France Student Visa Application Timeline

This timeline supplements the Student Visa Instructions in your Pre-Departure Checklist and is the general timeline for U.S. citizens with residence in California.

Make sure you read through all your Student Visa instructions and prepare the required documents for your appointment.

**IMMEDIATELY**
Make sure your **PASSPORT** is valid for at least 3 months after your projected return from France.

Read through the instructions located on your Pre-Departure Checklist in their entirety.

**COMPLETE**
**Campus France Registration**
Print out & follow the instructions very carefully. You must complete this before you attend your visa appointment. This process should be completed by:**
**date on your PDC**
Visa Appointment should be scheduled for 3-5 weeks after you mail your documents to Campus France.

**RECEIVE**
**Campus France Confirmation & Proof of Payment**
Check your **CAMPUS FRANCE inbox** (Pastel account) for these items. (Contact Campus France through this inbox if you have not received them after 3-4 weeks)

*YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT THE CONSULATE BEFORE YOU RECEIVE THESE DOCUMENTS.*

**3 weeks after Appointment**
If you still have not received your passport and visa three weeks after your appointment day, contact the Consulate to check if it is on its way!
If there are any issues, please contact the UCEAP Systemwide Office immediately!

**APPOINTMENT DAY**
**Your appointment should occur 60 days before start date**
After your appointment at the Consulate, your passport and visa will be mailed to you in the envelope you provided.

**SCHEDULE**
**Visa Appointment**
for 90 to 60 days prior to start date
Appointments fill up quickly so schedule yours as soon as possible. If all timeslots in this period are full, select the next possible appointment. Continue to check back daily for earlier time slot.
Read Visa Application Instructions to complete your application and supplemental documents.

**Important Note:** If you are a non-US citizen, you may have different visa requirements which may take longer than the process outlined above. Please contact the French Consulate immediately to verify your requirements.