

Visa FAQ's

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1. **When will NYU send the letters/attestations I need in order to get my visa?**

NYU will obtain these letters for students who have confirmed their enrollment in the program. We expect them to arrive by late November or early December. We will let you know as soon as they are available. Do not wait until your letter arrives before getting started on the visa application process. You don't need your attestation letter to register for CampusFrance, schedule your appointment with the consulate, and start gathering the required documents you must obtain on your own. You should start doing that NOW!

2. **How much does CampusFrance registration cost?**

For students enrolled in an American University and going to France through that University and who register with CampusFrance the amount is \$60.00 US. Do not get confused with the higher fee that is required for students getting a degree from a French University.

3. **What methods of payment does CampusFrance accept?**

Cashiers checks and money orders are the only acceptance forms of payment. Personal checks are not accepted. Be sure your name and CampusFrance ID number are written on your money order or cashiers check.

4. **On the CampusFrance online application, what do I put in the "Level Reached" section – bac + 1, 2, 3, etc?**

If you are currently a sophomore, you should put bac + 2, if you are currently a junior you should put bac + 3, if you are currently a senior you should put bac + 4.

5. **Do I have to submit my actual passport to the consulate or is a photocopy ok?**

The visa is a stamp affixed to a blank page inside your passport. The Consulate will need your actual passport in order to issue your visa - not a photocopy or anything else.

6. **When should I make my appointment at the Consulate?**

If you are using the New York Consulate you should book an appointment as soon as possible. Complete your CampusFrance registration and gather the items you need for your visa application in the meantime. Don't wait until you have done everything else and then book your appointment. Book one now for on or just after December 15th.

7. **What do I need notarized and where do I do that?**

Currently, you need your financial guarantee letter and the bank statement that must accompany it notarized by a notary public. Notaries are located in banks (free service if you are an account holder there) and several photocopy shops such as Kinko's (who charge a fee).

8. **Can I stay and travel in France after the Program ends?**

YES. You are welcome to stay and travel after the program on your own. NYU housing and services will not be available to you after the official end date of the program. You will be traveling independently after the program end date and must make your own accommodations and arrangements. You will have 30 days to stay in France until your visa expires. You may enter other countries without a visa if you do not

intend to stay longer than 90 days (for US Citizens – non-US citizens should verify the length of tourist visas in countries where they are planning to visit).

9. Some of the visa information NYU Global Programs posted was wrong. What's up with that?

NYU does not have any "insider connections" or ties with the French Consulates of CampusFrance organization. The rules can vary among individual consular offices and may change without any notice at any given time. We do our best to keep you updated on the visa procedures and to create helpful documents and guides to make the process easier for you; however, getting a visa is your responsibility. It is your job to make sure you follow the current procedures and regulations put forth by CampusFrance and the French Consulate.

That being said, if you find that any of the information on our website or in email or letters to you is in fact incorrect or out of date, we would appreciate you letting us know so we can make appropriate revisions. Your feedback is very important to us!

9. If I have EU citizenship do I have to get a student visa for France?

No. If you have an EU passport you do not have to obtain a student visa or a VLS-TS.