



## ***A MONTHLY STUDENT BUDGET IN CHAMBERY & ANNECY***

### Overall cost

**Your budget is likely to be 620€/month in a University residence, and 800€ in private rented accommodation**

As a general indication for a student in either Chambéry or Annecy, your monthly budget is likely to look like this.

### Normal monthly costs

#### **Tuition**

Foreign students on an exchange do not usually pay tuition fees. ISEFE students should see the ISEFE website (<http://www.isefe.univ-savoie.fr/>).

If you are a foreign student NOT on an exchange (a freemover) you may be liable for tuition fees.

Tuition fees cost 186€ for the university year for undergraduates. Some faculties charge an extra sum for certain courses.

#### **Housing**

In a traditional university Hall of Residence (run by the CLOUS), the cost is 155-172€/month in 2013-14 (\*);

In a private Hall of Residence, the cost of a single room (studio) will be between 220€ and 380€;

Private housing : flat-sharing or single room : 380€ + commodities (heating, water) + local taxes ("Taxe d'habitation").

Deposit for your flat, household insurance, connection fee for electricity / gas

You may be asked to pay a 'caution' (deposit) which will be returned to you at the end of your stay, if you have fully paid your rent and you have left your room clean and in a good state of repair. In private accommodation, there may be a connection fee (frais de raccordement ou de branchement). Check on this before you sign the contract !

#### **Please note**

Your expenses for housing are offset by a benefit called APL or ALS, which is paid by the social security service called the CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales). Its website, <http://www.caf.fr> will enable you to calculate how much they will pay in your case (depending on your rent) but you need also to take into account costs associated with your rental (heating, water, etc)

## **Food**

In a university restaurant (not open at weekends) a ticket costs 3€15 ≈ 126€/month on the basis of 2 meals 5 days a week). If you stay on campus over the weekend, you will need to allow for your weekend meals and your breakfasts.

## **Telephone / Internet**

From 19€ à 30€

**Public transport Chambéry** (If you are under 26) 10 tickets (un carnet) = 6€. One ticket per trip, whatever the distance). For more information (timetables, routes), see the STAC site <http://www.bus-stac.fr>

**Public transport Annecy** A monthly ticket costs 21€/month. See the SIBRA site <http://www.sibra.fr/>

## **Clothing**

You should count on about 150€/year for the winterclothes (shoes and parka). There are a number of clothes' shops in Chambéry which are very inexpensive

## **Hygiene and cleaning materials**

Count on around 15€/month

## **Leisure activities**

Obviously, this depends, but count on around 20-30€

You should also take into account travel – for instance, if you go away for the weekend.

## **Social security and complementary insurance**

Basic social security is obligatory for all students under 28 years : it will be 211€. For stays of less than three months Foreign students do not usually pay

**Complementary insurance is strongly recommended.** It is for you to choose the company (called a “mutuelle”) but even with this, you may have extra costs if you consult a general practitioner (médecin généraliste) or a specialist, or for certain types of medical service (for instance, dental care or glasses)

*(\*) This sum may be modified by the Regional CROUS on an annual basis.*