



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

International Incoming Students Guide

Information for Exchange Students 2026-2027



THE SCHOOL

About Ocellia

Ocellia is an educational institution founded in 1933, operating across three campuses: Lyon, Valence, and Grenoble. It welcomes around 5,000 students, from undergraduate to master's level, and relies on 1,000 specialized lecturers. The school offers practice-oriented training and provides access to three professional libraries focused on social work and health.

1933

Established in

3

Campuses

5 000

Students

1 000Specialized
lecturers

Lyon · Grenoble · Valence

PROGRAMMES

Studying at Ocellia

We offer semester programmes in social work and health for French speaking students mixed with local students. Programmes are running on our 3 campuses.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

B2 level in French is required

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Autumn semester: September to January

Spring semester: February to June

TUITION FEES

For exchange students sent by our Erasmus partner institutions, this course is tuition free. For overseas and non-exchange students, please contact our Incoming student Officer.

STEP BY STEP

Application Process

01

Application

Apply for Ocellia's programmes or internship placement at your home institution

02

Nomination

Your university nominates you to our International Officer :
al.mathon@ocellia.fr

DEADLINE

Autumn semester: May 15th, 2026
Spring semester: October 16th, 2026

03

Study of your application

We organize an online meeting to talk about your project

04

Registration

Your nomination is accepted.
Register online and submit required documents by the deadline : CV, Motivation letter, Transcript of records, French B2 Language certificate



INCOMING STUDENTS GUIDE

Before your arrival

Prepare your stay · Plan your budget · Health ·
Accommodation · Travel



CHECKLIST

Prepare your stay

Useful documents

Please make sure to bring with you the following documents:

- Passport or national identity card
- Proof of insurance policy including civil liability and repatriation insurance
- A headshot picture

Plan your budget

Approximative monthly costs:

Housing	+/-450€
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Food	+/-200€
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Tram & bus: for students under 25 : Lyon:
25€/month, Valence - Grenoble: 19€/month

Health

FOR EUROPEAN STUDENTS

Apply to the social protection organization in your home country for a Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

FOR NON-EU STUDENTS

You must register on the website of the social security: More information: [Social Security Ameli](#)

HOUSING

Accommodation

OCELLIA assists incoming students in finding housing

STUDENT'S RESIDENCE

In Lyon: Residence Allix (283€-410€/month)

In Grenoble and Valence: CROUS services available

Insurance for your accommodation is compulsory.
We recommend ADH student home insurance.



GETTING HERE

Travel

Arriving in Lyon

- Arriving at Lyon Saint-Exupéry airport
To reach Lyon city center, use the Rhônexpress shuttle
- By train: Arriving at Lyon “Part-Dieu” or Lyon “Perrache”
- By Bus: Flixbus - BlaBlaBus - Eurolines

To reach Grenoble

- By Bus: from Lyon Saint-Exupéry airport Flixbus
- By train: from Lyon “Part-Dieu” railway station

To reach Valence

- By train: from Lyon “Part-Dieu” railway station

Ocellia encourages you to use sustainable means of transport !



INCOMING STUDENTS GUIDE

On your arrival... useful information

Access to campuses · Emergency numbers · Support ·
Campus facilities



MOBILITY

Access to Campuses



Lyon Campus

- Metro line D
- Bus connections
- Vaise railway station
- 24/7 bike service (Velo'v)
- Bike racks available on campus



Grenoble Campus

- Bus lines 16 and C7
- Tram line A
- Echirolles railway station (10 minute walk)



Valence Campus

- Bus lines 1 and 9
- Valence Ville railway station (15 minute walk)

USEFUL LINKS

Good tips before arriving in Lyon, Valence or Grenoble

European youth card

Good tips for young people between 12 and 30 years old

Campus France

Website of the French Agency for the promotion of higher education and international mobility

Good tips for your health

Social Security registration for international students

IN LYON

Housing: CROUS de Lyon · Résidence Allix

Health: Portail santé

Leisure & activities: Pass culture

Lyon campus: The WEB for students

Student house of Métropole de Lyon:
MDEgrandlyon

International students association:
Erasmus student network

IN VALENCE

Housing: CROUS de Grenoble antenne de Valence

Health: Centre Santé jeunes

Student house Drôme Ardèche: Campus UGA Valence Drôme Ardèche

IN GRENOBLE

Virtual tour: Campus de Grenoble

Housing, leisure & activities: CROUS de Grenoble, Pass culture

Health: Centre de santé universitaire

IN CASE OF NEED

Emergency Numbers

112 European emergency number

15 Ambulance (SAMU)

18 Fire brigade

17 Police

Doctolib Online medical appointment booking

INCLUSION

Support for Students with Disabilities

The Student Disability Service and the International Relations Office provide assistance before and throughout the student's stay on all campuses.

STUDENT LIFE

Campus Facilities

Digital resources

Ocellia has set up a digital campus for all the students including access to schedules and the online attendance app SoWeSign

Libraries

The libraries offer specialized professional documentations in social work and health studies. The libraries are also the ideal place to work in a quiet and bright space

Mental health support

Stress ? Depressed ? Feeling lonely ? Difficulties in your studies ? You can meet counselors free of charge on all our campuses

Students Union

The Students Union's motto is Cohesion of all the school's fields of study! Join the Students Union for social integration and cultural exchange.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Contacts

More information available on Ocellia's website ("Studying at Ocellia").

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