

## Newsletter 1: Sciences Po fall 2014 and 14-15 year-long students

Bonjour future UC-Sciences Po students,

We look forward to welcoming you to Paris when you arrive for your Sciences Po adventure on August 20, 2014. You have chosen to study in this prestigious academic institution, located in one of the most historically and culturally rich cities in the world. You will find Paris to be a fascinating mix of the ancient and the modern, with many layers where the old and the new mix with one another. We hope that your academic work and your daily life will combine to make your time here a transformative experience. We will do everything we can to support you as you take on the challenges and rewards of becoming a Sciences Po student and a Parisian resident.

I will be writing to you on a regular basis between now and your arrival in Paris. For now, your attention is focused on the many aspects of UC application paperwork, but soon your attention will turn to the pre-departure preparations for your travel, housing, financing, and the many other practical aspects of such an exciting adventure. We will be here, along with EAP and your UC campus, to help you make your way successfully through all the stages of your journey.

Late summer is an extra special time to arrive in Paris. There is much to do for free, with a student discount, or on a frugal budget. The city is alive with outdoor activities as the weather continues to be warm to hot and the sun sets late. When you arrive for your Welcome Program, the city will be filled with more tourists than Parisians. It is great to have a bit of quiet time to get settled in before the city explodes with life as the Parisians return from their “grandes vacances” and the period of “la rentrée” begins. More than 300,000 students arrive in September for studies at Parisian universities that start in October, and you’ll get a head start on all of them!

While you will be occupied in settling in, don’t neglect the cultural part of your adaptation to your host city. To see what’s going on in Paris and for practical information, bookmark Paris’ website: <http://www.paris.fr/>. There is an English version as well as a French version of the site.

With your student ID, you’ll be entitled to free or reduced-fee entrance to many museums. Paris boasts an impressive array of museums, galleries and exhibit spaces devoted to virtually any topic imaginable. Do take advantage of your student status and visit some of the iconic as well as the lesser-known museums during your time here.

Just to whet your appetite:

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

<http://www.musee-orsay.fr/>

<http://www.musee-rodin.fr/>

You will want to be sure to show your student ID when booking train or plane tickets within Europe, as well as at the cinema, for reduced prices.

Your stay in Paris will be an enriching time for discoveries, all which can be made while living on a student budget. And all these experiences are heightened as your language skills improve and your cultural sense of Paris and the French grows through participation in the Sciences Po program.

We look forward to having you with us, and in the meantime, please be sure to visit our [website](#), especially the [Student Life](#) page where you can begin to check out the different housing resources we’ve linked there.

A bientôt à Paris!



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