

## Guideline for your travel

Lund University, Lund, Sweden, Fall 2018, Media and Communication Studies

### **Name of the city: Pais, France.**

Well known as one of the most fashionable cities in the world, Paris has wonderful sceneries and colorful culture. Most of the museums here are free for the students under 26, it is really a good chance to explore the art and history of the country. Lots of interesting people from the different cultural background are meeting here, the food in Paris is extremely amazing for gastrologists.

### **Name of the host university: Université de Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris 3**

It belongs to the USPC, Université Sorbonne Paris City and is famous for Arts and Humanities subjects. According to the 2018 QS World University Rankings, the university is the 71st best worldwide. By now, Sorbonne-Nouvelle is a small school located in Latin Area of Paris (5 Arrondissement), and it will move to a much larger campus in 2019. The good location facilitates students to explore the city well. There are a beautiful garden and many museums just right beside the school.

### **Arrival**

Normally, the orientated week begins in early September. I arrived in late August. From my perspective, it is necessary to arrive a little earlier before the new semester starts. It is not easy to find accommodation in Paris and it takes time to get familiar with the city, as well as the French environment.

### **Courses**

Normally, we need to acquire 30 ECTS per semester, the courses in Paris are various of the credits. From 2 or 3 credits of bachelor level to 6 or 7 of master level. For me, I chose six courses for one term to achieve 30 credits. There are French language courses in different levels available for the exchange students, which in my opinion is useful to improve the

language skills. Meanwhile, we could also choose the course in other departments. For example, I registered in two interesting courses of cinema department. Additionally, in Paris 3, the only way of registering the courses is to go to the administrative office in person and talk to the secretary of the department. Thus, there is always a long queue when the new semester starts. Be Patient!

### **Accommodation**

Normally, Paris 3 guarantee the accommodation for exchange students. While there is a queue for the applying and might be selected by the rule 'First come first served'. Unfortunately, I did not get the place of accommodation. It took me a long time and very much energy in searching a room. Therefore, I suggest you to apply for it earlier and keep in touch with the host university.

### **Fun and leisure**

In January, March, and October or other months, the Paris Fashion Week is pretty interesting to experience. To encounter the celebrities, models, bloggers and explore the fashionable environment and vibrant atmosphere in the city. For the leisure time, there are many beautiful parks, vintage stores, fantastic museums and art places around the city, which offer a good opportunity to benefit and enjoy.

### **Costs**

The costs in Paris is (much) higher compared to which in Lund. The accommodation takes a lot unless you could be successfully approved of the dormitory of French university (CROUS), which offers very limited places. As one of the fanciest modern city, the colorful entertainment activities in Paris may cost a lot as well as the daily expenses for eating and transporting.

### **Other**

As far as I experienced, I would say that the one-term study in Paris impressed me so much and it was definitely unforgettable for me. Bien profiter! The school and the city offer a lot for the students, most teachers try their best to help the exchange students with their study

and school life. If you have any question, do not hesitate to ask them for help. For sure, I am here for your questions as well.

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