

ISCOM Info Sheet

Webpage for Exchange Students	Erasmus - ISCOM	
Term Dates	Arrival	Within the week before the semester commences
	Fall Semester (Semester 1)	September to December
	Winter/Spring (Semester 2)	February to June
Quick-Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in Paris in 1986 and is currently established in 8 different cities in France. • BU students can choose to study at either the Paris or Lyon campus. • The campus in the centre of Paris is within easy access, with open and practical collaborative spaces, a pleasant environment. • The school prepares students for all careers in communications. • Varied pedagogical formats, alternating between interactive classes, videoconferences, workshops, online classes, ateliers. 	
Language of Instruction	English	
Courses	<p>Students must choose courses offered within only one programme (specialisation) in English or in French in one specific study year. Students are expected to take all the courses within one programme (specialisation) which is equivalent to 60 BU Credits (30 ECTS) unless the home university authorises the student to take less ECTS.</p> <p>The updated list of programmes (specialisation) and courses will be provided directly to students, but you can find an overview of the programmes offered here. Course attendance is mandatory. Students will receive their courses schedule upon arrival during the first week of the semester.</p> <p>Course selection forms must be approved and signed by the home university, partner university, Study Abroad Academic Coordinator (or equivalent) and the student.</p>	

<p>Housing</p>	<p>Finding accommodation in France can be quite difficult, especially in Paris. Therefore, it is advised all students start their research as soon as possible and benefit from the services delivered by ISCOM's partners. Once you have submitted your application you will be contacted by Feel Français, ISCOM's partner who can help students find accommodation through their website, https://www.feelfrancais.com/</p> <p>ISCOM also works in partnership with Studapart, a platform that gathers all kinds of offers (from individuals renting studios to real estate agencies and flatshare). Students can sign up for free on the below link. The access code is HOUSINGISCOM. Students contact the landlords directly and for enquiries they can message Studapart's customer service. https://iscom.studapart.com/en/</p> <p>You can also research more housing options by following the links which past students have used to find accommodation in France. LivinFrance - Plateforme d'assistance pour étudiants. (livin-france.com) - Accommodation - Help center (livin-france.com) leboncoin site de petites annonces gratuites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to do your own research and read the small prints and reviews before booking any accommodation. • Also ensure that you are only booking accommodation in Bournemouth for the semester that you will be studying at BU.
<p>Health Insurance</p>	<p>Exchange students are obliged to arrange for sufficient health insurance coverage during their study period at ISCOM.</p> <p>You can apply for an EHIC/GHIC card which enables you to obtain medical assistance for free when abroad. If you are an EU passport holder you will be able to use your EHIC card when travelling to an EU country. If you are a UK passport holder and/or do not have an EU passport, please read the information about how to apply for a UK GHIC card. As a BU student, you can apply for your EHIC/GHIC card using the BU Letter Request Form.</p> <p>Please note that some partners may request that incoming students purchase additional health insurance to comply with their immigration and institutional requirements.</p> <p>You can find further information on the practical arrangements webpage.</p>
<p>Travel Insurance</p>	<p>BU offers a comprehensive BU travel cover to all outgoing students. After reviewing BU's travel cover, and depending on personal considerations or specific health issues, some students might decide to purchase an additional insurance policy to top-up what is available.</p> <p>Please note that BU Travel Cover is updated every August.</p>
<p>Visas & Permits</p>	<p>When travelling to France you must consider what document(s) you will need to enter the country and commence your studies or research at ISCOM. This will depend on the country you are travelling from, your home citizenship, the length of your stay in France, and the purpose of your stay in France amongst other criteria.</p>

	<p>Please make sure to understand what is needed and secure this in time before you travel and that you have an up-to-date passport that expires no earlier than 6 months after you intend to return.</p> <p>ISCOM works in partnership with Feel Français, an agency that helps students with administrative procedures such as finding accommodation, opening a bank account, subscribing to a phone service, obtaining a VISA (if needed), CAF (housing aid), obtaining home and health insurance, getting a metro card, registering for electricity, among other services to facilitate their move and stay in France: https://www.feelfrancais.com/ Students will be directly contacted by Feel Français after they have received their acceptance confirmation from ISCOM.</p> <p>France-visas.gouv.fr The official website for visa application to France Long Term Visa used as Residence Permit or VLS-TS Campus France</p> <p>You should also refer to UK Foreign Travel Advice on France and can find further information on the GoingGlobal webpage.</p> <p>It is your responsibility to obtain the correct visa. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes and the Study Abroad Team is not qualified to offer consultations or detailed advice regarding visa applications. So, if you do have any visa-related questions you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly.</p>
<p>Approximate Costs</p>	<p>Tuition fees: Exchange students continue to pay their tuition and academic fees to Bournemouth University with no additional cost at the partner university</p> <p>Costs to keep in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return ticket • Accommodation • VISA application fees if applicable • Insurance if applicable • Daily expenses (food, laundry, etc.) • Textbooks and stationery <p>Estimated living monthly costs: Housing - 200-1000 EUR depending on the type of accommodation. Study material/books - 50 EUR Food/drinks - 100 - 300 EUR Public transportation - 35 - 75 EUR (depending on student's age)</p>
<p>Funding</p>	<p>Turing Scheme Funding Student can apply for funding to help with study abroad costs. This is a grant and not a loan, so student do not have to repay it back. Please visit Turing Scheme Bournemouth University for more details.</p> <p>Student Maintenance Loan If you are in receipt of a maintenance loan, you will continue to receive this as usual when you are abroad but may also be eligible for a higher amount of, depending on your circumstances.</p>

	<p>Student Finance England Travel Grant You may be able to claim back some travel expenses from your period abroad. The amount of grant depends on your household income, and covers reasonable costs incurred on travel expenses during an academic year. Please visit the Student Finance England Travel Grant website, or contact Student Finance.</p>	
<p>Campus Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library (with computer area) • Free French Lessons (need to register) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online workspace • Wireless Internet • Printing Facilities