

# Study abroad students



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**This guide is for students participating in a study abroad program through their home university for a period of more than 90 days.**

**Please note that the PASTEL system works best with:**

→ a PC

→ Mozilla Firefox



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# Before you begin

## ❖ Make sure you have :

- ➔ a scanned copy of your **acceptance letter** (in Jpeg format and less than 300 KB)
- ➔ a copy of your **resume**
- ➔ your **passport number**
- ➔ a passport type **picture** that is in Jpeg format and less than 50 KB (**optional**)

## What is an official acceptance letter?

A copy of the student's **official acceptance letter or acknowledgment of enrollment**, addressed to the student and mentioning his or her full name, printed on institutional letterhead and specifying the exact dates (day, month, year) of the academic program and including full contact information for the individual issuing the offer or acknowledgment, as well as the full address of the educational institution. Said address may serve as the student's temporary address in France. Two cases are possible:

- (a) Students taking part in an exchange program between an American and a French institution. In this case, the acceptance or enrollment letter may be issued from either institution provided the formal exchange agreement is identified and the information specified above is provided.
- b) Students enrolling in an American program in France (operated by an American institution with a branch in France). In this case, the acceptance or enrollment letter must come from the American institution and include all of the information specified above

# Important reminders

- ✦ Take the time to fill out the PASTEL application thoroughly and correctly. Please keep in mind that your PASTEL application will be viewed by the Campus France team as well as the visa section at the consulate.
- ✦ Once your PASTEL application has been validated and submitted, you cannot make any changes

# Fill out your PASTEL application



[www.usa.campusfrance.org](http://www.usa.campusfrance.org)

 UNITED STATES

Step 1: Go to our website

STUDY IN FRANCE

LIFE IN FRANCE

LANGUAGE

APPLICATION

VISAS

ABOUT US

RESOURCE CENTER

**Choose**  
a short course in France  
Learn French  
Cultural and Academic programs



This catalog features short programs in French as a Foreign Language (FLE) offered by institutions recognized by CampusFrance.

**Finance your program**

Find financial assistance for study and research in France



Country

Search

**Find your program**

Find your program among the 36,000 programs in France



Catalog

Keyword

Search

Search this site

OK

**Fill Out Your CampusFrance Form via PASTEL System**



Step 1: Review the instructions.  
Step 2: Click below to log into or register for your PASTEL Account.

[PASTEL Login](#)

[Register for PASTEL](#)

[Learn more](#)

Step 2: Click on "Register for PASTEL" to create an account

Actualités



All news



"The entire year was a surprise. It opened my eyes..."



Adrian, New Jersey

"There is no way that I could have gotten this while staying at my..."



Mon CampusFrance

Your login

# Create your account

**Création de mon compte**

Fields in pink and followed by an asterisk\*are required information

CampusFrance	United States		A quoi ça sert ? Votre adresse électronique et votre mot de passe vous permettent d'accéder à votre compte. Ces informations sont personnelles, ne les transmettez à personne!
Adresse électronique*	<input type="text"/>	Ex : nom.prenom@hotmail.com	
Répétez votre adresse électronique*	<input type="text"/>		
Last name*	<input type="text"/>		
First name*	<input type="text"/>		
Password*	<input type="password"/>	(Between 8 and 15 characters)	
Répétez votre mot de passe*	<input type="password"/>		
Recopier les caractères de l'image			A quoi ça sert ? Cette étape nous permet d'empêcher les systèmes automatiques de création de compte d'opérer. Merci de bien vouloir saisir dans la zone dédiée, la suite de caractères affichée.
		<input type="text"/>	
		<a href="#">Changer l'image</a>	

Cancel Validate **Click "validate"**



Your password must **have 8 characters** and contain **3 of the following**:

- an upper case letter
- a lower case letter
- a number
- a special character (it cannot be a letter or number)

# Step 3: Click on the link sent to your email address within **24 hours**



- ❖ This message notifies you that your account has been created
  - ❖ An email has been sent to the email address you used to create your account
-  Open the email and click on the link **within 24 hours** in order to continue filling out your PASTEL application.

Once you click on the link you will be taken to the **Personal Information** section

# Step 4: Fill out every field



Warning: You will **not** be able to change any of the information after you click on “validate”

Be sure to use the following format: **day/month/year**

If you do **not** have a US passport, choose another form of ID.

**Création de mon compte**

Fields in pink and followed by an asterisk\*are required information

**Authentication**

Email\*  Password\*  (Between 8 and 15 characters)  
Password confirmation\*

**marital status as indicated on your passport**

Title\*  - Your choice -  
Last name\*  (in capital letters)  
Maiden name/Other names   
First name\*  (First letter in capital letters)  
Gender\*  Male  
Birth date\*  dd/mm/yyyy  
Place (city) of birth\*   
Country of birth\*  United States  
Country of nationality\*  United States  
ID document type\*  Green Card or Visa #  
ID document N\*\*   
Marital status, number of children\*  Single

**address**

Country\*  United States  
Province/Region/State\*  - Your choice -  
City\*  - Your choice -  
Zip code   
Address\*

**Contact information**

area code   
Telephone\*   
cell phone

**Select a language**

Language\*  English

In which discipline do your study goals fit?\*  - Your choice -  
I would like to receive information about studying in France in my personal email account.   
I would like to subscribe to the French Embassy Alumni Network.

Enter your permanent or school address

Be sure to include your area code

Select English

Cancel Validate

Click “validate”

# Step 5: Write down your Campus France reference number

After you finish the Personal Information section, you will receive the following message. You must now complete the Campus France form section in your PASTEL application.



Don't forget to write down your Campus France reference number!



Click "se connecter" to access your account

# Step 6: Complete the Campus France form



# Step 6A: Complete the Education Section

Fill out form Reception of hard copy Payment Validation par l'équipe ECF Interview Application

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US803100

CampusFrance form

Education Linguistic skills goals Validation of my file's CampusFrance form

Guide

If you need help to complete this form, please check the application section of Campus France USA's website (usa.campusfrance.org)

Attention: click on Create a new activity

Attention: click on pour modifier une activité, renseigner le relevé de notes associé ou joindre un justificatif scanné.

Attention: click on pour consulter les détails d'une activité, son relevé de notes associé ou ses justificatifs scannés.

Attention: click on to delete an activity

**your activities**

Type	period	Institution	Description	Complete activity	Number of uploaded documents
Information not yet entered					

high school diploma

Year-high school diploma\*

Are you in one of the following cases?

high school diploma

Cooperation project

scholarship

© French Foreign Ministry

In this section you will fill out information about your **home university**

To begin, **click on the cross (⊕)**

## ❖ You will be taken to the following screen

Activity details 1/2 US803100

Titre Activité  
type of activity\*

- Your choice -
- Your choice -
- High school
- High school diploma
- Post-secondary studies**
- Diploma from post-secondary school
- Examination
- Internship
- Professional experience
- Aucune Activité

preceeding next

**Click "post secondary studies" and "next"**

## ❖ Fill out every field and then click "next"

Activity details 1/2 US803100 - SMITH Jennifer

Titre Activité  
type of activity\* Post-secondary studies

School year\* - Your choice - **Enter the current school year**

Country\* United States

Province/Region/State\* - Your choice -

City\* - Your choice -

Institution\* - Your choice - **For "institution" or "other institution," enter the name of your home university**

Type of institution\* - Your choice -

Report Card

- Your choice -
- Your choice -
- Record/Transcripts of first year of college/university**
- Record/Transcript Bac+2
- Record/Transcripts of third year in college/university
- Record/Transcripts of fourth year of college/university
- Record/Transcripts of fifth year of college/university
- Record/Transcripts of sixth year of college/university and higher

preceeding next

**Choose you current year of study**

❖ Fill out every field and upload your **acceptance letter**. Then click “validate”

Fill out form	Reception of hard copy	Payment	Validation par l'équipe ECF	Interview	Application
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Activity details 2/2 US803100 - SI

You can manually type your grade if you are an exchange or a "study abroad" student, do not send us yours transcripts if you are applying to

**Details regarding the report card**

Series: Higher education

Record/Transcript name\*: Record/Transcripts of third year in college/university

School year\*: 2014

level: 3rd year of higher education

grade: - Your choice - **Choose the grading system used by your home university**

Area of study: - Your choice - **Fill out the option that best corresponds to your field of study**

speciality: - Your choice -

average:  **Enter your GPA**

Observations:  **Leave blank**

Number of semesters\*: - Your choice -

**proof**

Attention: click on ⊕ Add an attachment.  
Attention: click on ✎ pour modifier le nom d'un justificatif  
**At least one supporting document is required**

**your documents**

Last name

⊕ **In this section you need to upload a scanned copy of your acceptance letter. Reminder: It must be in Jpeg format and no more than 300 KB. Click on the cross (⊕) and follow the prompts. Then click on “save”**

Attention: click on ⊕ Add an attachment.

❖ You will be taken back to this page

❖ Fill out the section below

CampusFrance form US803100

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**Guide**  
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**your activities**

Type	period	Institution	Description	Complete activity	Number of uploaded documents
Post-secondary studies	2014	Georgetown University	Record/Transcripts of third year in college/university	Oui	1

**high school diploma**  
YearHigh school diploma\*

Are you in one of the following cases?  
high school diploma   
Cooperation project   
scholarship

→ If you do not have one of the scholarships listed, leave it blank

→ **Click "validate"**

# Step 6B: Complete the Linguistics Skills section

Click the "Linguistics Skills" tab

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Education **Linguistic skills** goals Validation of my file's CampusFrance form

Attention: click on ⊕ create a stay in France → **If you have been to France, click on the cross (⊕) and fill out this section**

List of your stays in France

Start date	End date	Description
⊕		

Attention: click on ⊕ create a stay in France

French language proficiency tests

Attention: click on ⊕ Add a language test (only those you passed) → **Do not fill out this section unless you have taken a French test, such as the TCF, DELF, DALF**

Passed language tests

Linguistic exam/test	expiration date	Grade	Grade written expression	level
⊕				

Attention: click on ⊕ Add a language test (only those you passed)

French language competency

Was some or all of your high school classes taught in French?\*

Have you ever studied French?\*

Other language competencies

Have you ever studied English?\*

Cancel Validate

Select the response that best responds to your situation (level of French, number of hours of French instruction etc...)

Click "validate"

# Step 6C: Complete the Goals section

goals  
My photo, Jpeg 300 DPI 26\*32 mm

Click the "Goals" tab. Fill out this section and then click "validate" at the bottom of the page

This part is **optional**. If you choose to upload a picture, make sure it is a passport type picture that is in Jpeg format and less than 50 KB.



In the Goals tab the text can be configured according to the picture type and format.

Resume\*

Copy and paste your **resume** here

The fields below can be filled out in either French or English.

Save my resume

Study goal / or research goal\*

Professional plans\*

Write one sentence for each section

My Goals (Why do you want to study in France?) \*

If you are changing your field of study (i.e. if the academic program to which you are applying is not directly related to your previous coursework), please explain here:

Leave this section blank.  
This part is **not** required for study abroad students.

# Step 6D: Validate your Campus France form

Fill out form	Reception of hard copy	Payment	Validation par l'équipe ECF	Interview	Application
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Step 1: Click on the 4<sup>th</sup> tab

CampusFrance form US803100

Education Linguistic skills goals **Validation of my file's CampusFrance form**

Verification that all required information has been entered.

Personal information	<input type="button" value="Complete"/>
Education	<input type="button" value="Complete"/>
Linguistic skills	<input type="button" value="Complete"/>
goals	<input type="button" value="Complete"/>

**Step 2: Check that each section is complete. If one part is incomplete, go back and enter the missing information.**

Your CampusFrance form is complete, you may submit it

Welcome! CampusFrance USA is here to help you throughout your application process. Our team will process your application for any stay in France over three months, before you apply for a student visa. We encourage you to browse our extensive website at [www.usa.campusfrance.org](http://www.usa.campusfrance.org), where you will find information on how to study in France (including info on applications and student visas), French degrees and training programs, a searchable directory of courses and programs taught in English and a wide array of useful tips!

**Warning**  
Submission of your CampusFrance form is irreversible. You will no longer be able to modify it once you have clicked on "OK".

→ **Step 3: Click "validate"**



**IMPORTANT: A message will then appear asking you to fill out the My Procedures section. Do not fill out this part.**

# Step 7: Send us the following documents

- ❖ After validating your PASTEL application, you must send us by postal mail:
  - ➔ a COPY of the **acceptance letter** you uploaded
  - ➔ a \$100 **money order** made out to **MCUFEU**
  - ➔ a **photocopy** of your money order

Send them to us at:

Campus France  
4101 Reservoir Rd NW  
Washington, DC 20007

**Please do not send them separately.**

**Be sure to include your Campus France **reference number** (USXXXXXX) on your money order.**

- ❖ For more information on acceptance letter requirements and how to proceed in general, please consult the following link on our [website](#)

## Step 8: Check your Campus France mailbox

- ❖ Regularly check your Campus France mailbox through PASTEL for your **confirmation email** and **proof of payment**. Print copies for submission to the French consulate

Within about three weeks after Campus France has received your postal mail, a Campus France representative will review your file. If your file (acceptance letter and money order sent via postal mail, AND online Campus France form) is complete, you will receive a confirmation email – which starts with “Your Campus France file has been processed.” – in your Campus France inbox in the PASTEL system.

Please note: Any missing materials (money order or acceptance letter) or an incomplete online PASTEL application will delay the process. Check your Campus France inbox regularly to see whether you need to take action.

Print out the (a) confirmation email, as well as the (b) proof of payment that you should have received earlier in the process (a PDF attached to the email entitled “*Une Quittance est disponible*”), as these are among the several documents required by the French consulate.

# How to contact us

- ❖ If you have questions regarding the PASTEL application or the Campus France process, be sure to check the [FAQ section](#) on our website before contacting us. Many of your questions can be answered here!
- ❖ If you can't find the answer to your question, you can send us an email via your PASTEL account (click on **Send a Message**)



The screenshot displays the user interface of the PASTEL account. On the left, there is a navigation menu with the following items: 'Welcome', 'My file' (with sub-items: 'Personal information', 'CampusFrance form', 'My procedures'), and 'My mailbox' (with sub-items: 'List of received messages', 'List of sent messages', and 'Send a message'). A blue arrow points from the 'Send a message' link in the menu to the 'Send a Message' text in the main content area above. The main content area has a dark blue header with the text 'Welcome' and a 'File validation date: 28/03/2015 (Date de début du formulaire (28/04/2014) plus 11 mois)' with a help icon. Below the header, there is a survey announcement in French: 'Participez à notre grande enquête internationale destinée à améliorer l'accueil des étudiants étrangers'. The survey text asks: 'Vous allez venir en France, vous êtes en France ou vous êtes déjà venu(e) en France pour étudier ? Votre avis et votre expérience nous intéressent !' followed by several questions: 'Qu'espérez-vous en venant étudier en France ?', 'Qu'avez-vous finalement trouvé en France ?', 'Selon vous, que faudrait-il améliorer en priorité dans l'accueil des étudiants étrangers en France ?', 'Toujours selon vous, quels sont les atouts et les faiblesses de la France, notamment en matière d'enseignement ?', 'Quelles sont les raisons qui vous ont poussé à choisir la France ?', and 'Et si c'était à refaire, reviendriez-vous en France ?'. At the bottom of the survey text, it says: 'Pour répondre à ces questions, rendez-vous sur le lien suivant <http://online.tns-global.com/wlx/p1703529154.aspx>. Ce questionnaire est strictement anonyme.'