

Accommodation for students in Nancy :

A regularly updated accommodation offer list is available at the Accueil-Info Etudiants / Guichet Unique of Université de Lorraine.

Various other sources for accommodation ads and offers are also available for you in the region. (See *useful information section*).

4 very important points

1 In most cases, you must have a guarantor binding all parties that, this person can pay in your place in case you can't pay your rent. If you are a student on a grant or an employed student, you may be entitled to the Loca Pass www.locapass.fr. Under certain conditions, it offers you an advance, free of charge, for the deposit and secures the guarantee of your rent.

2 When you start living in a flat, a guarantee deposit equivalent to 1 month's rent will be demanded. If the premises are not damaged, this sum will be given back to you two months after leaving the flat.

3 On signing the rental agreement, the estate agent will ask you for a commission equivalent to a month's rent minus extra charges

4 It is compulsory to take up a household insurance policy.

The different types of accommodation

Depending on your budget, the length of your stay or your desire for independence, there are different types of accommodation available for you.

Rooms in a student hall of residence

Managed by the CROUS administration, basic or renovated rooms are offered, between 9 and 15 m². The rooms are generally equipped with sink, wardrobe, desk, one or two chairs, a single bed with a mattress, blanket, bolster and pillow.

These halls of residence are the ideal solution for students with modest financial resources.

University halls of residence

These are open to all students. Accommodation can be applied for at any time of the year, even for a short period. These are mainly recent accommodations with well furnished rooms, ranging from a studio flat up to a "T2"- 2 room flat (between 18 and 30 m²). In most university halls of residence there are cafeteria, launderette, sports room, TV room, car park, cleaning service may also be provided...

Well-situated, near campuses and colleges or in the centre of town, and generally, they are often the best combination between independence and student life.

Student hostels

They are either single rooms or shared accommodation, and open to French as well as foreign students for the academic year. They offer catering on the spot or the possibility to cook as well as private study rooms, leisure areas, libraries, etc. The rent cost covers all the facilities.

Council flat accommodation

The public office of council houses (OPHLM in France), the agencies of council flats (MMH) as well as the public offices of development and building (OPh) reserve a certain number of flats for students.

The flats have the advantage of bigger living space, they are more spacious than average at a very reasonable rate. It is easier to find large flats to share but it is you who should find your co-tenants. These flats are not furnished.

Private accommodation renting or with an estate agent

If you want to rent with a private proprietor, you will deal with him/her directly for the visit and the signing of the rental agreement or "lease" (called *bail* - in French). The owner is free to set the price he wants, within the limits of the law, of course.

If you are dealing with an estate agent, the commercial structure that links the owner to the tenant, you will have to pay a commission or agency fees (*frais d'agence*) which amount is equivalent to one month's rent without charges.

Co-renting

This system allows you to share a large flat with your friends or other students. Therefore, one must be careful before committing oneself. The signatures and names of all the co-tenants must be on the lease, therefore binding and engaging the responsibility of all the co-tenants.

Temporary solutions

Several temporary solutions for finding accommodation exist :

Youth Hostels (*Auberges de Jeunesse* in French): to benefit from these, you have to have a member's card of about 14,50€.

Hotels : Some hotels exist at low rates but have the disadvantage of being situated on the outskirts of the towns. Examples : *Formule 1, 1ère Classe*... Price is between 35 € to 50 € a night.

Useful information - Where to obtain more information or consult ads

At the Accueil Info-Etudiants / Guichet Unique of Pres de l'Université de Lorraine :

In Nancy - 34, cours Léopold - 54052 NANCY Cedex - Telephone : 00 33 (0)3 54 50 54 00

in Metz - Maison Alfred Grosser - Ile du Saulcy - 57000 METZ - Telephone : 00 33 (0)3 87 54 77 77

Guide Pratique : <http://www.nancy-universite.fr/guide.pratique/fr/indexfr.php>

CRIJ Lorraine - www.cidj.asso.fr 20, Quai Claude le Lorrain - Nancy :

CROUS - www.crous-nancy-metz.fr/logements 75, rue de Laxou - Nancy,

OPAC - www.opac54.fr, 12, rue de Serre - Nancy

ADIL - www.anil.org/guide/locatif/jeune.htm, 48, rue du Sergent Blandan - Nancy

MGEL - www.mgel.fr/logement 44 cours, Léopold - Nancy

LMDE - www.lmde.fr, 13, rue de la Ravinelle - Nancy