

Obtaining a Student Visa for France (US Citizens)

Students who will study in France for more than 90 days need a student visa. This process takes about **8 weeks** from the time the student submits their pre-application, *Etudes-En-France*.

Students must appear in person at a VFS Global Centre to submit their visa application. Students can choose to schedule their appointment at the VFS Global Centre of their choice. The closest VFS Global Centre to Fort Collins is in Los Angeles, CA.

1. **Apply with Campus France through [Etudes-en-France](#)** and pay the fee. (Around \$200)
Processing time takes about 3-5 weeks.
2. **Apply for the long stay visa through [France-Visas](#)** and pay the fee (Around \$100).
3. **Book appointment at VFS Global Centre and prepare application materials.** When you book your appointment, you will receive a list of materials you will need to bring to the VFS Global Centre.

Requirements slightly differ for each VFS Global Centre. Materials students needed to provide in the past are as follows:

- a. Valid Passport
 - b. Long Stay Visa Application Form
 - c. Campus France Pre-Application Confirmation
 - d. Proof of Financial Viability (Notarized bank statement with student's name on it)
 - e. Proof of Enrollment in a French Institution
 - f. Proof of Departure
 - g. Flight Itinerary or reservation (this can simply be an itinerary of a flight you intend to purchase)
 - h. 2 passport-sized photos
 - i. Self-Addressed, prepaid envelope (typically Express Mail)
4. **Attend your Visa Appointment.** There you will submit your application materials including your passport. Your passport and visa will be mailed to you about 2-4 weeks after your appointment.
 5. Upon arrival in France you will need to purchase **French Liability Insurance**. The host institution or affiliate provider facilitates this process.