

YOUR ARRIVAL IN FRANCE

GETTING TO BESANCON

From Paris:

To reach Besançon 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 take the train to **Gare Besançon Viotte** train station.

From Geneva airport (in Switzerland):

- take the exit on the Swiss side
- go to the airport train station take the train and stop at « gare CFF Cornavin »
- take the train to Besançon and stop at **Gare Besançon Viotte train station**.

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 Besançon and stop at **Gare Besançon Viotte train station**

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 the « La Part Dieu » train station (around 30 minutes)
- take the train to Besançon and stop at **Gare Besançon Viotte train station**

Be careful: do not stop at Gare Besançon Franche-Comté TGV since it is located at 20km from the city center of Besançon!

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 BESANCON

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 Bâtiment Stendhal where the reception is open 24/7: take the bus line number 3 to **TEMIS** (the bus stop is at your right when you exit the train station hall). Stop at the **CROUS Université** bus stop.



Source: Google Map



Départ : **Gare Viotte (Besançon)**



Prendre le Bus L3 à l'arrêt Gare Viotte (Besançon) en direction de Temis (Besançon)
Descendre à l'arrêt Crous Université (Besançon)

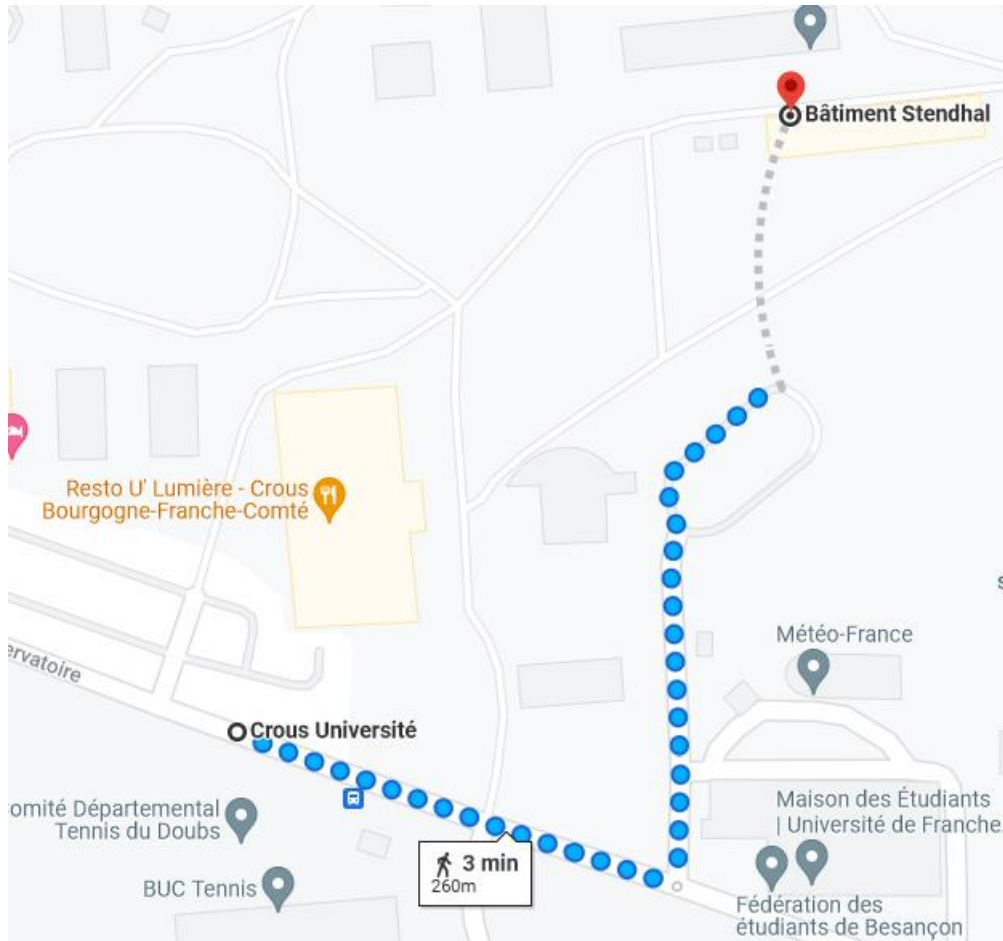
Durée : 10 min

[Voir les arrêts intermédiaires](#)



Arrivée : **Crous Université (Besançon)**

Source : Ginko. More information: https://www.ginko.voyage/se-deplacer/itineraires/calcul-ditineraires/?no_cache=1



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 €1,40.

https://www.ginko.voyage/se-deplacer/itineraires/calcul-ditineraires/?no_cache=1s

You can also take a taxi from the Gare Besançon Viotte train station. Depending on the day, the hour and the number of luggage, you will pay between €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 housing insurance. The CROUS will give you more details.

Afterwards, we invite you to locate the university restaurant: <http://www.crous-besancon.fr/restaurant/restaurant-lumiere/>

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>.

To visit our international office located place Saint-Jacques: take the bus number 15 to CHAMARS, exit at the CHAMARS bus stop.

Map of the route: https://www.ginko.voyage/se-deplacer/itineraires/calcul-ditineraires/?no_cache=1

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?

Besançon is a city, well connected thanks to the Ginko network. This transportation network offers monthly subscriptions whose price depends on your age and your situation. Here is the student subscription:

- **Pass 18-25/student : 28 euros/month**

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 invites you to a mandatory welcome meeting for all the international exchange students in September 2022 (time and place will be confirmed) in Besançon.

The festive welcome event for all international students (exchanges and individual mobility) of the University of Franche-Comté will take place in September 2022 – 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 health complementary insurance** once you arrive. More information will be given during the September welcome meeting.

- **To get your bus/tram Ginko card:**

<https://www.ginko.voyage/>

<https://www.ginko.voyage/tarifs/titres-cartes-et-tarifs/tous-les-titres/>

<https://www.ginko.voyage/tarifs/points-de-vente/ou-acheter-son-titre/>

- **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 housing certificate of the CROUS.

- **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).

- **To register to Campus Sport** in order to benefit from sport sessions in the faculty of sports in the Bouloie Campus

More information on <https://applications.univ-fcomte.fr/CampusSports>

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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