

# GUIDE FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

who wish to pursue their studies in a  
**Communauté Université Grenoble Alpes**  
institution.



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# 1. WELCOMING STUDENT & RESEARCHER ASYLUM SEEKERS OR REFUGEES LIVING IN FRANCE



- A. Learning French
- B. Pursuing university studies
- C. Applying for student housing

## Required Documents

- Proof of **current asylum application** or of valid residence permit
- **High school or university degree** (with a certified translation)
- **French language diploma** (B2 and higher) or an **English language diploma** required for certain programs
- Cover letter indicating the **specific program and institution** of the application, and explaining your **education and career plans**

## 2. ASSESSING YOUR LEVEL OF FRENCH



### **Beginner**

(no knowledge of the French language, A1 level)

### **Intermediate**

(A2 level validated by a CUEF language proficiency test)

### **Advanced**

(validated B1/B2 level)

### **Proficient**

(validated B2/C1 level)

### 3. LEARNING FRENCH IN GRENOBLE

#### Beginner

(no knowledge of the French language, A1 level)

You can take classes with

- French teaching associations (volunteers)

[Link to download list](#)

- CUEF (Centre Universitaire d'Etudes Françaises)

[Link to CUEF webpage for refugees](#)  
(link in French)

- Free admissions **limited to 18 persons** (acceptance to these classes depends on availability of places)

### 3. LEARNING FRENCH IN GRENOBLE

**Intermediate**  
(A2 level validated by a CUEF language proficiency test)

CUEF (Centre Universitaire d'Etudes Françaises)  
[Link to CUEF refugee classes website](#) (link in French)

Admission to **Online Language Support classes**  
(depending on availability of places)

- Step 1 : Proficiency test
- Step 2 : Application for month-long intensive language course (depending on availability of places)
- Step 3 : Access to language courses

CUEF contact info :

**Email:** [cuef@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr](mailto:cuef@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr) | [CUEF general website link](#)

**Address:** Université Grenoble Alpes, 1491 Rue des Résidences,  
38610 Saint-Martin-d'Hères

### 3. LEARNING FRENCH IN GRENOBLE

**Advanced\***  
(validated B1/B2 level)



Proficiency test (CUEF)



French studies university  
diploma  
[Link to CUEF diploma page](#)

\* This level of French allows you to take part in classes under the “**auditeur libre**” status (taking part in classes without taking the exams)



See the concerned institution where you will be taking your university classes

## 4. PURSUING A DEGREE AT THE COMMUNAUTÉ UNIVERSITÉ GRENOBLE ALPES

### Proficient

(validated B2/C1 level)

#### List of institutions and contacts:

- **Collège doctoral (PhD)**  
[CD website](#)  
email: college.doctoral@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr
- **Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Grenoble (ENSAG)**  
Architecture and design  
[ENSAG website](#)  
email: resome.ensag@gmail.com; mollion.c@grenoble.archi.fr;  
carole.gaudry@grenoble.archi.fr
- **Grenoble Ecole de Management (GEM)**  
Management of technology and innovation, entrepreneurship  
[GEM website](#)  
email: refugee.scholar@grenoble-em.com
- **Grenoble INP**  
Institute of Engineering  
[Link to list of courses available in English](#)  
email: international.office@grenoble-inp.fr
- **Ecole Supérieure d'Art et Design (ESAD)**  
Art and Design  
[ESAD website](#)  
email: grenoble@esad-gv.fr; valence@esad-gv.fr



## 4. PURSUING A DEGREE AT THE COMMUNAUTÉ UNIVERSITÉ GRENOBLE ALPES

### Proficient

(validated B2/C1 level)

List of institutions and contacts (continued):

- **Sciences Po Grenoble (IEPG)**  
Political science  
[Sciences Po website link](#)  
email: incomingmobility@sciencespo-grenoble.fr
- **Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA)**  
Arts, Literature, Linguistics; Law, Economy, Management; Human and Social Sciences; Sciences, Technology, Health  
[UGA website link](#)  
email: migrants-exile@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr
- **Université Savoie Mont Blanc (USMB)**  
Science, engineering sciences, technology, languages, literature, arts, human and social sciences  
[USMB website link](#)  
email: incoming.students@univ.smb.fr

## 4. PURSUING A DEGREE AT THE COMMUNAUTÉ UNIVERSITÉ GRENOBLE ALPES

Choose your degree



Contact:

- **CIO** (the university's Center for Information and Orientation)
- **Director(s) of program** for an appointment
- **Student Affairs** offices

Application and enrollment



**Services** that can help with the administrative tasks



- The program's **academic and/or research institutions** who will put you in touch with a student buddy
- **IntEGre Association**  
[website link](#);  
contact@integre-grenoble.org
- **Student Vice-president COMUE**  
nassim.mekeddem@univ-grenoble-alpes.fr
- **RUSF** (Réseau Universités Sans Frontières, Network of Universities Without Borders)  
website link for refugee students  
[Facebook page link](#)

## 4. PURSUING A DEGREE AT THE COMMUNAUTÉ UNIVERSITÉ GRENOBLE ALPES

### Approval of application / Admission

To apply for a degree:

- All requests must be made through a **formal application** and must respect the **specified deadlines**
- It is highly recommended to be **interviewed by the director of studies** before closing the application. This will allow the director to evaluate the applicant's education level, especially in the absence of a copy of diplomas/certificates
- For applications to a final year bachelor's degree or a 1st or 2nd year Master's degree, **the applicant MAY be enrolled in level inferior** to his/her original diploma.

### Application process

Beginning of school year (September)

During the academic year

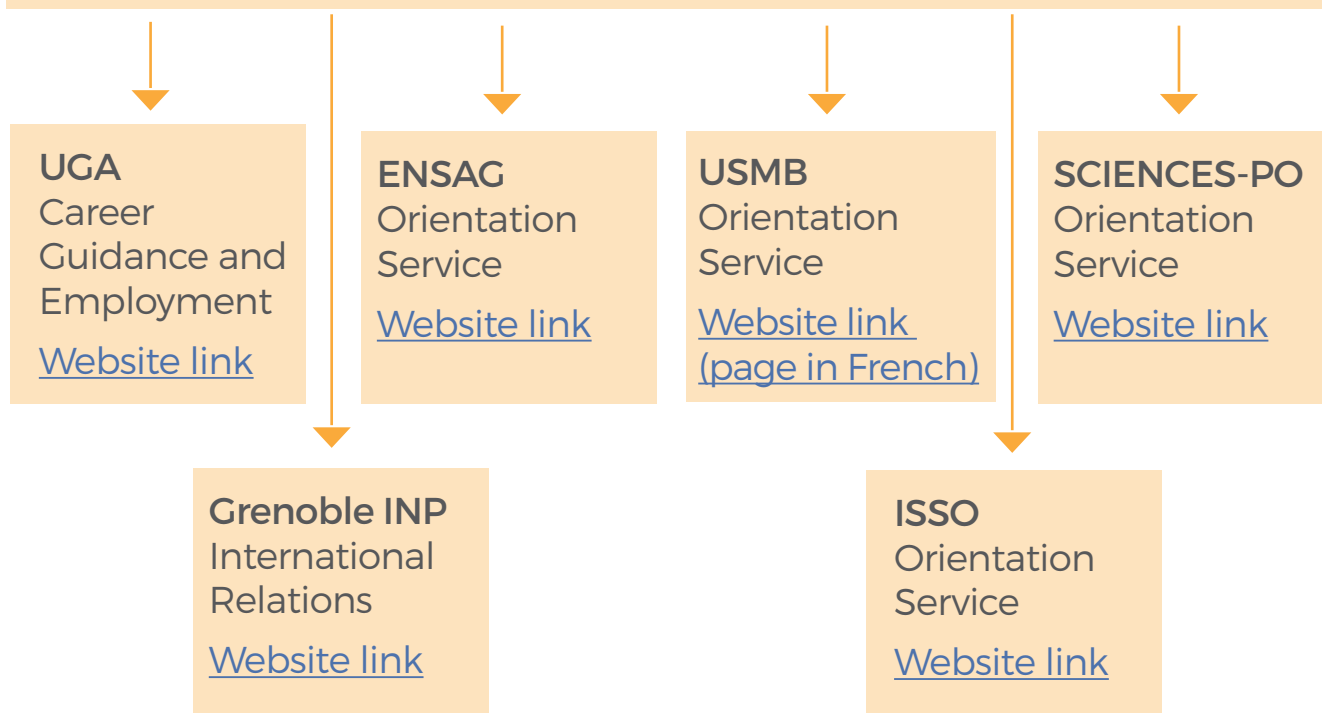
- Taking part in a program as an **"auditeur libre"** gives you the possibility to apply for that program the following year

Application for a program :

- Applications generally take place in September. If the admission is accepted, the student will receive **an authorization receipt and an enrollment appointment.**
- Documents necessary for enrollment include (but are not limited to):
  1. **Justification of level of education** (thesis, internship report, group project, degree program, etc.)
  2. **Identity papers:** receipt of asylum application, residence permit, etc.

## 4. PURSUING A DEGREE AT THE COMMUNAUTÉ UNIVERSITÉ GRENOBLE ALPES

Who to contact for help in putting together your file and understanding the application process?



Orientation Service help with:

- **Welcome and advising** students on their programs
- Defining **higher education project**
- Recommending **an interview directly** with the director of studies
- **Guiding students in the specific application process.** This step is very important because:
  1. The **application process is OBLIGATORY**, even if the applicant does not have all required documents.
  2. The **cover letter must clearly specify if the applicant is a refugee or an asylum seeker**, and the degree level requested (L2, L3, M1, M2).

## 5. YOUR RIGHTS WITHIN THE COMMUNAUTÉ UNIVERSITÉ GRENOBLE ALPES

Advanced or proficient level of French



Degree/diploma course:  
Exemption from tuition fees

- Beginner or intermediate level of French
- Arrival during the academic year
- Participation in classes without earning a degree/diploma



“Auditeur libre” status



Subject to authorization by the head of program/diploma

## 6. SCHOLARSHIP/HOUSING APPLICATION

Apply for a **scholarship**



You must be **enrolled in a French institution** to make a scholarship application



- **Bourses d'excellence**
- **CROUS** scholarships (based on social criteria)
- **French government** scholarships (Campus France)



Contact the **institution concerned**

Apply for **student housing**



Contacter le **CROUS**  
Centre Régional des Œuvres  
Universitaires et Scolaires :  
Scholarships, student  
housing, restaurants, social  
and cultural activities, jobs.



[Website link](#)

## USEFUL INFORMATION



- **Guide for asylum seekers in France**  
[https://ofpra.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/atoms/files/guide-da-france\\_anglais.pdf](https://ofpra.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/atoms/files/guide-da-france_anglais.pdf)
- **French language learning resources**  
<https://app.wisemapping.com/c/maps/521275/public>
- **Student jobs**  
<https://international.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/en/student/practical-matters/finding-a-job/finding-a-job-584637.htm>
- **CROUS (Student Housing)**  
<https://www.crous-grenoble.fr/en/demanderunlogement/ce.crous-social@crous-grenoble.fr>
- **Health center**  
<https://international.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/en/student/health/health-care/health-care-584660.htm>
- **Volunteers in Grenoble - Contact details (in French)**  
[www.communaute-univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/fr/presentation/compte-rendu-de-la-reunion-de-eve-du-7-novembre-2016-sur-l-accueil-des-refugies-696253.htm](http://www.communaute-univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/fr/presentation/compte-rendu-de-la-reunion-de-eve-du-7-novembre-2016-sur-l-accueil-des-refugies-696253.htm)
- **Procedures and services of student life for refugees and asylum seekers (in French)**  
[www.etudiant.gouv.fr/pid33626-cid106460/welcome-refugees.html](http://www.etudiant.gouv.fr/pid33626-cid106460/welcome-refugees.html)
- **City of Grenoble**  
**Official site:** [www.grenoble.fr/](http://www.grenoble.fr/)  
**FB page:** [www.facebook.com/VillededeGrenoble/](https://www.facebook.com/VillededeGrenoble/)  
**“Guide for newcomers” (GIANT):** [http://neel.cnrs.fr/IMG/pdf/Welcome\\_to\\_Grenoble.pdf](http://neel.cnrs.fr/IMG/pdf/Welcome_to_Grenoble.pdf)
- **List of websites for learning French online (in French)**  
<https://cudef.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/menu-principal/etudiants/migrants-et-demandeurs-d-asile/sitographie-pour-auto-apprentissage/>