

One of the worst parts about preparing for exchange is getting a visa to study in France, so I would recommend starting the process earlier rather than later to ensure that you have it in time. The visa you will need is the 3B student visa, which you will only have to pay the administrative costs on. When you are booking your appointment at the office, I recommend getting a morning appointment and leaving yourself the day as there is a chance you will have to leave and come back with different documents.

When travelling to Strasbourg, I flew from Vancouver to Amsterdam and then Amsterdam to Strasbourg. The airport in Strasbourg is pretty small, so there are not a lot of flights that go there. I chose to do this because I didn't want to have to worry about taking a train, but there were people who chose to fly to Paris and then take a train. I flew out on September 3rd and came home on December 24th, and it ended up costing about \$1400 in total.

In terms of what to pack, remember that you will likely buy a lot and try to pack on the lighter side. I packed too many clothes and ended up not wearing some of them. In terms of the weather, it rarely rains in Strasbourg and it doesn't get cold until well into December, so there is no need to pack a parka. If you are staying in residence, just be aware that only the bare bones are provided with your room. I stayed in the Résidence de la Robertsau, and they did not provide anything aside from furniture, but they do offer bedding that you can rent. However, they do not provide pots, pans, cooking utensils, plates, or cutlery. They also don't have hand soap or dish soap, and you have to buy your own toilet paper. I ended up buying my cookware at Ikea after I got there, but if I did it again I would throw some toilet paper and soap in my bag so I have them right when I get there.

I also found it really helpful to get in contact with someone who had been through it all before who I could ask questions. This really helped to keep me from worrying too much about all the small details, and it

