

PRE-DEPARTURE PREPARATION – SPRING 2009

NYU IN FRANCE

Throughout this mailing, several terms will be used to describe the Paris center and its programs. In order to avoid any possible confusion, here is a brief explanation of these terms:

Preliminary Course (*Prelim*): An intensive French language course which runs for two weeks just before the start of the semester and counts for 2 credits. This intensive review is required of all incoming NYU in France participants.

Program I: Academic program for undergraduate students that offers content classes in English and appropriate level French language courses. All Program I students are required to take at least one French language course.

Program II: Academic program for undergraduate students with an intermediate or advanced level of French with content courses in French. All Program II students, with the exception of those with very advanced French language skills, are required to take at least one French language course. Students of the most advanced French language courses may enroll in courses at the University of Paris or the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po.).

I. PRE-DEPARTURE TO DO LIST

1. Arrival Dates and Travel Arrangements
2. Preparation of your Student Visa
3. Tuition

1. ARRIVAL DATES, TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS & ORIENTATION: The Spring session begins on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. Make your travel arrangements as soon as possible, keeping in mind that flights to Europe are normally overnight. You will find information from Student Universe regarding discount student travel arrangements at www.studentuniverse.com/study/nyu. You may make independent travel arrangements, or contact Student Universe to take advantage of their low, flexible fares. Be aware, however, that student rates are available on a first come, first served basis and are thus limited in number. The required arrival date is:

Undergraduate (Programs I & II) - Tuesday, January 13th

A four-day **orientation program** will begin for undergraduates on this date. It is imperative that you arrive in Paris no later than January 13th at 1:00pm.

Please indicate your flight information on the NYU in France admitted students' website **by November 26th** : (<http://www.nyu.edu/studyabroad/paris/admitted.students.html>).

2. YOUR STUDENT VISA:

A visa is an endorsement stamped into your passport by a foreign government, allowing you to stay in that country for a specific purpose and limited period of time. Every country has its own immigration policies for students.

Read over the visa requirements for France, available under the NYU in France [Admitted Students section](http://www.nyu.edu/studyabroad/pdf/Paris.Visa.Instructions.pdf) at <http://www.nyu.edu/studyabroad/pdf/Paris.Visa.Instructions.pdf>. The process may seem daunting at first, but thousands of students have done it before you – and you can do it too as long as you're informed and stay on top of things.

In order to start the process of getting your student visa, you must first apply on-line through [CampusFrance](#). Please be sure to check out the "[Guide to CampusFrance Registration](#)" that is posted on their website. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a confirmation email from CampusFrance which is required for your visa application. **You cannot proceed with submitting all your paperwork to the Consulate until you've received your confirmation from CampusFrance.** Take a look at the above websites to get detailed information about registering with CampusFrance and applying for your visa.

3. TUITION: Once you have registered, you will receive a tuition bill from the Bursar's Office with payment instructions. Please be prepared to make payment so that the Bursar's Office receives your payment on or before the deadline. For more information contact the Bursar's Office at 212-998-2800. Remember: you will not receive a bill unless you are registered.

II. FORMS TO FILL OUT ONLINE (see deadline below)

1. *Admitted students' webforms (arrival, personal information, housing, etc.)*
2. *Identity photos*

1. ADMITTED STUDENTS' WEBFORMS: On the NYU Study Abroad "Paris" Admitted Students website (<http://www.nyu.edu/studyabroad/paris/admitted.students.html>), you will find a link for accessing online forms. All forms must be **filled out on-line no later than November 26th, 2008**. Please note that the information provided by this form is a vital part of your file in Paris and that you will be responsible for any administrative delays that result from its late submission, ESPECIALLY concerning housing (for example, **not receiving your top three choices for housing, placement on housing waiting list, etc.**).

A. TEMPORARY HOUSING AT THE FIAP. All undergraduate students will be housed temporarily at the FIAP (*Foyer International d'Accueil de Paris*) for a four-day orientation period and the first weekend following their arrival. The FIAP is a pleasant dorm-like setting and is only a short métro ride from the NYU in France Center. You can consult their web site (<http://www.fiap.asso.fr>) for further information. The fee for this temporary housing is included in your tuition. Please be advised that it is impossible for us to extend your temporary housing beyond the orientation period (January 13th through the morning of January 19th).

B. HOUSING: Housing information is also available at the end of this document and through Webforms system.

2. PHOTOS: You must send **8 individually cut passport-size identity photos** to the Paris office **by November 26th**. Please note that **informal snapshot photos are not acceptable**. We need regulation size (2"x2") passport identity photos. These are required for various identification cards, including your NYU in France student card that grants you free access to national museums and discounts for movie theaters, among other privileges. **Photos must be in color with a white background**. Please print your **name, email address, citizenship, date of birth and your N#** on the back of each photo. Do not send photos without this information or we will be unable to identify you!

<i>The address of the Paris Center:</i>	<i>New York University in France 56, rue de Passy 75016 Paris FRANCE</i>
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III. TO BRING WITH YOU TO PARIS

1. *Academic Transcript*
2. *Copy of all visa documents (Birth certificate, statement of financial guarantee)*
3. *French – English dictionaries & grammar books*
4. *Money and ATM Cards*
5. *Laptop Computer*
6. *Telephone calling cards*

1. FALL 2008 TRANSCRIPT: Please bring a copy of your latest transcript, which should include course work done through Fall 2008, with you to Paris. Students from universities other than NYU are strongly encouraged to bring their home school's course catalogue for advising purposes.

2. BIRTH CERTIFICATE: The French Government requires people staying for longer than 3 months to bring an **original copy of their birth certificate** with them to France. You can obtain an original copy of your birth certificate from the city hall or other appropriate authority of the city where you were born. **ALL STUDENTS** must bring this document with them.

3. FRENCH-ENGLISH DICTIONARIES: We highly recommend that you bring a good French-English dictionary with you as well as your favorite grammar book. A good guidebook to Paris and/or to France in general will also be useful.

4. MONEY AND ATM CARDS: You are undoubtedly wondering how much money you will need, both for the first few days of your semester in Paris and for the entire semester. Here are a few considerations to keep in mind:

As you probably know, the **euro** (common currency for 13 of the 25 member states of the European Union) went into effect on January 1, 2002. At the time of this writing, one euro (written 1€) is worth approximately \$1.30.

- A. **RENT AND PERMANENT HOUSING PAYMENT PROCEDURES:** Rent for permanent housing is to be paid directly to the landlord **the first day the student occupies the apartment or room in an apartment.** Landlords expect one month of rent plus one or two month's security deposit upon moving in. The security deposit will be returned within two months of the students' departure as per French law once proof that all outstanding bills (such as telephone, electricity, etc. that come only once every two months) have been paid. Please note that electricity and telephone charges are NOT included in monthly rental fees; they are to be paid in addition to each month's rental fees. **Again, landlords will demand both the deposit and the rent on the day the student moves in.** According to French regulations, **monthly rent is to be paid in its entirety even if students occupy their room or apartment for less than a month.** Students who move out earlier than planned will forfeit their security deposit. We recommend that you bring about 2000€ worth of Traveler's Checks in euros to cover your costs of settling in: rent, security deposit, telephone and electricity hookup, etc. That said, **Traveler's Checks cannot be used like cash** as they can in the U.S.; it is necessary to exchange them for cash and there is often a commission charged.
- B. **COURSE FEES:** Courses taken outside of NYU in France and the Paris universities with which we have agreements most often charge fees. For example, photography courses for credit at the Studio Vermès cost about 800€ per course. There is no fee for courses taken at *Sciences Po.* thanks to a special agreement between NYU and *Sciences Po.*
- C. **MONEY FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:** NYU in France offers a wide variety of cultural activities, most of which are included in your tuition fees. Long weekend excursions are included in your program

fees. You may wish to include money in your budget for additional activities beyond those proposed by NYU in France.

- D. **CREDIT CARDS AND ATM CARDS:** American Visa cards and MasterCard are accepted by most banks, stores and institutions around Europe (more so than American Express). Cash advances from bank tellers using a Visa or MasterCard are an easy way to get cash, for a fee, for students who do not have bank accounts in Paris or a Cirrus ATM Card. ATM cards with the Cirrus logo work in certain bank machines in Paris, and automatically exchange funds from your American bank account into euros. The exchange rate is usually as good, if not better, than foreign currency exchange offices. However, a fee may be charged to your home account for each transaction; check with your bank for their specific fee schedules and maximum ATM withdrawals. **We recommend that you let your bank and/or credit card companies know that you will be living overseas and ask them not to put stops on purchases or cash withdrawals you make from France.** It is also good to bring contact information for your bank and credit card companies with you should you need to be in touch with them about money matters.
- E. **MONEY FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL.** We recommend that you bring approximately 100€ euros with you to cover incidental expenses when you first arrive in France. This money will cover such costs as ground transportation upon arrival, metro tickets, etc. You can change money in the airport terminal if you wish but the commission rate is relatively high for this service. You might prefer to go to a major bank in America before your departure to get these euros at a more attractive rate. As stated above, we also recommend bringing at least 1000€ worth of Traveler's Checks in euros to cover first month's rent and security deposit.

5. PERSONAL LAPTOP COMPUTERS: The NYU Center has a total of 14 computers for student use: four IBM-compatibles in the graduate student reading room and 10 laptops permanently installed in the library, complete with laser printing. Demand for computer facilities is high, however, and **we strongly encourage students to bring their own computers** with them. **Students are highly encouraged to equip their laptops with Ethernet cards** with RJ-45 network adaptors as the Paris Center has over 15 network hookups available for Internet access and printing.

Additionally, the NYU in Paris Center is equipped with a **WIRELESS NETWORK** that allows Internet access throughout the Center and gardens. Your laptop computer **must** be compatible with WIFI 802.11 B and G protocols to use this network.

6. TELEPHONE CALLING CARDS: For your first couple of days in France, you may want to obtain an AT&T, MCI, or Sprint calling card for making international calls. **Be sure to ask for the international access code from France** (a toll free number that connects you to an operator in the United States) from your provider. International calls charged to these calling cards tend, however, to be very expensive. As an alternative, you can purchase international as well as national phone cards for use in phone booths all around Paris and France at any Post Office or "Café-Tabac". We will discuss phone services during the orientation period in Paris.

IV. MORE MONEY MATTERS

1. *Monthly budget*
2. *Transferring your money to Paris*
3. *Banking once arrived in Paris*
4. *Quick money from home*
5. *Other expenses*

1. MONTHLY BUDGET: The rate of exchange is of course subject to fluctuation. At the time of this writing the exchange rate is 1€ = \$1.30. However, because of the volatility of the currency markets, there is no way to

predict accurately what the exchange rates will be. We estimate monthly expenses to run from 1200€-2000€ for room and board and some additional spending money. These estimates are based on past students' experiences. Be sure to consider your own spending habits when determining a monthly budget.

2. TAKING MONEY TO PARIS: Traveler's Checks are by far the best way to bring money abroad. Whether they are in dollars or euros, they can be converted into cash in euros (though you will be charged a commission to do so). They are also refundable (under certain conditions) in the event of theft. Traveler's checks in euros can also be used to open a bank account upon your arrival in Paris (see below). In spite of the aforementioned inconveniences, Traveler's Checks are the safest and easiest way to have access to large amounts of cash while abroad. However, please note that **they cannot be used directly in stores or to pay rent** as they sometimes can be in the United States.

3. BANKING ONCE IN PARIS: Upon arrival, and with assistance from the NYU in France staff, students may open a non-resident bank account with the local HSBC office in close vicinity of NYU in France. NYU in France has an agreement with this bank that allows students to open non-resident checking accounts very easily. You will be able to obtain a checkbook and a withdrawal card that will allow you to withdraw funds anywhere in France. It takes about 2 weeks for your bank account to become completely operative. (Note: For this reason, you will not be able to pay your first month's rent and deposit with a check. Therefore, it is essential that you have another way to access a considerable amount of money upon your arrival in order to pay your first month's rent and security deposit, such as traveler's checks). We advise that you avoid depositing US checks, especially personal checks, into this account because they take up to 20 days to clear at a high service charge. Savings accounts can be opened with 100€ in traveler's checks or cash; you can deposit and withdraw euros at any time. You can also have money wired to your account in Paris. As in the U.S., you earn interest on savings accounts. **Please note also that, as in the U.S., negative balances are not tolerated in France.**

Even though it is not required, it would facilitate the transfer of funds if you opened an H.S.B.C. account in the United States before your departure for France.

In addition, you will need to provide **proof of housing in the United States** in order to open your bank account in France. Therefore, please bring the following with you from the States:

- A recent electricity or water bill (less than 3 months old)
- If the bill is under your parents' name, your parents must write a letter affirming:

"I, Mr./Mrs. _____ certify that Miss/Mr _____ is our daughter/son and that she/he lives with us on _____ street, _____, ____ USA."

4. QUICK MONEY FROM HOME. Money can be wired quickly through any American Express office in the U.S. to an American Express office in Paris (45 boulevard de Sébastopol, 75001 Paris - Métro Rambuteau or Les Halles). An American Express card is not needed for this transaction; usually the money can be picked up in Paris two or three days later. See "Important Information" below for more details. Money can also be wired via Western Union to any post office (*la poste*) in Paris. You simply need to specify the French post office to which money is to be sent by location and *arrondissement*. For further information, contact Western Union.

5. OTHER EXPENSES. While it is relatively difficult to estimate how much money you will spend during your stay in Paris, the following information may be useful.

Carte Orange - public transportation pass (monthly)	52€
Movie (with student pass)	6€ – 8€
Laundromat (1 load)	5€ – 7€
Sandwich and drink in a café	6€ – 7€
National Museum entry fee (Student)	Free with NYU-F student ID
Meal at a 'Resto-U' (student cafeteria)	3€ – 5€

You should keep in mind that things like toiletries (especially contact lens supplies), beauty products, film, batteries, and film developing are generally more expensive in France than in the United States.

V. UPON YOUR ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT IN PARIS

Upon your arrival in Paris on January 13th, you will be housed for up to six days at the FIAP, from Tuesday, January 13th through the morning of Monday, January 19th. However, as explained in the attached housing information, most students will move into their assigned housing during the weekend of January 17th-18th.

DISCOUNTED FLIGHTS TICKETED THROUGH STUDENT UNIVERSE. Students booking their flights through Student Universe and arriving on the flight featured in their flyer will be met at the airport the day of their arrival by NYU in France staff, whereupon they will travel together to the FIAP on NYU in France-provided buses.

Students arriving on different flights are responsible for their own transportation to the FIAP. You may wish to take a taxi (a good idea if you have heavy bags). Please note that taxis charge 1€ extra per bag for handling luggage. The trip should cost approximately 50€. Tipping is generally expected: 10% of the fare indicated on the meter. You will receive instructions on how to get from the airport to the FIAP by public transportation before your departure in January.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND USEFUL TIPS

You will receive a much more comprehensive booklet of practical information upon your arrival in Paris. In the meantime, here are some important considerations:

PACKING: *What to bring?*

Many students overestimate their personal needs, overload themselves with luggage and live to regret it.

CLOTHING: Plan as versatile and as layered a wardrobe as possible. Be sure to pack at least one "nice" outfit for certain outings (special dinners, operas, etc.). Think of taking easy-care garments, since laundry and dry-cleaning tend to be expensive.

CLIMATE: Spring can be a lovely season in Paris while you should also be prepared for rain. In winter, temperatures rarely reach freezing, but the damp Parisian chill can feel quite cold. Snow is rare, but rain is plentiful, so bring a compact umbrella! You should also note that indoor temperatures are considerably lower than in the U.S. Spring generally arrives in Paris in mid- to late-March, but even if the flowers are in bloom, the days can still be chilly through early May.

BLANKETS, SHEETS, TOWELS AND WASH CLOTHS: Blankets and sheets will be provided if you live with a French household. Towels and washcloths are almost never provided. Most apartments for NYU students are furnished and generally equipped with basic kitchen appliances, utensils, etc. However, you may not have a full supply of bed linens. If necessary, you can purchase relatively inexpensive products in Paris, which you might find preferable to adding more bulk to your luggage.

BOOKS: Undergraduate students will find the books they need in Paris. However, students should bring their favorite reference texts from the United States.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES: French voltage is different from voltage in the U.S. 220-volt transformers and adapters are available and are generally reliable, although you must be careful with the conversion of hertz. In general, try to keep electrical devices to a minimum. It is safer to purchase hair dryers, alarm clocks, etc. upon your arrival in France. Most recent computers have internal transformers; if this is the case, you only need to purchase an adapter. Check with your computer retailer to determine your particular needs.

MEDICATION AND TOILETRIES: Keep all medications in original packaging in order not to have it confiscated by customs officials. If you wear contact lenses, bring an ample supply of solution, etc., with you to Paris. Some brands are not available in France, and those that are tend to cost more than in the States. Bringing a spare pair of glasses or contact lenses is a good idea.

Other Practical Concerns regarding living in France

HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS: The American Hospital is located near the NYU in France Center in Neuilly-sur-Seine. All American Hospital doctors speak English. NYU in France students also benefit from HTH Worldwide insurance, which allows students to receive basic medical as well as mental health services without paying up front. In addition to these health providers, NYU in France also maintains a list of local doctors who have given students excellent medical assistance over the years. In most cases, you will need to pay for medical coverage at the time of treatment. The NYU student health insurance and/or Blue Cross-Blue Shield will then reimburse most medical costs you may encounter while in Paris.

SHIPPING GOODS AHEAD: You may ship your goods to the Paris Center in care of your own name. We will store them in a room in our Center. However, we cannot accept responsibility for their security. PLEASE

DO NOT SEND A TRUNK OR TAKE ONE WITH YOU. If delayed in customs, you will have trouble getting it to your permanent address. Moreover, cab drivers do not handle trunks. In general, if you **wish to avoid paying customs duties on packages sent ahead of time**, label your packages "*Used personal items / Affaires personnelles usagées*".

Important: When your family or friends send you mail (or gifts) via Federal Express, UPS, or any other express mail services, **remind them ALWAYS to declare less than \$10 U.S. dollars on the customs declaration** in order to avoid heavy customs taxes in France. **Packages received by NYU in France with taxes or postage due will not be accepted.**

RECEIVING MAIL AND TELEPHONE CALLS: You will have your own mail box at the Paris Center, c/o NYU in France, 56, rue de Passy, 75016 Paris, France. If your family needs to reach you, they should contact the center at 011-331-53-92-50-80 during the center's office hours. Please remember the time difference (6 hours from the East Coast and 9 hours from the West Coast). If the center is closed, they can also leave a message. After hours, and in true emergencies only, families can call on the NYU-France emergency line: 011-331-45-24-20-47. **We kindly ask that personal calls to the Paris Center be strictly limited to family emergencies** and thank you in advance for your understanding.

The Center is open 8:30am - 8:00pm Monday - Thursday, and 8:30am-5:30pm on Fridays (remember the +6 hour time difference from Eastern Standard Time).

SPORTS: Students may practice some of their favorite sports in the athletic department of the University of Paris - VII after they receive their French student cards. Classes include: yoga, stretching, boxing, and tai chi. To take advantage of this facility, students need proof of good health from a physician. This can be indicated on the medical form students are required to submit for study abroad. A copy of this form, in addition to a fee, is all that is required to join the university sports facility. Those accustomed to more equipped facilities may prefer to join a private gym club.

PRELIMINARY LANGUAGE COURSE

A 2-Credit Two Week Mandatory Workshop for Students in Programs I & II

Many students, even those who excel in French at home, often feel ill-equipped to deal with the difficulties of the immersion experience. Suddenly faced with the challenges of using French in everyday life, and/or and the rigors of an intensive French academic experience, they feel the need for an intensive review, a sort of “crash course” in survival French. The **Preliminary Language Course**, required for all undergraduates enrolled in NYU in France, is designed to address these needs. The course helps students improve their ability to get along in Paris, to understand everyday French and university lectures, to participate actively in discussion, to read a substantial number of texts weekly, and to compose oral and written reports in correct French. While emphasis is placed on oral French, related progress is made in written skills (encompassing for more advanced students an intensive review of grammar and vocabulary). The Preliminary Course also provides a basic historical and political orientation to help students better understand contemporary life in France. Structured classes for grammar, phonetics and oral production are held five days a week for two weeks.

A placement test at the beginning of the session determines into which language level each student should be placed.

NYU in France Pre-Departure CHECKLIST

To help ensure that all is in order before leaving, check these tasks off upon completion:

- Return deposit and any other paperwork from previous mailings to the Study Abroad Admissions Office, 110 E. 14th St., Lower Level, New York, NY 10003 if you have not already done so.
- Make flight arrangements, fill out the housing, personal, and arrival information portions of the Webforms on-line, and send your identity photos to the Paris office (so that they arrive) **no later than November 26th, 2008**.
- Secure an original copy of your **birth certificate** and your **academic transcript** through Fall 2008. Bring both of these documents with you to Paris.
- Assemble the necessary documents for your student visa. (*Bring all supporting documents with you, once your visa is issued, to Paris. They may come in handy*).
- Plan how you will handle money upon your arrival and during your stay. Make the necessary Stateside arrangements. Bring **proof of housing** in the States with you if you are thinking of opening an account with HSBC (see “*Banking once in Paris,*” above).
- If sending any items ahead, plan to do so at least 6 weeks ahead of time, be sure to label them “used personal affairs/*affaires personnelles usages*”.
- Leave your Paris address (c/o the NYU in France Center, see address below) with family and friends.

Please remember: it is your responsibility to keep in touch with the Study Abroad Admissions Office regarding any problems that you may have prior to departure for Paris. Telephone number: (212) 998-4433 or e-mail: abroad.admissions@nyu.edu.

OTHER USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION:

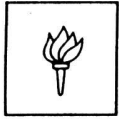
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HOUSING INFORMATION FOR NYU IN FRANCE

The NYU in France staff is delighted that you will be studying with us, and we look forward to meeting and working with you in the Spring. We are aware that you are probably giving a lot of thought to where you are going to live. The place where you live and the people you get to know will be important features of your experience in Paris. We ensure that all students housed by NYU in France are placed in safe, clean apartments at reasonable rates. Please keep in mind that Paris is a diverse, cosmopolitan city with many different neighborhoods, each with a particular charm and character. Housing options are located throughout the twenty *arrondissements*, so students should not all expect to be housed in the neighborhoods with which they are already familiar (for instance, the Latin Quarter). We are confident that your housing will be comfortable, and provide adequate space to live and study. But we also want to remind you that your housing constitutes only one aspect of your stay in Paris. We cannot always provide everyone with the Parisian apartment of their dreams. Rather, we hope that you will approach your housing assignment with an open mind, ready to explore and take on the exciting challenge of getting to know this great city. Please take time to read the following information and to complete the questionnaire on-line in order to choose from the various housing options we propose.

The Housing Situation in Paris (Please read carefully and share with your parents if they are involved in your decision making process).

Before discussing the different kinds of housing available through NYU in France and the process we use to house you, we want you to know a few things about the overall housing situation in Paris. As in any big city, the competition for housing is steep and the price of rooms and apartments quite high. Add to this the fact that you are looking for a short-term furnished rental and the market narrows further. Therefore, should you try to find housing on your own—that is, without the benefit of the NYU office or a recommended brokerage agency—you may find that, unless you are able to provide solid financial guarantees and several months' deposit, your request for housing will not be taken seriously. If you have a flexible budget and are looking for a higher end rental, you are encouraged to use an agency.

At NYU in France, we have developed a strong network of landlords and French hosts, some of whom have been renting their apartments or rooms to our students for years, and all of whom have apartments and rooms to rent that generally fit within a student budget. They are fully aware of the needs of our students, are able to maintain some flexibility in their dealings with students, and are prepared to rent their rooms and apartments on a short-term basis.

The relationship you develop with your French host or landlord obviously depends a lot on the personalities involved. Often, however, success hinges on your ability to adapt and be receptive to the new ideas and modes of life that you may encounter. Students who benefit the most from their overseas experience are almost always those who show a willingness to look beyond their American perspectives and experience something new. There is no need to feel that you should deny your 'Americanness,' but you will probably find that the most interesting exchanges and lasting relationships occur when you bring to your encounters a spirit of openness and consideration for different points of view.

Housing Opportunities

NYU in France maintains a large network of host families and landlords who have rented to program students for a number of years. We also develop new contacts with people who have been recommended by past students. Each family is interviewed and visited by a representative of NYU, and the housing coordinator maintains close contact with the families and landlords throughout the year.

The price for housing secured through the Paris office can vary anywhere from 450€ to 1200€ per student per month. There is, however, no "average" room. We select apartments in Paris and its immediate suburbs that are situated within a reasonable

commute to the NYU Center and the Paris universities (20 to 50 minutes door to door). In general, students who choose the French host option can expect to find a comfortable room within a Parisian household, with a shared bathroom and kitchen privileges. We also have a selection of independent rooms, studios and apartments. These tend to be considerably smaller than apartments in the U.S. Amenities such as dishwashers and clothes washers/dryers are rare and, when available, often accommodate smaller loads than similar appliances in the U.S. All non-host housing options are furnished, but in many cases, if you are renting a studio or apartment, the kitchen furnishings will be relatively modest (fridge, hotplates, utensils, etc.).

Many students come to Paris hoping to live with a "typical" family -- with Mom, Dad, and kids. Very few situations like this arise in Paris because most families with children do not have extra rooms in their home. Most of the people who rent rooms from year to year fall into the following categories: retired couples renting out their children's rooms, widows or widowers, single professionals roughly your age, or artists. French students, unlike American students, do not usually share apartments, since many live at home or live in a *Chambre de bonne* or studio.

Housing options offered to NYU in France students (please note that the prices are listed in euros and do not include utilities):

1) ***A room in a French household without another NYU in France student.*** This could be, for example, a family, an older person or couple, a working professional roughly your age or older, etc. You can discuss the possibility of having evening meals with your family upon your arrival if you so desire. Depending on the frequency of these meals, the rent may go up slightly. Generally, on evenings that students are not having dinner with their hosts, they prepare their own meals and eat separately. Students have access to the kitchen, usually have their own cupboard and shelf in the fridge, and are expected to buy their own food. Please keep in mind that when living in a French household it will often take a bit of time to feel that you are a member of the family. The French tend to be more reserved in their interactions than Americans, but this does not mean that you will not develop wonderful relationships over the course of your semester in Paris. If you would be interested in having a French roommate roughly your age, please note that on your on-line housing application, as we occasionally offer this option.

Rough average Price: Between 600€ and 750€ per month.

2) ***A room in a French household with another NYU in France student.*** Particulars are the same as single room (above). Note that each student will have his or her own room.

Rough average Price: Between 550€ and 650€ per month per student.

3) ***A studio apartment for one person.*** A wide variety of comfort is possible. Studios are usually furnished with kitchen utilities, bed, desk, etc., and size varies from 15m² to as large as 35m² (roughly 150 to 350 square feet) and higher. Bedding and towels are not always provided, but these items are available in Paris at reasonable prices. Note that your monthly rent may or may not include utilities fees.

Rough average Price (not including utilities): Between 600€ and 1100€ per month (some studios can be upwards of €1200 per month depending on neighborhood, size, and amenities).

4) ***Apartment large enough for two or more.*** All apartments are furnished. More often than not, **an apartment for 2 people is a two-room apartment (each room has a bed OR students share one bedroom and have a living room) with a kitchen and bathroom, similar to some double dorm rooms.** Please note that three room apartments (2 bedrooms and a living room) are significantly more expensive and thus more difficult to find. **Please note that NYU policy states that we can house only students participating in the program.** For this reason, if you plan to live with someone who is **not** studying at NYU-France, you will need to find your own housing (see #7, below).

Rough average Price (not including utilities): Between 550€ and 1000€ per month per student.

5) ***Chambre de bonne or Studettes.*** These are very small rooms that, during the 19th century, served as maids' and servants' quarters in *bourgeois* style buildings. The *chambres de bonne* are almost always located on the top floor, frequently in walk-up apartment buildings, and are generally less comfortable than studios. They have the advantage, however, of carrying a significantly lower rent. Most of the *chambres* that NYU proposes have showers in the room (many other *chambres de bonne* have showers across the hall or access to showers and the kitchen in the downstairs apartment of the owner to which they belong). *Toilettes* or the "water closet" (WC) are almost always down the hall and shared by the residents of the *palier* (the hallway on which all the *chambres de bonne* are found for a particular building). Because of the attractive price, this is a common living arrangement for French students. Students on a tight budget, who are flexible and independent, may consider this option.

Rough average Price (not including utilities): Between 450€ and 575€ per month.

6) **Independent.** You may choose this option if you have friends or family in Paris with whom you plan to live, or if you have already arranged your housing or plan to do so. **If you send in a housing request and then subsequently find your own housing, please let the housing coordinator know as soon as possible and as well in advance of your departure as possible.**

7) **Using a broker.** Housing selected by the Paris staff for program participants is modest and intended for students. If you have a housing budget which is significantly higher than that proposed here and wish to live in greater comfort, we suggest you contact a Paris-based broker well before your arrival in order to secure housing suitable to your needs. Do not hesitate to contact the NYU in France Center for contact information. **Please be aware, however, that if you contact a broker and decide to do business with him or her, the NYU Center will consider that you have renounced our housing placement and have chosen the "independent" option (see #6 above).**

Whatever your choice, it is important to realize that one student's idea of the "perfect" apartment may be different from another's. Each and every student's experience is different, even with the same family or landlord. Remember that the success of your experience depends to a great degree on the enthusiasm and openness you bring to this exchange.

Housing Procedures

In hopes of getting you settled, feeling "at home", and ready to start classes under the best possible conditions following your arrival in Paris, we require that you fill-out the detailed housing questionnaire on-line on the NYU-France website. **Please read and complete carefully this questionnaire, taking care to add any additional information that you think will help us to house you appropriately.** The more we know about you, the better we can match you up with the solution best suited to meet your needs, personality, budget, and lifestyle.

On the basis of your answers and budget requirements, we will make a housing assignment that we think best suits your needs. Shortly after your arrival in Paris you will be given an appointment to see your apartment and/or meet your French host. You will be able to move in and get settled very soon thereafter.

If you are not satisfied with your housing placement for a legitimate and valid reason, (for example, you are allergic to cats and are placed in a home with a cat) the NYU in France staff may, at their discretion, reconsider your placement. Remember, we make your individual housing placement based on the information that you provide in the on-line forms. For this reason it is extremely important that you be as thorough and thoughtful as possible in your replies.

Before moving in, you will most likely be required to complete a written agreement with your landlord in order to avoid any misunderstandings about rent or the length of your stay. You will be required, just as in the U.S., to give one month's deposit and the first month's rent. **Should you ever wish to change your housing during the course of the semester, you will be expected to give one month's notice or else lose your deposit AND the rent paid for the current month.** Should there be damage to the apartment, the landlord will hold you financially responsible.

During the few days following your arrival in Paris and before you move into your semester-long housing, you will be temporarily housed with other NYU in France students at the FIAP. We will do our best to make sure you are comfortably and happily housed in your Parisian home as quickly as possible.

Some Helpful Tips

After your arrival in Paris we will meet to discuss in detail aspects of daily life in France such as use of hot water and electricity, telephone usage, and French customs that are sometimes quite different from what you may be accustomed to.

Keep in mind that especially during the beginning of your stay you are considered a guest in your French household and that, once again, the relationship you develop with your French family, roommates or landlord (and with the French in general) will depend greatly on your own attitude and friendliness. Helping out around the house, running an errand, or offering a bouquet of flowers will go a long way towards maintaining a pleasant atmosphere. Should you run into any snags, be sure to let us know, as we are always available to help you communicate with your host.