

YOUR ARRIVAL IN FRANCE

GETTING TO BELFORT OR MONTBELIARD

We advise you to land in one of the three following cities: Paris (Charles de Gaulle airport or Orly airport), Lyon (Saint-Exupéry airport) or Basel at EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg.

From Paris:

To reach Belfort or Montbéliard by train from Paris airports, you need to go to the **Gare de Lyon train station**, located in the 12th district of Paris. You will find more information regarding the routes and the train schedules in the following link: <https://www.ratp.fr/itineraires#no-back>.

Once you reach Gare the Lyon train station, you must either take the train to **Belfort Ville train station or to Montbéliard Ville train station or Gare TGV Belfort-Montbéliard**.

From EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg:

- take the exit on the French side
- take the bus « navette n° 11 » (<https://www.distribus.com>) and stop at the « Saint-Louis » train station
- take the train to Belfort or Montbéliard and stop at **Belfort Ville or Montbéliard Ville train stations or Gare TGV Belfort-Montbéliard**.

From Lyon Saint-Exupéry airport:

- go to the gare TGV (located inside the airport)
- Take the Tramway Rhônexpress (<https://www.rhonexpress.fr/>) and stop at « La Part Dieu » train station
- take the train to Belfort or Montbéliard and stop at **Belfort Ville or Montbéliard Ville train stations or Gare TGV Belfort-Montbéliard**.

Be careful: Gare TGV Belfort-Montbéliard is located at 15km from the city center of Belfort and at 25km from the city center of Montbéliard. If you stop at Gare TGV Belfort-Montbéliard, you can get to:

- Belfort city center. You will have to take bus line 3 to Valdoie. You can go straight to your Crous accommodation if you stop at "Crous". <https://www.optymo.fr/bus/horaires-et-plans/>
- Montbéliard city center. You will have to take bus line T4 Gare TGV Audincourt / Montbéliard <https://maps.mybus.io/montbeliard/voyager/lignes/audincourt-montbeliard-gare-tgv-t4/>. To get to the campus you can stop at « acropole » and then take bus line 1 to Longines (see on page 4).

You can already buy your train tickets online on: <https://www.sncf-connect.com/>
The sooner you book your tickets, the cheaper they will be.

Important: be careful during your trip, especially in Paris. Do not keep your luggage unattended; do not accept help from strangers, and take your essential documents in a shoulder bag.

COVID-19 in France: please visit the French government website <https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus>. You'll find official information on current national restrictions (such as curfew, lockdown, mandatory face coverings, etc.). Please note that information are updated on a regular basis and are subject to change before your arrival in France.

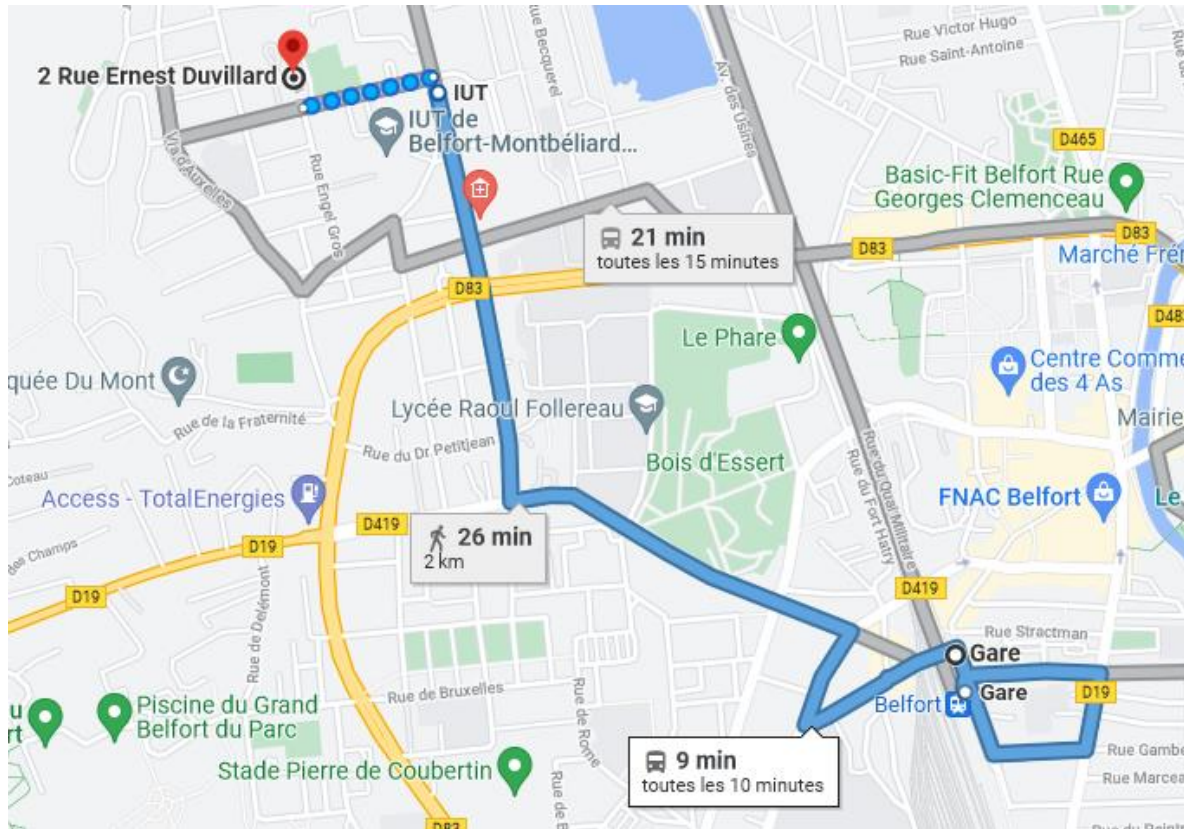
ARRIVING IN BELFORT

To go to your student accommodation, you must go to the CROUS reception in order to get your keys. <https://www.crous-bfc.fr/>

Go to the CROUS reception located 2 rue Ernest Duvillard: **take the bus line number 3 to VALDOIE from the Belfort Ville train station.** Stop at the IUT bus stop.

3 Valdoie ↔ Gare TGV ↔ Châtenois





Source: Google Map

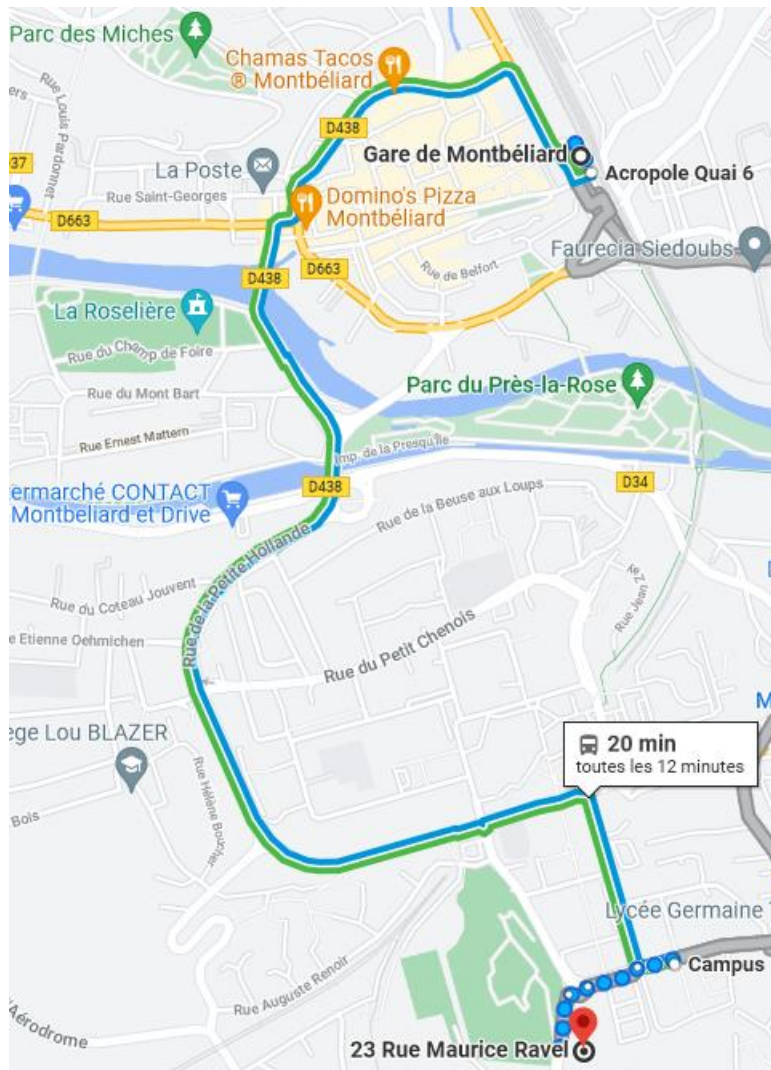
ARRIVING IN MONTBELIARD

To go to your student accommodation, you must go to the CROUS reception in order to get your keys. <https://www.crous-bfc.fr/>

Go to the CROUS located 23 rue Maurice Ravel: **from the Acropole 6 bus stop at the Montbéliard Ville train station, take the bus line number 1 to LONGINES.** Stop at the **CAMPUS** bus stop.



Source: Evolity. More information: <https://www.evolity.fr/telechargez-vos-horaires-evolity/horaires-ligne-evolity-2020-2021/>



Source: Google Map

Be careful: there will be fewer buses by night and during the weekend. No traffic from midnight to 5am. A one-way bus ticket will cost you €1.

For Belfort: <https://www.optymo.fr/bus/horaires-et-plans/>

For Montbéliard: <https://www.evolyty.fr/se-deplacer/telechargez-vos-horaires-evolyty/>

You can also take a taxi from the train station. Depending on the day, the hour and the number of luggage, you will pay from €20 to €50.

In order to obtain your keys at the CROUS reception, you will have to show your passport and the housing certificate.

Important: upon your arrival in your accommodation, you must subscribe to mandatory housing insurance. The CROUS will give you more details.

You can contact **the International Office** if you need more information:

dri@univ-fcomte.fr.

Our office is located place Saint-Jacques in the MSHE building, 2nd floor in **Besançon**
(Arsenal site): <https://www.univ-fcomte.fr/files/plan-accesdrifpng>.

When you arrive in Besançon, take the tramway number 2 to **Hauts de Chazal**, exit at the **CHAMARS** tramway stop.

Working hours: from Monday to Thursday, from 9am to noon and from 2pm to 5pm.
Closed on weekends and holidays.

How to move around the city?

Belfort is a city, well connected thanks to the [Optymo](#) network. Montbéliard is a city, well connected thanks to the [Evolity](#) network. These two transportation networks offer monthly subscriptions whose price depends on your age and your situation.

A good alternative is to use bikes. The association [VéloCampus](#) offers second-hand bikes for students. Be careful! If you use a bike, you must respect transportation and outfit rules (fluorescent vest, bell, lights...)

WELCOME DAY FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The International Office will invite you to a mandatory welcome meeting for all the international students studying in “Nord Franche-Comté” in September 2022 (time and place will be confirmed).

The festive welcome event for all students of the University of Franche-Comté will take place in September – event program coming soon.

You will find regularly updated information on the following link: <http://www.univ-fcomte.fr/venir-etudier-luniversite-de-franche-comte#.XQC159QS-Hs>

SUGGESTED COMPLEMENTARY PROCEDURES

- **To subscribe to a complementary health insurance** once you arrive. More information will be given during the September welcome meeting.

- **To get your bus card:**

For Belfort: <https://www.optymo.fr>

For Montbéliard: <http://www.evolity.fr>

- **To get your carte Avantages Jeunes 2022-2023 :**

<https://www.avantagesjeunes.com/>

https://www.avantagesjeunes.com/point-de-vente?lib_dept=&lib_ville=840

- **To open a bank account** in the bank of your choice:

Do not forget your passport, your student visa, and your CROUS housing certificate.

- **To subscribe to a mobile company.**

Do not forget to bring your passport, your student visa, your housing certificate, and your bank account details (RIB)

SUGGESTED DOCUMENTS FOR YOUR STAY

- Student visa;
- Passport photos;
- Passport + ID;
- Registration certificate to the university of Franche-Comté;
- Housing certificate of the CROUS;
- Birth certificate translated by a sworn translator;
- Health record (vaccinations);
- Income certificates of your parents or your financial supporter from previous years;
- Non-certified copy of the last obtained diploma and of your academic transcript.

Make photocopies of all your documents and do not bring with you the originals except for, *in the case of non-European citizens*, your passport, your ID, and your student visa.

Once your administrative procedure is done, always keep with you your ID card or your passport, a photocopy of your student visa, and of your student card.

A FEW EXPENSES TO CONSIDER

- Phone subscription: 10-30 euros/month
- Visa validation (*if you are a non-European citizen*): 60 euros
- Public swimming pool ticket (*student price*): 3.30 euros
- Citadelle ticket: 9 euros (*student price*)
- Cinema ticket: 8.50 euros (*student price*) or 6.90 euros (*carte avantages jeunes price*)
- Concert of classical music ticket: 10 euros
- Night club ticket: 5-10 euros
- Coffee in a restaurant: 1.40-2.50 euros
- [Carte avantages jeunes](#) : 8 euros

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