

AUP Student Immigration

En Bref for Families

About the Office

SIS is a “liaison” office. They do their best to keep up to date and abreast of any changes made to immigration policy and procedure and to communicate these changes with students, making sure our students have everything they need to successfully navigate the immigration process. They have no visibility on the French Authorities’ agenda.

While your student’s application is under process, we nor your student can reach the French Authorities and you must wait until your student is sent a notification from one of the authorities: Préfecture de Police, Préfectures, Sous-Préfectures, French Consulates abroad.

SIS has no control on the residency process and cannot guarantee how much time the process will take. There is no way to speed up or expedite the process or procedure.

New Student – New Entry to France – Visa Validation

<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/vls-ts/demarches/etape/numero-visa>

- All the NON-EU students who have been issued a long-stay student visa to study in France, must complete the visa validation procedure to legalize their stay in France under a student status.
- **VISA VALIDATION PROCESS- Must be completed within 3 months upon arrival in France no later.**
- **SIS assists the NON-EU students to complete the process.**
- The policy is very strict: the procedure is mandatory, and the students will not be authorized to leave France/ to re-enter France from abroad if the procedure is not completed. Students may be blocked by the Borders if they cannot show a proof of their visa validation.
- SIS Team remains available to guide the students in this process which must be done upon arrival on the French Territory.

*Visiting students who are here for a temporary stay (= one semester / one year) and hold a student visa **must undergo the visa validation***

⚠ Students cannot file for a residency extension for their continued stay in France if they have not completed the visa validation process ⚠

Returning Student- Residency Extension/Renewal

<https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/sejour/triage-demandeur>

All NON-EU students must have and maintain a valid residency to continue to study and to live in France. The residency application can be completed and submitted between 2-4 months prior to the expiration of the students current residency card or student visa. We recommend that students reach out to SIS four (4) and a half months before their residency card or student visa expires by emailing sis@aup.edu to request the list of requirements needed and to schedule an appointment. This timeframe gives students and their families the time to collect the information needed to apply for a new residency card or renew a current residency card.

The SIS Team is available to guide the students in this process. Students will be required to collect information to submit, SIS will advise, review and help students put together and guide them in submitting their paperwork online.

- **PROOF OF BANKING - FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

French bank account requested- (Société Générale, HSBC, etc.) or online bank such as N26, Revolute, Orange bank. A minimum of €6000,00 is required by the French Authorities.

There are additional options to account for this requirement, please have your student check with SIS on this.

- **FRENCH PHONE NUMBER**

This is required so the Prefecture of Police is able to communicate with your student via text and phone calls.

- **FEES FOR RESIDENCY**

One year card/Pluriannual Card-Student status: €75,00

**Please note: The renewal fee is the same whether the renewal is for one year or for more than one year. The French Authorities processing the documents are the ones who decide how long the card will be valid.*

Tax stamp the students will need to buy to retrieve the new card when it is ready: € 75,00. This fee will be € 255,00 for a late renewal submission.

- **LATE RENEWAL FEES:**

The residency renewal application must be submitted between 2-4 months (= between 60- 120 days) prior to the current residency permit expiration to avoid paying late renewal fees. Past this deadline, late renewal fees **WILL** apply - these fees are between €200,00- €300,00.

NON-EU students must be registered **full-time** to benefit from the assistance of SIS to complete their residency extension request (full-time status only applies to undergrads since Master students have a different academic background and a registration confirmation is enough).

NON-EU students are not authorized to leave the French Territory between the day their current residency card expires and the day they are granted the **ATTESTATION DE PROLONGATION D'INSTRUCTION D'UNE DEMANDE DE RENOUVELLEMENT DE TITRE DE SÉJOUR** or the **ATTESTATION DE DÉCISION FAVORABLE SUR UNE DEMANDE DE RENOUVELLEMENT DE TITRE DE SÉJOUR**.

Things to Remember:

AUP and the SIS Office at AUP have NO control regarding the organization of the Préfecture de Police, and how much time they will need to process your residency renewal. The French Authorities do not accept any requests to speed up or expedite any application or request.

If the student leaves France under an expired residency card, it is **under their volition, and they will need to contact their local French Consulate to apply for a brand-new visa to return to France.**

Students are prohibited from studying at AUP on a tourist visa.

IMPORTANT: The Immigration Office of AUP declines any responsibility for any consequences which could result from a NON-EU student who illegally enters/re-enters France with no valid documents (valid student visa, valid passport, valid residency card).