# Dual Degree Report-ESCP

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#### 1. Visa

### Register an account on Capus France (法國教育中心)

Suggested timeline: No later than 3 mons before the flight

# Check, prepare & upload required documents

Suggested timeline: 2 mons before the flight

#### (Optional) Re-upload some document per authority request

Time: Took around 2 weeks for me due to my busy daily. But some people only 2 days

Receive the notification of that all uploads are reviewed

Submit the interview fee NT\$8,000 and reserve interview time with Campus France

Suggest: Reserve available time ASAP. I only reserved a slot 2 weeks later

## Interviewed with Campus France

Suggest: Relax, the English self-intro just for basic communication ability check, not exam

Reserved time to submit application to Visa team (簽證組) & pay for Visa (€50, in equivalent NT\$)

P.S. We were not allowed to handle this process online even in July 2022 (Covid)

Wait for the notification and pick up the Visa in person

Suggested timeline: Took around 2 weeks for me. Could take 1 mon according to the administor

#### 2. Scholarship

- (1) "Joseph Fourier Master" Scholarship
  - This scholarship has changed its name to France Excellence
  - Organized by: Bureau Français de Taipei (法國在台協會)
- (2) 學海飛颺 Scholarship of Education Ministry
  - Organized by: each department, please follow IMBA instruction
- 3. Accommodation: No dorms, but ESCP Paris connects with some housing sources
  - (1) Source
    - ①. Studapart
    - 2. Student Residences
    - Studea Paris Bastille

- Studea Buttes Chaumont 1
- ...provided on the housing guide of the fact sheet
- ③. Rental websites
- Pap.fr
- Seloger.com
- Blueground

#### (2) Cost

- ①. My roommate and I looked for lots of housing option after we arrived Paris. We chose to rent a flat at Blueground, which acted as a second landlord to furnish and manage the flat. The cost is around 2,500-3,000€/month for the flat.
- (2). The above-mentioned cost included:
- Flat itself, around 60m<sup>2</sup>
- No-limited electricity& water utilities
- High-speed Wi-Fi, which even got upgraded at no cost by Blueground
- Big screen TV, which we can cast our smartphone screen directly by Wi-Fi
- Well-equipped kitchen, with enough plates and knives to serve more than 5 people
- Customer support team services covering any kind of housing maintenance
- Another important reason we chose it
  - No guaranteed person is needed. In France, most rental contracts require a guaranteed person to warrant the tenants to pay rental bills
- ③. However, this option also had some downsides:
- Disabled us to apply CAF, the housing subsidy, because we didn't rent directly from the landlord
- Relatively high expense. The school suggested the reference price per month per person is less than 800€

#### (3) Overall suggestions for new students

- 1. Start searching for a place to live as early as possible, because, from our experience, the house renting market is "supply < demand", so start looking and connect with the landlord right after the flight and visa are settled</p>
- ②. Start looking at housing sources from those platforms which cooperate with ESCP, such as Studapart, because it is more warranted for a foreign student once the assistance of school is needed. Also, it offers more affordable rental options which enable tenants to apply CAF and easy solutions for guaranteed persons, just pay a transparent price to cover it.

#### 4. Study

- (1) Physical location: Find the classroom
  - ①. The buildings

The classroom numbers are usually of 4-digit

Example: 2310

2	3	10
Building #	Floor # Classroom # of	
		each floor
	FR 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor =	
	TW 4 <sup>th</sup> floor	



PS. I took this photo at building 2, so it is not shown in the picture, but the location is marked

②. There are some classrooms which are not named like "2310", but special names, such as "Forum", "Amphi Guy". Please find the appendix to know the exact location.

## (2) Classes I attended

①. French

Professor: Laurent Habert

Type: Mandatory course

Comment: Very enjoyable start to learn French for me.

✓ Small size class enable everyone to speak up and interact

 Very interesting professor who encourages student to try and error

②. Innovation and entrepreneurship: from project to business practice

Professor: Gunnar Graef
Type: Elective course

Comment: Very sociable and insightful class drives students to bear

ambition like an entrepreneur.

More than pitch and show, this class introduced the entrepreneur network in Paris and the ESCP incubator, allowing those who really wants to build a business to obtain resources.

✓ Professor provided insightful feedback

✓ Inspired by other students' business idea

# ③. International business development

Professor: Jean-Charles CROUIN, Patrick GIRY-DELOISON

Type: Elective course

Comment: Heavy workload but meaningful learnings from case

studies

✓ Professor Patrick understood the cases because he knows the main characters in real life

✓ Well-structured course. Students are provided with a detailed guide at the beginning

#### (4). Data-driven marketing

Professor: Patrick GIRY-DELOISON

Type: Core course

Comment: Highly quantitative training on how to interpret data

✓ Very well-organized, the preview course videos were fully prepared and made students get totally prepared for the upcoming course of that week

The data analytics software, Tableau, was provided to let students download for free with authorization

## ⑤. Negotiation bootcamp

Professor: Leslie Shaw, Mel Fearon

Type: Elective course

Comment: Most-recommended course (沒有之一) by me

✓ Well-structured course, three cases to negotiate

✓ Learn to dare to really negotiate, not by homework

Well-designed roles for teammates, e.g. leader, CFO,

consultant, reporter

✓ Recommend EVERYONE to take this course

6. Strategy

Professor: Zsuzsanna Vargha

Type: Core course

Comment: ✓ Very typical case-study courses with frameworks explained by the professor and team cases bilaterally

✓ Special final project: find our own case to analysis, really interesting to brainstorm with teammates

7. Management

Control

Comment:

Professor: Olivier Saulpic

Type: Core course

 Well-structured course, like all core courses so that different classes of students learn same theory & cases

✓ Useful concept of KPI & top-down management, but I recommend everyone to waive this course if you have learnt any management related course in NCCU

8. Green CFO

Course list Financial decisions and sustainability, Sustainability

Measurement and reporting, Sustainability, Carbon

Finance, Econometrics of Impact investing, Legal, Financial

and Strategic issues in Sustainability, Navigating

sustainability agendas among decision makers - beliefs,

communication, negotiations

Type: Specialization (Finance), a designed module with a set of

courses which we couldn't select one by one

Comment: ✓ Open up a new world to understand the newly

designed mechanism of sustainability in a country

where businesses really work on it

Excellent for who wants to apply for ESG related jobs,
 of which more and more opportunities open due to

the urgent need for TW to follow international norms

 Learn from lots of sustainability pioneer entrepreneurs as guest speakers

#### 5. Telecom

- (1) My experience with the main telecoms:
  - ①. Orange:
    - Pro: Convenient purchase locations
    - Con: Impatient service towards me, a non-French speaking student
  - ②. SFR:
    - Pro: Convenient purchase locations, patient service
    - Con:
      - i. Expensive package (around 12€ for 14 days with 20G Internet data traffic),
      - ii. Although overall good <u>telecom signal coverage</u> in Paris excluding the exact spots I stayed (the seat in my room, I don't think others would have the same problem)

#### ③. Free:

- Pro:
  - i. Convenient purchase locations,
  - ii. Machine SOP service with little servicer help, Cheap price (I used 10€ for each month, but I recommend 20€ package, will describe later)with enough signal coverage to support my life in Paris and the trips to other countries in EU (Italy, Portugal, UK, Ireland, Switzerland), and including sufficient Internet data traffic offering (around 80+ G per month)
- Con:
  - i. Charge extra fee like a cheap airline: Reason for recommending 20€ package: Covering as many countries as possible. When I arrived in Switzerland, I got an alert for a 40€ charge for the Internet traffic data. Since it took some time for me to understand what it means, it charged me around 50€ in the end. Because Switzerland is not covered in the 10€ as it is actually not an EU country!
  - ii. Staff could provide the wrong information, such as "Yes, you can unsubscribe from this telecom service by a phone call in English". So I sorted out the termination process and hereby provide the template

#### Entered "mon espace" @ Free mobile official website

I had registered the member on the official website once I subscribe the telecom service, so I just logged in.

#### Entered "mon assistance" and left message to the customer service

Template: Je souhaite résilier mon contrat mobile, car je pars ce mois-ci en France. Vous me facturez le troisième jour de chaque mois

The customer service gave me a certain number to dial within 7 days

Call the secret number by the phone number I want to unsubscribe

I tried to use my roomate's phone to dial the number for me, it did not work.

The answering staff asked me to write to the address to request termination

Wrote to the address (find appendix for the template)

Free Résiliation, 75371 PARIS Cedex 08

Received a text saying the unsubscribtion is confirmed:
"La demande de résiliation du forfait mobile xxxxxxx a bien été traitée.
Votre ligne sera désactivée le dd-mm-20xx à 00:01."

Please start the above process as soon as your last month's subscription begins. Because it may take weeks to complete. No need to worry it terminates too early. It would terminate from the next period, so your right for the last paid month is still complete until the last day.

Ref Source:

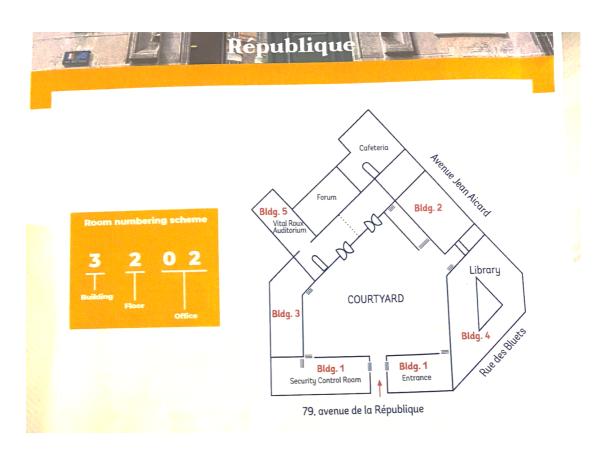
The dialing number: How to cancel your French mobile phone plan for free

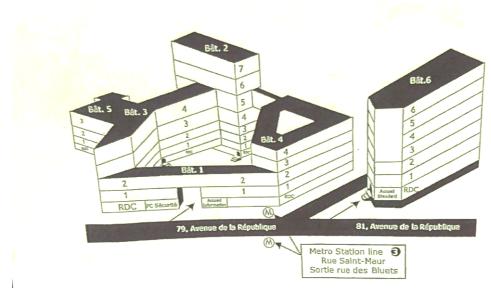
The address: Cancelling Your French Mobile Plan: A Complete Guide

#### 6. Conclusion

In a nutshell, I am trained to think for the ending at the beginning in this journey. For example, think how to terminate the telecom service while I was subscribing, prepare for the rental contract termination while signing for it, etc. Because we were expected to master our life rather than provided the total solution overseas. And this is the most important suggestion I would give to the new dual degree students.

# Appendix 1 Other Paris Campus Layout Information





# Appendix 2 Classroom Information

# LOCALISATION SALLES ESOP CAMPUS PARIS

твс	2410		
FORUM	BAT 5 - RDC		
HALL BLONDEAU	BAT 2 · RDC		
AMPHI PERCEPIED	BAT 3 - 1er ETAGE		
AMPHI FAURE Edgard	BAT 3 · 1er ETAGE		
AMPHI GUY	BAT 3 · 1er ETAGE		
AMPHI D'ALSACE	BAT 3 - 1" ETAGE		
AMPHI GELIS	BAT 4 - 1 <sup>er</sup> ETAGE		
AMPHI VITAL ROUX	BAT 3 · RDC		
JEAN BAPTISTE SAY (JB SAY)	BAT 4 - 1er ETAGE		
BIB 1	BAT 4 - RDC COTE COUR		
SALLE SCHUMAN	BAT 4 - RDC COTE COUR DROITE		
FLOREAL 1	BAT 2 - 2ème SOUS-SOL		
FLOREAL 2	BAT 2 - 2ème SOUS-SOL		
FLOREAL 3	BAT 2 - 2ème SOUS-SOL		
SALLE EUROPE	BAT 3 - RDC		
SALLE BLANQUI	BAT 3 - 3 ème ETAGE		
SALLE DES ACTES	BAT 2 · 7 <sup>ème</sup> ETAGE		
SALLE RAYMOND MARTIN	BAT 3 · 3 ème ETAGE		
SALLE MICROMEGA	BAT 3 - 3 eme ETAGE		
STUDY ROOM	BAT 1 - 1 = ETAGE		
STUDENT AFFAIRS	BAT 4 - RDC COTE COUR DROITE		
DEPT SPORT	BAT 4 - RDC COTE COUR		
INFIRMERIE	BAT 4 - RDC (4034)		
SERVICE COURRIER	BAT 1 - RDC (1001)		

# Appendix 3 The Mobile Service Termination Letter Template

A Paris, le [mm dd]
Objet: Résiliation de forfait mobile
Madame, Monsieur,
J'ai souscrit à l'abonnement mobile sans engagement n°[xx xx xx xx xx xx] le dd, mm, 20yy que je souhaite résilier sans délai.
Prénom: [XXX]
Nom: [YYY]
Je vous rappelle qu'aux termes de l'article L224-39 du Code de la Consommation, la durée du préavi
de résiliation ne peut excéder dix jours à compter de la réception de la présente lettre.
Je vous remercie de me confirmer à réception de la bonne prise en compte de cette résiliation par
retour de courrier.
Veuillez agréer, Madame, Monsieur, mes sentiments les meilleurs.
[XXX YYY]