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In case of a medical emergency, you can go to the ER in the Nice and Cannes hospitals ([L'Archet](#), [Pasteur](#), [Simone Veil](#)), and in other emergency centres of the department ([Mougins and Saint-Laurent-du-Var](#) Institut Arnault Tzanck, Antibes hospital, Parc Impérial practice).

In case of a social emergency, if you are without housing, cannot eat properly, are not safe, several devices and teams of volunteers are here to help and rescue you:

- [The Samu Social by day - La Mut'](#)
- [The Samu Social by night - The Red Cross](#)
- [115 06 - free number, immediate response](#)





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NEED HELP ?

Contact your international student coordinator !

At your disposal for any information on :

- Housing
- Administrative formalities
- Student life
- Transports
- Health



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FYI!
The French area code is +33.
French phone numbers bear 10 digits.
Take off the 0 at the beginning of the number and replace it with +33, followed by the 9 other digits.

For instance, if you want to contact your Foreign Students Coordinator:

- Instead of dialing 04 89 15 18 06;
- You will rather dial: +33 4 89 15 18 06.



MOBILE OPERATOR

The main French operators are:

Bouygues - Free - Orange - SFR

There are other brands on the market (LycaMobile, Lebara, Sosh, B&You...) which are linked or not to these operators. Some of them might offer preferential prices.



MOBILE PHONE PLAN

Once you have picked your operator, you can pick a phone plan, the subscription that fits your needs: illimited phone calls and or texts, +/- 50Go of data service...

The best would be to opt for a non-binding offer and no membership fees!



SUBSCRIBE

Once you have made your choice, you can subscribe to a phone plan. For that, you will need 2 papers:

- A form of ID;
- An IBAN;
- A proof of enrolment if you opt for a student phone plan.

2- COMPARISON WEBSITES



OPERATORS

<https://www.monpetitforfait.com/avis-operateurs>

https://www.frandroid.com/telecom/368608_bouygues-telecom-free-mobile-orange-et-sfr-quel-est-le-meilleur-reseau-mobile

<https://www.ariase.com/mobile/test-reseau-mobile>



NON-BINDING OFFERS

<https://www.choisir.com/forfait-mobile/comparateur/forfaits-sans-engagement>

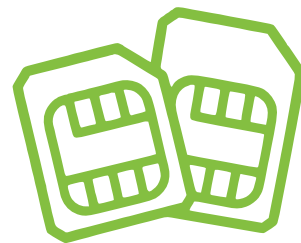
<https://alloforfait.fr/mobile/comparatif-sans-engagement>

<https://www.frandroid.com/comparateur-forfaits>

<https://www.quechoisir.org/comparateur-forfait-mobile-n43896/>

<https://www.reglomobile.fr/>

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PREPAID CARDS

While you are searching for a mobile phone plan, you can buy a prepaid SIM card, which you can use for 14 to 30 days. A few websites to guide you through your searching process:

<https://www.echosdunet.net/dossiers/carte-prepayee-mobile-comparatif-meilleures-offres>

<https://www.touslesforfaits.fr/guides/cartes-sim-prepayees>

<https://www.vnunet.fr/carte-sim-prepayee-bureau-tabac/>



For more information:

<https://lemon.fr/forfaits-mobiles-comparateur/carte-sim-prepayee/>



<https://bu.univ-cotedazur.fr/fr/utiliser-nos-services/ordinateurs-et-wifi>

<https://bmv.nice.fr/Default/accueil-portal.aspx>

<https://www.cannes.com/fr/culture/mediatheques-et-bibliotheques/informations-pratiques/nos-services/services-numeriques.html>



ACCESSING THE WIFI

You need to access Wifi but you are waiting for your phone plan which grants you access to data service, or for the wireless router to be set up in your flat. Here are a couple of ideas:

- the Campus Libraries: with your student ID, you are granted unlimited access to the Wifi at the library as well as on every campus;
- the Public Libraries (BMVR) in Nice: you are granted access to the Wifi on your personal devices. If you need to use the computers at your disposal at the library, you need to get registered (for free).
- the Noailles, Ranguin and Media libraries in Cannes: you can access Wifi for free and without a subscription required.