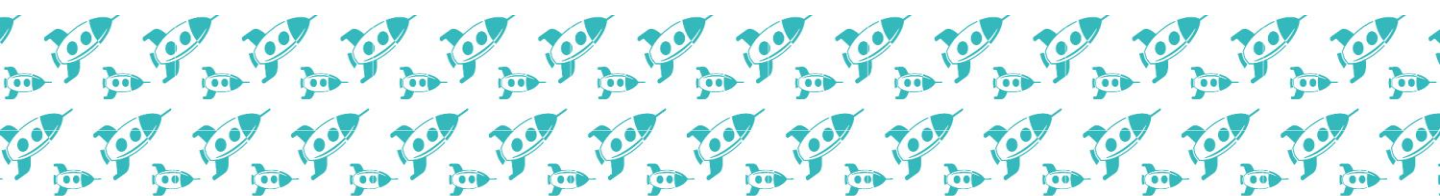
WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM FEES INCLUDE?

Program fees includes accommodation, food, local transportation, insurance, and other expenses (like airport pickup, some cultural excursions and organized outings, field trips, academic materials, organization of the internship ...) during the on-campus program.

It does not include airfare, personal expenses (leisure, free weekend (accommodation is provided in Toulouse during that WE), ...), passport fees, home university fees and costs.

WHO DO I PAY THE REGISTRATION FEES TO?

Usually to your university but sometimes the universities prefer that you pay PURPAN directly by wire transfer. Check with your home university coordinator.



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WHEN CAN I ARRIVE?

Anytime but the first night covered in the program is **Saturday, May 24 2025**.

WHEN DOES THE PROGRAM END?

The on-campus part of the program ends on June 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

If you enroll in the internship, the program will end on July 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

WHEN CAN I LEAVE?

If you enroll only in the on-campus part of the program, you can leave on Saturday June 21, 2025

If you enroll in the internship, you will be allowed to leave on Friday, July 18, 2025 from 6:00 pm or the following day Saturday, July 19, 2025. Accommodation covered on Friday.

HOW TO REACH TOULOUSE?

The most convenient way is to arrive by plane to Toulouse-Blagnac International Airport. You can also arrive by train at Toulouse-Matabiau train station.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I ARRIVE IN TOULOUSE?

Pick up service will be organized upon arrival in Toulouse and our Program Assistants will take you directly to your accommodation place. You will be contacted in advance to plan your pickup.

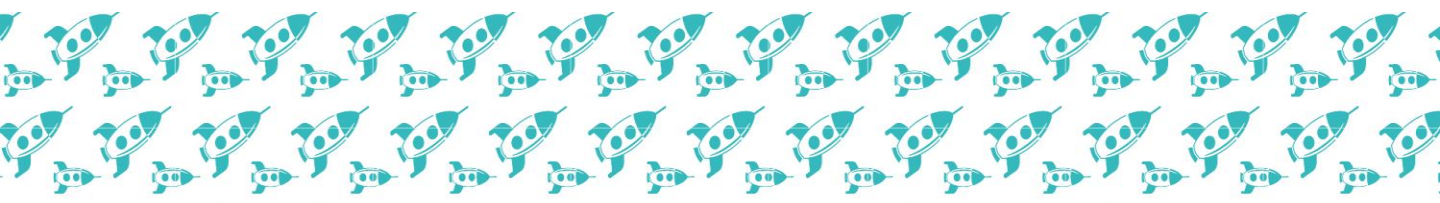
HOW TO COMMUNICATE UPON MY ARRIVAL ?

We invite you to communicate via WhatsApp upon your arrival to Toulouse (4G or WiFi connection should normally be available on your smartphone). A WhatsApp chat group will be created to facilitate communication among all the students and our team. You may contact us individually as well.

Later on, you may also buy a prepaid sim card if needed in one of the mobile operators' offices of Toulouse (Free, Orange, SFR, Bouygues...)

WHERE WILL I LIVE DURING THE ON-CAMPUS PROGRAM?

You will be living in residence (walking distance from the school). The apartments are single use (not shared). Students have the exclusive use of one bedroom, one kitchenette, toilets, and shower.



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IS THERE SOMETHING TO PAY FOR THE RESIDENCE?

The accommodation is included in the program fee, but you will have to leave a Security Deposit upon arrival (during the first day) of around 200 €. You will be able to leave a deposit directly in the residence. Bank cards are accepted.

WILL I GET THE DEPOSIT BACK AND WHEN?

You will at your check-out, only if everything is in order which means that your room has been cleaned-up and nothing is damaged.

IS THE STUDENTS' RESIDENCE NEAR PURPAN?

It's within walking distance and it will not take you more than 20 minutes to get to PURPAN.

WHERE CAN I WASH MY CLOTHES?

There is a laundry in the students' residence where you can also get laundry detergent.

ARE THERE ANY STORES AROUND THE STUDENT RESIDENCE?

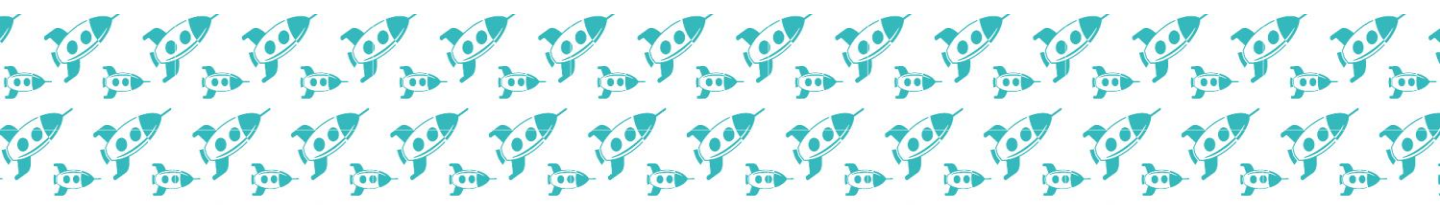
Near the students' residence, there are several supermarkets. Near PURPAN campus there is a pharmacy, a medical center, various bars and restaurants.

Bus services and access to the tram are very close. Buses run every 5-10 minutes.

An unlimited transportation pass on buses, tram and metro is included in your program fees.

CAN I CONNECT ALL MY ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN FRANCE?

Yes, but do not forget to bring an adapter because the European electric plugs are different from the American electric plugs. If you forget to bring one, do not worry, you can purchase one in a supermarket.



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SHOULD I BRING BEDSHEETS?

Bedsheets and towels are provided as well by the student's residence. Kitchen towels are also provided

ARE MY MEALS ORGANIZED?

- Lunches are provided on campus & picnics will be provided during field visits
- Stipends for groceries, so that you can cook your own breakfasts and dinners, will be provided. The kitchen in the apartment is equipped so you can cook.

WHERE DO I GO ON THE 1ST DAY OF CLASSES?

Our program assistants will accompany you to your classroom from your accommodation place. The meeting time and place will be communicated upon arrival.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Depending on the subject; the evaluations may be written (a paper on one issue tackled during the week), multiple-choice questions tests or an oral presentation.

HOW MANY CREDITS WILL I GET FOR THIS PROGRAM?

You will get 9 ECTS (European Credits Transfer System) for the on-campus program. If you choose to enroll in the internship program, you will get 3 additional ECTS.

Check with your home university for the equivalence in US credits, and how these credits will be transferred towards your degree.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS?

Usually, PURPAN sends the transcripts of records directly to the SSAP coordinator of your home university in September. However, special situations will be considered, particularly if you are graduating immediately after the program.

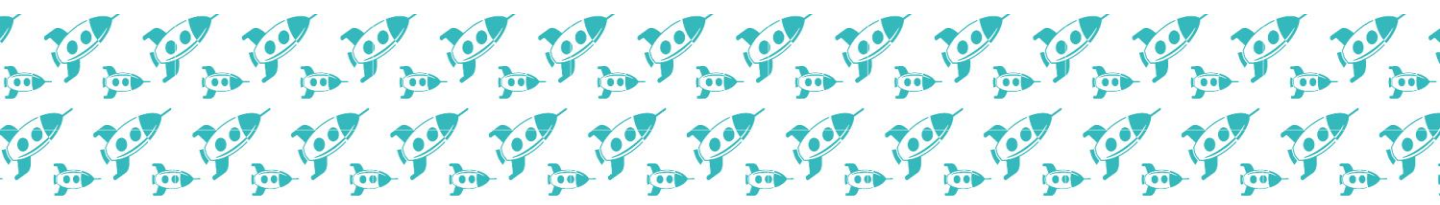
CAN I HAVE MY WEEKENDS FREE?

During the on-campus program, we organize 2 weekends: You are required to participate in both weekends.

- The 1st one, you will go on a hike in the Pyrenees Mountains (easy walk; 2 to 3 hours).
- The 2nd weekend, will be dedicated to the visit of Barcelona (Spain).

You only have one weekend free among the four weekends of the on-campus part of the program. You can use this weekend to visit any place you want.

The 4th weekend, you will either travel to your internship place or be free to go back home or travel around.



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WHEN WILL I KNOW MY INTERNSHIP PLACE?

Even though you give us a short presentation in your cover letter (wishes and personality) in the admission forms and we also discuss it during the interview, we prefer to have spent at least 10 days with you before announcing your internship placement. Indeed, we need to know you a bit more in order to choose the best placement for you. The final announcement usually takes place during the 3rd week of the program.

WHEN CAN I LEAVE MY INTERNSHIP?

You will leave your internship place on Thursday, July 17, 2025 as you will give an oral presentation about your internship on Friday, July 18, 2025 with all the students participating in the program.

Your travel from your internship place to Toulouse will be planned and paid by PURPAN.

WILL MY HOST FAMILY SPEAK ENGLISH?

Most families speak some basic English or know a few words, and if there are children, they will speak some English.

We encourage the students to work hard during the 33 hours French classes on campus, which is designed to give you the necessary vocabulary for your internship and family stay.

Additionally, you will be in touch with us over WhatsApp in case you need help to express yourself for urgent or important issues.

WILL I HAVE AN INTERNET CONNECTION DURING MY INTERNSHIP?

Yes. There is internet throughout France, except in very remote areas of the country.

WILL I HAVE MY OWN ROOM DURING MY INTERNSHIP?

Yes, you will be accommodated in your own room but most of the time, you will have to share the bathroom and the toilets with your host family. It is also possible that you will be asked to share a room with another trainee.

WILL I BE ABLE TO TRAVEL ON WEEKENDS DURING MY INTERNSHIP?

During your internship, weekends will be organized in accordance with your family: some will want to show you around, others will have professional obligations; we shall inform them that you might want to take advantage of your stay in France to visit places. Maybe it will not be possible every weekend! It will be up to you to work things out with your family. You might be asked to work on weekends, in this case your free days will be during the week.

HOW WILL I BE ACCOMMODATED WHEN I RETURN TO TOULOUSE AFTER MY INTERNSHIP?

You will be accommodated in a students' residence, maybe different from the one where you lived in June. The lunch, on July 18, 2025 will be provided by PURPAN.

