

Welcome Days

All you need to know for a great start at PSL



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INTERNATIONAL PSL WELCOME DAYS

If you are a newly arrived PSL international student, you are invited to take part in a session of "Welcome Days", organised by the PSL Welcome Desk. Entirely conducted in English, the PSL Welcome Days' program includes various workshops (on site or online) and activities enabling you to discover the University, Paris, as well as French culture! It is a great opportunity for you to meet other fellow students and to get to know your new "home away from home".

4 WORKSHOP SESSIONS AVAILABLE

- **SESSION 1:** 12th and 13th of September
- **SESSION 2:** 19th and 20th of September
- **SESSION 3:** 3rd and 4th of October
- **SESSION 4:** 10th and 11th of October

REGISTER

Please [fill out the form](#) to register for the session of your choice and indicate if you wish to attend the practical workshop "Kick start your new life in Paris" on site or remotely.

USEFUL INFORMATION

- Each session includes a workshop and a cultural activity
- The practical workshop "Kick start your new life in Paris" is available on site and online:
 - On site: "Salle du conseil", PSL headquarters, 60 rue Mazarine 75006 Paris
 - Online: Microsoft Teams. You will receive a link few days before the workshop.
- Precise times and meeting points will be notified closer to the day.
- The program might be subject to change.

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PSL Welcome Days | #1 Welcome Days Sessions

| | Date & Time | Workshops & activities |
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| SESSION 1 | Saturday, September 12 10.00am – 12.00pm "Kick start your new life in Paris" On site / 15 students max | This practical workshop will give you all the information you need to start your Parisian stay the best way possible. Will be mentioned: the next administrative formalities to complete (visa validation, getting your social security number, opening a bank account, claiming your housing benefits etc.) as well student life in Paris. |
| | Saturday, September 12 3pm – 4.30pm "Kick start your new life in Paris" Online | Same program as above, but online (in case you are in quarantine/ not yet in Paris). |
| | Sunday, September 13 Afternoon "Bateaux mouches" cruise and café at "Un Dimanche à Paris" 15 students max | We are used to see the Seine from its banks, but how does Paris look like from the Seine? You'll know once you'll have entered a "bateau mouche" for a tour on the Seine! We'll sit afterwards at "un Dimanche à Paris", a French coffee whose pastries are delicious! |
| SESSION 2 | Saturday, September 19 10.00am – 12.00pm "Kick start your new life in Paris" On site / 15 students max | This practical workshop will give you all the information you need to start your Parisian stay the best way possible. Will be mentioned: the next administrative formalities to complete (visa validation, getting your social security number, opening a bank account, claiming your housing benefits etc.) as well student life in Paris. |
| | Saturday, September 19 3pm – 4.30pm "Kick start your new life in Paris" Online | Same program as above, but online (in case you are in quarantine/ not yet in Paris). |
| | Sunday, September 20 Afternoon Walk Le Marais/Bastille/la Coulée verte 15 students max | We offer the opportunity to discover some of the most iconic Paris neighborhoods! We'll wander along the quaint alleys of the Marais, until reaching the famous Place des Vosges, where we'll have a picnic (if the weather is nice enough). Then, we'll move to the vibrant Bastille area and its surprising "Coulée verte". |
| SESSION 3 | Saturday, October 3 10.00am – 12.00pm "Kick start your new life in Paris" On site / 15 students max | This practical workshop will give you all the information you need to start your Parisian stay the best way possible. Will be mentioned: the next administrative formalities to complete (visa validation, getting your social security number, opening a bank account, claiming your housing benefits etc.) as well student life in Paris. |
| | Saturday, October 3 3pm – 4.30pm "Kick start your new life in Paris" Online | Same program as above, but online (in case you are in quarantine/ not yet in Paris) |
| | Sunday, October 4 Afternoon Montmartre walk 15 students max | The butte Montmartre has hosted so many great Parisian artists (Van Gogh, Picasso, Gaughin...) and remains an exceptional place in Paris, both charming and historically rich. You'll discover the Sacré-Cœur church, from which the perspective on Paris is wonderful. |
| SESSION 4 | Saturday, October 10 10.00am – 12.00pm "Kick start your new life in Paris" On site / 15 students max | This practical workshop will give you all the information you need to start your Parisian stay the best way possible. Will be mentioned: the next administrative formalities to complete (visa validation, getting your social security number, opening a bank account, claiming your housing benefits etc.) as well student life in Paris. |
| | Saturday, October 10 3pm – 4.30pm "Kick start your new life in Paris" Online | Same program as above, but online (in case you are in quarantine/ not yet in Paris) |
| | Sunday, October 11 Afternoon Montparnasse tower / Crêpe. 15 students max | The Montparnasse tower is the highest skyscraper in Paris: the perspective from the top is breathtaking... and a good way to get to know Paris' geography and famous buildings. The surrounding streets are well-known for being the "breton" neighborhood of Paris, where we'll enjoy a delicious "crêpe" afterwards. |



PSL Welcome Days | #2 Deepen your knowledge – Online workshops

We offer targeted and more detailed workshops on specific topics. **All workshops will be conducted remotely.**

| Date & Time | Workshops |
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| Wednesday, September 16 9.30-10.30am | Workshop 1: Health, Wellbeing and Security > Learn how to get a social security number, be reimbursed for your medical expenses, choose a GP & discover essential services and Apps such as Doctolib or Nightline. > Get a few pieces of advice to learn to manage day to day life in your new environment. > Develop the right security reflexes. |
| Wednesday, September 23 1.00pm-2pm | Workshop 2: Understanding your immigration obligations > All you need to know about visa validation, residential permit renewal, or working & traveling with a French student visa –only for non EU and EEA students |
| Wednesday, September 30 1.00pm-2pm | Workshop 3: Claiming your housing benefits > International students are entitled to housing allowance called the APL (<i>aide personnalisée au logement</i>). The amount of the allowance depends on where you live, the price you pay for rent, your income from two years ago. Learn with us how to claim it. |
| Wednesday, October 7 1.00pm-2pm | Workshop 4: Perks of being a student in France > Where to study on a Sunday afternoon? What sport activities are available at PSL? Where to find cheap concert or theater tickets? This workshop will bring you many tips gathered from years of student life in Paris. |
| Wednesday, October 14 1.00pm-2pm | Workshop 5: Wrapping your head around PSL! > Admit it! It's is not crystal clear for you what Université PSL is! Trust us, you'll find this presentation (very) useful. > Guidelines to French university culture. |

COVID-19 | HEALTH REGULATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO FOLLOW

- Masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces in France, and, in Paris, in all outdoor public spaces since 28 August 2020. Therefore, you will be required to wear a mask if you attend the workshop "Kickstart your life in Paris" on site as well as during the cultural activity foreseen the day after;
- Wash your hands very regularly and use a hydro-alcoholic solution;
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow or a tissue;
- When greeting, do not shake hands and avoid hugging or kissing;
- Use disposable tissues one-time only;
- Respect 1 meter with other people. Therefore, the on site workshop "Kickstart your life in Paris" is limited to 15 students.

Your health and safety are PSL's priorities. If you have any questions or doubts regarding the information listed below, please write us an email to welcomedesk@psl.eu.

