

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE JMN PROGRAM

We gathered here information usually asked by the students. If you don't find here the answer to your questions, you can still send us at email at jmn@unistra.fr.

▪ THE JMN PROGRAM / THE MASTER DIPLOMA FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF STRASBOURG

The *Joint Master in Neuroscience* is a trinational program between the Universities of Strasbourg, Basel and Freiburg.

The EUCOR agreement (between these universities) allows the validation of credits obtained in one university in another one. Credits obtained in Freiburg and Basel will hence be validated in Strasbourg.

Validation of all the necessary credits over the 2-year program will be awarded by a **Master diploma of the University of Strasbourg entitled "Master de Neurosciences" (in French)**.

Certificates of participation to the classes of Freiburg will also be provided.

▪ VISA

Non-European students should apply for a visa at the French Embassy of their home country.

Letters of admission (in French and in English) will be sent to you and should be used for this purpose.

▪ REGISTRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY

Although the JMN program includes classes in Strasbourg, Basel and Freiburg, JMN students are registered during the entire master degree (2 years) at the **University of Strasbourg**, and there only.

The registration will take place on site in Strasbourg.

In order to facilitate the process, we have arranged a group registration on **early in September** (We are trying to organize it with University Services for September 3rd but may be subject to change).

What should you bring for the day of registration?

- An envelope with your name on it containing the **hard copies of your diplomas and transcripts** (as uploaded on your JMN application form). They are returned to you after verification.
- A sufficient amount of money* for the **payment of your registration fees**. It would be great if you can pay by check or with your credit card. Otherwise, bring the exact amount of money you need (as the scolarity office does not have cash for refund)
- An **identity** (passport or national ID).
- An *Attestation Responsabilité Civile* (liability) if you have one (if you don't know what it is, it's ok, you can provide it latter during the year)
- A copy of your *Carte Vitale* if you have one

*Registration fees include:

- Tuition fees: 254 €. Tuition fees at the University of Strasbourg are the same for all students (local, national and international). The French government takes in charge most of the tuition fees. Those fees cover the costs of the academic program for an entire year.
- Health insurance (mandatory): 211 €.
- University medical service (mandatory): 5 €.
- Access to sport center (optional): 15 €.

Hence a total of **470 €** for an academic year in a master course (**485 €** with access to sport center).

Note that it can slightly vary from one year to another.

■ FINANCIAL ASPECTS: EXPECTED COSTS

What expenses should you foreseen?

- As mentioned above, you should plan the payment of the **registration fees** early September (during registration day) for each academic year.
- **Living costs** in Strasbourg and Freiburg are around 600 € / month.
- **Additional costs linked to your mobility to Freiburg** on the second semester (transport to Freiburg), first rents...

The weekly bus arrangements to Basel on the first semester are taken in charge by the program (financial support from the University of Strasbourg).

The University of Strasbourg also offers mobility grants (for the time spent in Freiburg): applications should be filled in September through the International Relations Department. Around 100 € /month.

■ JMN CALENDAR

The JMN 2014 kick off days will take place in Strasbourg on Sept. 1 and 2 (subject to change).

Your presence on these two days is mandatory.

The JMN is a two year program (120 ECTS in total).

During the first year, students attend lectures and participate to tutorials, providing them with the fundamental material in Neuroscience. Attendance during classes and exams is mandatory in order to receive the full credits.

The calendar of the first year (currently still under construction) is available online: http://neuromaster.u-strasbg.fr/JMN02program_timetable.html

- During the first semester (Sept. 2nd to April), students live in Strasbourg where they take courses. Once a week (Tuesdays afternoon), students go to Basel by bus (transportation organized by the University of Strasbourg).
- During the second semester (April to July), students live in Freiburg where they take courses.

Over the first year of the master, two lab rotations (3-week internship in labs) are also planned.

During the second year of the program, there is no lecture or table exam. Students stay over 9 months in a lab where they work on the research project of their choice. Over the years assignments are sent to the tutors in Strasbourg by email.

The Master thesis defense takes place mid-June in Strasbourg (attendance in Strasbourg for the defense day is mandatory).

■ ACCOMMODATION

■ Accommodation in Strasbourg (from September to March-April).

For information, most of the classes will take place *Campus de l'Esplanade* in Strasbourg (21 rue René Descartes). A few courses will also take place on the *Illkirch campus* in the IGBMC building.

The students are responsible for finding their accommodation. Please find below information that will help you for the process.

A. Legal aspects regarding the rent of an apartment in France

- The length of the contract

Signing a contract is mandatory and important.

When you rent an accommodation, you sign a contract with the owner or an Agency.

The length of the contract is usually fixed (12 or 24 months). The length of the contract determines the time during which the amount of the rent cannot increase. However, it doesn't represent for you an obligation of the length of minimum stay. Although some people with bad intentions will try to make you think otherwise, there is no minimal stay obligation of duration.

However, you have a forced minimal time to inform the owner or the agency of your intention to leave the place:

- One month before for a furnished apartment
- Three months before for an unfurnished apartment

You should send a letter as a registered mail with an acknowledgement of receipt (done at the post office).

- Security deposit

Also, when you take an apartment, you have to give a security deposit which usually corresponds to 2 months rent. Be aware that the owner/agency has two months from the day you left the place to give you back the deposit.

- The guarantor

In the majority of the cases, a guarantor will be necessary in order to rent an apartment.

- Financial help from the French government

Depending on your situation and the type of accommodation you rent, you can benefit from financial support to help you paying your rent.

The CAF (*Caisse d'Allocation Familiales*) offers the following support:

- ALS (*Allocation Logement à caractère Social*)
- APL (*Aide Personnalisée au Logement*) : given directly to the owner (if the application is accepted) an deducted from the rent

Take a look on the CAF website (information in French): <http://www.caf.fr/>

Both types of support can be requested only once the accommodation has been found.

Caisse d'allocations familiales (CAF)
18 rue de Berne
67092 Strasbourg
Tél : +33810 25 67 10

B. Where to find an accommodation?

We recommend that you get help from a French speaking person since most of the websites are in French.

Also, plan to arrive a few weeks before in order to get settled with administrative issues. Since it is easier to find a place on site, you should also think of making a reservation in a hotel or hostel for the first days after your arrival to the time you will find accommodation.

- **Temporary accommodations**

Youth Hostels (for one or 2 nights):

Auberge de Jeunesse René Cassin
9 rue de l'Auberge de Jeunesse
67200 Strasbourg
Tél : 03 88 30 26 46
Courriel : strasbourg.rene-cassin@fuaj.org
Site : www.fuaj.org

Auberge de Jeunesse des 2 Rives
Rue des Cavaliers
67000 Strasbourg
Tél : 03 88 45 54 20
Courriel : strasbourg.2rives@fuaj.org

Site : www.fuaj.org

CIARUS

7 rue Finkmatt

67000 Strasbourg

Tél : 03 88 15 27 88

Site : www.ciarus.com

Temporary or long-term Hostels :

Aumônerie universitaire catholique

Centre Bernanos (11 chambres)

4 rue de Palerme

67000 Strasbourg

Tél : 03 88 60 10 92

Courriel : auc-centrebernanos@wanadoo.fr

Site : <http://centrebernanos.org>

Aumônerie universitaire protestante

7 avenue de la Forêt-Noire

67000 Strasbourg

Tél : 03 88 61 07 23

Courriel : contact@aup-strasbourg.fr

Site : <http://www.aup-strasbourg.fr/>

Foyer Jean Sturm

2a rue Salzmann

67000 Strasbourg

Tél : 03 88 15 76 00

Courriel : foyer.sturm@wanadoo.fr

Site : www.foyerjeansturm.com

Espace Arc-en-Ciel

8 rue de l'Arc-en-Ciel

67000 Strasbourg

Tél : 03 88 21 14 44

Foyer Amitel

8 rue de Soleure

67085 Strasbourg

Tél : 03 88 36 15 28

Courriel : infos@residence-amitel.fr

Site : www.amitel-fjt.com

Foyer de l'étudiant catholique (FEC)

17 place St-Étienne

67081 Strasbourg Cedex

Tél : 03 88 35 36 20

Courriel : fec.strasbourg@fec-asso.org ou contact@fec-strasbourg.org

Site : www.fec-asso.org ou www.fec-strasbourg.org

Le Stift

1bis quai St-Thomas
BP 80022
67081 Strasbourg cedex
Tél : 03 88 25 90 25
Courriel : resp.gestion@lestift.org
Site : www.lestift.org

Résidence des étudiants

2 rue Marc Seguin
67800 Bischheim
Tél : 03 88 83 91 04
Pour tous renseignements, contacter la SCAEB :
37 route de Bischwiller - 67800 Bischheim
Tél : 03 88 18 66 22

For boys only

Résidence universitaire Nideck
33 rue de la Kurvau
67100 Strasbourg
Tél : 03 88 55 93 40
Site : <http://residence-nideck.org/>

Communauté assumptionniste

26, boulevard de l'Orangerie
67000 Strasbourg
Tél : 03 88 60 71 91
Courriel: aastbg@gmail.com
Site: <http://www.assomption.org/MaisonA/Strasbourg/Strasbg.html>

Foyer Saint Bernard

4, boulevard Jean-Sébastien Bach
67000 Strasbourg
Tél : 06 24 49 88 82

For girls only

Maison de l'étudiante

7 boulevard de la Victoire
67000 Strasbourg
Tél : 03 88 35 32 67
Courriel : logement@maisondeletudiante.com

Foyer Notre-Dame

3 rue des Echasses
BP 70
67061 Strasbourg cedex
Tél : 03 88 32 47 36

- **The CROUS service**

The cheaper and easier way for student's accommodation in Strasbourg is through the CROUS agency. As was indicated on the JMN application form, an application for CROUS accommodations had to be submitted to the CROUS before April 31st.

The CROUS is also a good place to find information on other types of accommodations, legal matters regarding accommodation...

CROUS - Bureau du logement
1 quai du Maire Dietrich
Tél : 03 88 21 28 41

- **Private student residencies**

http://www.adele.org/public/residence/residence_liste.php?ville_mere=STRASBOURG

[Les Estudines Kléber](#)

16, rue Hannong - 67000 STRASBOURG
Tel: +33 (0)3 88 32 64 76

[Les Estudines Européennes](#)

29, rue Déserte - 67000 STRASBOURG
Tel: +33 (0)3 88 22 03 79

<http://www.citya.com/louer/location-etudiante>

<http://www.lokaviz.fr/>

Living in Germany (if no visa restriction) : easy commutation between Strasbourg and Kehl by bus.

Résidence d'étudiants du Studentenwerk - FH E.V.

Kinzigallee 7 - D-77694 Kehl

Coordonnées de l'administration :

Blumenstraße 1 C - D-76889 Schweigen

Contact : M. Wendelin Kiefer

Tél : + 49 (0) 6342 922 641

Courriel : studentenwerk-fh@web.de

Site : www.studentenwerk-fh.de

- **Private accomodations:**

Beware of the crooks! If you have any doubts, contact us before paying or signing anything.

Some rental agencies ask for money only to provide you with a list of apartment: don't accept the deal! you will find many local real estate agencies on the web do not hesitate to contact them for rates and fees and to organize visits on your arrival.

Ads posted in

- DNA: <http://immo.dna.fr>
- Top Annonces: www.topannonces.fr
- Les Gîtes de France www.gites-de-france.com
- Acheter-Louer: <http://www.acheter-louer.fr>
- <http://www.leboncoin.fr>

▪ **Accommodation in Freiburg**

In Freiburg (April to July), courses will take place at the Bernstein Center Freiburg, Hansastr. 9a, 79104 Freiburg i.Br.

For the first time, the EUCOR network offers the possibility to EUCOR students (as JMN students) to apply for accommodation in Freiburg.

I strongly recommend that you apply to this service in order to avoid complications with looking for accommodations in Freiburg.

Information is available here: <http://www.swfr.de/en/wohnen/wohnheime/service-packets/>

And the application form to fill here:

http://www.swfr.de/fileadmin/downloads/Internationales/Application_for_a_Service_Package_WS2013.pdf

Contact : Barbara Toth, tél. +49 761 2101-277

▪ **COURSES AND RECOMMENDED LECTURES**

The syllabus of the courses offered in Strasbourg and Freiburg are available at the end of the present document. The program of Basel's lectures will be available in August on <http://www.neuronetwork.unibas.ch/cycleb.html>

General recommended lectures:

Fundamental Neuroscience, Fourth Edition (Squire et al.)

Neuroscience, Fifth Edition (Purves et al.)

Principles of Neural Science, Fifth Edition (Kandel et al.)

▪ **LANGUAGES**

The JMN program is entirely in English (lectures, exams, correspondence).

Although it is a good help for their daily life, students are not expected to be able to speak French or German.

There are hence no credits offered for languages. However, we plan to organize in cooperation with the Master of French Teaching, courses for students who wish to learn or improve their French.

▪ **JMN FACEBOOK GROUP**

You can join the *Joint Master in Neuroscience* Facebook group.

▪ **ONCE IN STRASBOURG**

Once you are in Strasbourg, don't hesitate to visit the Agora de l'Etudiant: a place of the campus where all the services necessary for administrative formalities are regrouped for CAF, CROUS, city transportation (bus and tram), utilities (gas, electricity), health insurance, train, prefecture....

Exact adresse:

MISSION ACCUEIL

Bâtiment [le Platane](#)

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From Monday to Friday (9h-18h)