

NEOMA Business School
Campus Rouen
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September

The school would offer shuttle bus service which cost around 90 Euro. You can also choose to travel by Flixbus from airport to Rouen and bus again which is much cheaper. It is not suggested to take Paris metro or train because of heavy luggage. For the first 2 weeks, I stayed in the school area and explored around the campus. This is the month with least workload, try to meet more friends and join welcoming activities held by Cultural Connection.



October

The workload of the courses offered in NEOMA are not demanding. In this month, I have 3 presentations and 1 mid-term exam. I had day off on every Thursday and Friday. So mainly, I would finish all my works on Monday to Wednesday and go traveling during week-end.



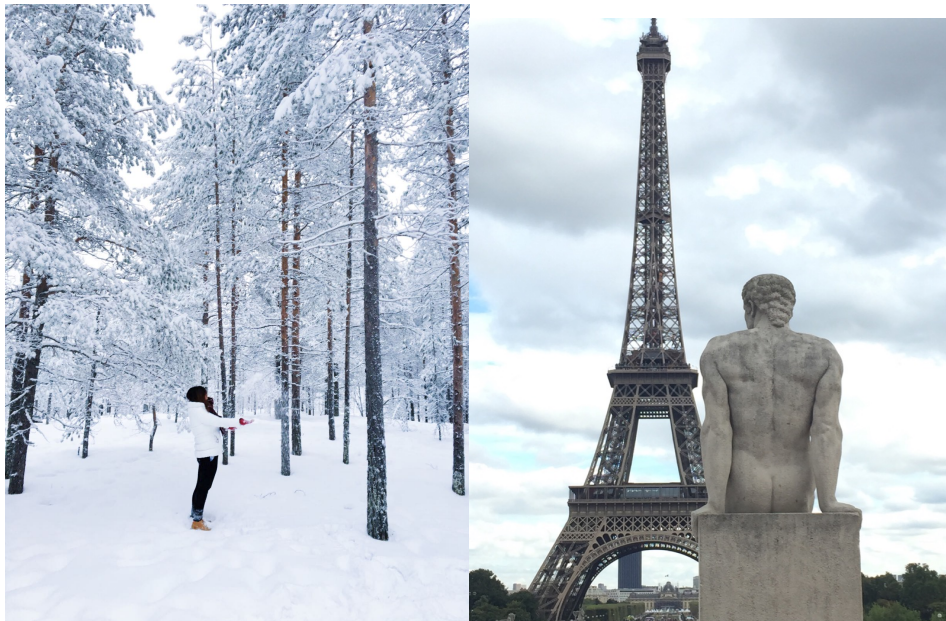
November

This is the busiest month because almost all the presentations and midterm were held in this month. Be careful, the mid-term date would be announced very lately. Try to plan your trip without skipping any lesson.



December

Most of the examinations were held in the final period, 6-17 December. However, for French exam, it was scheduled on 2 December. It is better to plan your trip until all the final exam date released. However, it would be quite late.



Travel Plan

Month	Place
September	Paris, Amsterdam, London
October	Switzerland, Manchester, Iceland
November	Prague, Paris Disneyland, Sweden, Norway, Spain
December	Italy, Greece, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Northern France (Mont-Saint-Michel and Etretat)

Visa Procedures

First, you have to make an appointment online and then send an email to study@consulfrance-hongkong.org to apply for an academic interview. You need to submit all the documents required to the Campus France Office.

Orientation Activities

Orientation activities will be held in the first week of September. There is talk introducing the campus and course registration, orientation lunch, campus tour.



International Activities

There is a group called Cultural Connection. They are responsible to hold activities to exchange students. You have to pay 10 Euro as membership fee. They seldom hold activities, like trip to Amsterdam or Welcome dinner etc.

Accommodation

I lived in Ango 9m². It is a small dorm but acceptable. If you want to meet more exchange students, it is better to live in Ango. You need around 10 minutes to walk from Ango to campus.

Course Registration

You will need to register the courses before you go. They will send you a Google form and register. Just pick the courses you would like to study. On around 4 September, the school will only offer you 3 days to send email and request for add drop. You cannot swap courses but only add or drop. After 3 days, the timetable cannot be changed again.

Teaching & Assessment Methods

Sustainable Business

There is no final exam but final project. You have to read case study and one presentation. The course is teaching the concept on how can a business be sustainable and you can learn lots of business cases.

Introduction of Operational Research

There is one midterm with multiple choices asking conceptual questions, one final exam with numerical and conceptual multiple questions and one bonus project.

Purchasing, Procurement and Supply Chain

There is one presentation which requires you to find a company and do interview to analyze their purchasing process. There is one final examination which is a case study.

French Communication A1-1

There is one midterm exam, one final exam and one presentation which require you to introduce a trip by French. For the final exam, it may be not be scheduled during the final period. So be careful when you are planning trip.

Leading Change

The professor is strict but you can learn a lot. The teaching style is different with Hong Kong. You have to study 2 long cases before each class and you need to actively participate during lesson. The professor would only ask questions and students need to explain the concepts. It is like self-learning. There is one project and presentation. You can get a satisfying results easily.

Supply Chain Management

There are 3 small presentations and 1 final exam (all MC questions).

For all courses, you cannot skip more than 2 classes. So it is better for you to attend all the classes.

Sports Equipment

If you want to do exercises in NEOMA, you have to pay 50 Euro for one semester and get the medical certificate from the school doctor which is free. However, they do not speak English. It is better to find a French student to help and make an appointment. There are 2 gym rooms you can use but they are small and crowded. It would be better to run in the forest near school or exercise at dorm.

Finance & Banking

I made the bank account Societe Generale through the school. The procedure is quite easy but it needs 2 weeks to activate your account. The staff in the bank located near the campus know English.

Expenses

Item	HKD
Flight tickets	6000
Accommodation	9000
Daily expenses	15000
Travel expenses	50000
Insurance	2000
Miscellaneous expenses	3000
Total	85000

Health & Safety

The area near our school is safe but you have to be very careful once you go to Paris or other European places.

Food

We usually buy food from Carrefour (Take F2 bus) or from Super U (walk 20 minutes from Ango). There are Asian markets in downtown but quite costly. There is a half-buffet near Carrefour with reasonable price. Must try!

Transportation

We usually take bus F2, 8 and T1. Download the app “Reseau Astuce”, there is information about the bus arrival time and route. To go Paris, we usually take Flixbus. If going to the Paris airport, the cheapest way is to take blablacar, carpooling website. It may be a bit dangerous.

Climate

It is cool in September to October and cold in November to January. Better to bring more warm clothes.

Communication

We used Free mobile 19.99 Euro per month. 50GB data in France per month and 3GB data per month for other European countries. (Remember not all European countries!). For each country, you could use the data for 35 days. You can only use 3GB data per month outside France.

Checklist

1. Hidden body bag
2. Personal information with copies
3. Medicine
4. Notebook
5. Stationery
6. Credit card
7. Cash
8. Backpack
9. Flip-flop (must for traveling)
10. Empty small bottles (must for traveling)

Useful Links

For detailed visa procedures:

<http://www.consulfrance-hongkong.org/Study-in-France>

Mobile App:

1. Uber
2. Reseau Astuce (bus)
3. Societe Generale (bank)
4. Skyscanner (cheap air tickets)
5. Voyages-sncf (train inside France)
6. RATP (Paris metro)
7. Google Translate
8. Google Map