

ARRIVAL - PARIS Spring 2014 **Quarter and Semester Students**

There are no group flights.

You must arrive in Paris by **Tuesday, March 26, 2014** and check in at the ACCENT Center between **9:00 AM and 5:00 PM** (ACCENT Center is closed after 5 PM). We recommend that you arrive in Paris before 3:00 PM to make it to the ACCENT Center before it closes.

Students arriving between **9am and 5pm** on **26th March** should go directly to the ACCENT Paris Center at 89, rue du Faubourg St. Antoine 75011 Paris.

ACCENT staff will welcome you and direct you to your housing at the Daumesnil student residence.

ACCENT is not able to accommodate late arrivals. If you are unable to check in by 5pm on March 26th, you must find your own accommodations for the night and then check in at the ACCENT Center at 9am the following day.

Transportation Information

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS AVAILABLE UPON ARRIVAL

TAXI: The easiest, though most expensive, way to get from the airport to the ACCENT Center is to take a taxi. This is an option you may wish to consider if you have a lot of luggage or if you arrive in Paris during rush hour (weekdays between 7am and 10am) when the RER and métro are extremely crowded. Taxis cost approximately €60 from Charles de Gaulle, and €50 from Orly. Prices will vary with traffic conditions. A supplement of approximately €1 per bag is charged for luggage.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: If you are planning to take the Métro to the ACCENT Center, Paris has two rail systems that are interconnected: the RER and the Métro. The RER is a light rail system that serves the suburbs of Paris and has many stops within the city itself. The Métro is confined to the Paris city limits. RER lines are designated by letters; Métro lines are designated by numbers. Both systems indicate the direction of the train by listing the last stop on the line (for example, Métro line 4 away from central Paris would be denoted as Porte d'Orléans, the last stop on line 4 in that direction). Many stops serve several Métro and/or RER lines and are places to transfer trains. As long as you are remaining within the city limits, you do not need to buy a new ticket when transferring trains; you need only follow the signs for the new line and the proper direction.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SHUTTLE SERVICE: This option is less expensive than a taxi, but will take longer to arrive at your destination since you will have to wait for the shuttle to pick you up and it will make stops to drop off other passengers along the way. Contact the company well in advance of your flight to Paris in order to give them your arrival time. They charge about €31 per person for the trip from Charles De Gaulle airport. Here are some of the services: Paris Shuttle, www.parishuttle.com, (011-33) 1 53 39 18 18; Paris Airport Service <http://www.parisairportservice.com/>, (011-33) 1 55.98.10.80. Book online through the websites or by phone. You can also try www.airport-connection.com, <http://www.airport-shuttle.com/>, or <http://www.supershuttle.com/>.

DIRECTIONS TO THE ACCENT CENTER FROM VARIOUS PARIS LOCATIONS:

From Charles de Gaulle/Roissy Airport via RER/Métro:

If you arrive in Terminal 1, look for signs to the CDGVal train or the shuttle sign (*navette*) to transfer you to the RER station (this transfer is free). Terminal 2 arrivals can walk to the RER station, which is located inside the terminal. Purchase an RER ticket to Paris at a vendor window (approx. €9.25). Take RER B heading towards Paris. The ride will last about 35 minutes. The number of stops will vary greatly depending on the train. Get off at Châtelet-les-Halles, then transfer to Line 1 of the Métro (follow signs marked M 1 direction Château du Vincennes). Take the metro in this direction and exit the station at Bastille. Follow the directions below to the ACCENT Center from the Bastille stop.

From Charles de Gaulle/Roissy Airport via Air France shuttle bus:

After exiting baggage claim, go outside through the glass doors. The shuttle bus ticket window is located on the curb in front of the bus departure area. Purchase a one-way ticket to the Gare de Lyon (direction Montparnasse), which will cost approximately €14.85. At this stand you can pay either with a credit card or in euro, but if you buy a ticket from the bus driver you can only use cash. You may also purchase your ticket in advance online on the Air France website. You must stamp your ticket after getting on the bus, and indicate to the driver that you will be getting off at the Gare de Lyon stop. After exiting the bus and collecting your bags, you may either take a ten-minute walk to the ACCENT Center or take a city bus. To walk, turn right upon exiting the bus and cross the street (boulevard Diderot). Walk down rue de Lyon, and turn right on avenue Ledru Rollin. Follow until you come to rue du Faubourg Saint-Antoine. ACCENT is located at number 89 to your left. To take a city bus, walk to the bus stop located next to the Gare de Lyon and get on bus 61. Purchase a ticket once on the bus (€1.80). Take the bus two stops to Ledru Rollin–Faubourg Saint-Antoine and exit the bus. After exiting the bus, cross avenue Ledru Rollin and walk down rue du Faubourg Saint-Antoine until you reach number 89.

From Orly Airport:

Look for signs for the ORLY BUS. Buy a ticket (approximately €7.00) and ride the bus to the end station: Denfert Rochereau. Go into the RER/Métro Station and purchase a ticket (€1.70). Get on the Métro Line 6 in the direction of Nation. Get off at the stop Place d'Italie, and follow the signs for Line 5 of the Métro, direction Bobigny/Pablo Picasso. Take the Métro in this direction and exit at the station Bastille. Follow the directions below to the ACCENT Center from the Bastille stop.

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From the Train Stations:

Follow “M” and/or “RER” signs and take the Métro or RER transferring to Métro lines 1, 5, or 8 in the appropriate direction. Exit at Bastille station and follow the directions below to the ACCENT Center.

From the Bastille stop (Métro lines 1, 5, and 8):

Follow the exit (SORTIE) signs for rue du Faubourg St-Antoine. Turn left onto rue du Faubourg St-Antoine, remaining on the left (odd-numbered) side of the street. At number 89, shortly after crossing rue de Charonne, you will see a passageway on your left called Courde la Maison Brûlée. Both the ACCENT and the UC Study Center occupy different spaces in the same courtyard. Upon initial arrival, you will go to ACCENT, located at the end of the courtyard. The address is 89, rue du Faubourg St-Antoine.

Luggage

Every year many students seem surprised at how far and how many times they have to move and carry their suitcases.

Students should expect to have to lift and carry their bags, especially if using the underground (tube) where lifts and escalators are not always available. You must be able to carry all of your luggage up and down stairs.

Paris Orientation Agenda

*Please note that all parts of the orientation as listed below are **mandatory**. Times are subject to change.*

26th March

Arrive and settle into your housing. ACCENT staff will take you on a walking tour of the local area to include transport and food shopping.

27th March

10.00am Orientation, a practical introduction to Paris

12.30am Lunch Break

2.30pm Academic Orientation

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