

Host Institution:	Institut d'Etudes Politiques (IEP) d'Aix-En-Provence
Erasmus Code:	F MARSEIL55
Website:	http://www.iep.u-3mrs.fr/practical.php
	Aix-en-Provence, near Marseille is considered the City of Art and a city of light and activity. The average temperature in January is 6oC and in July 21.9oC with no more than 91 days of rain are recorded during the year.
Location:	<u>By plane:</u> Marseille-Provence International Airport (25km) <u>By train:</u> Aix TGV station: RD9 – Bus link to Aix (15km) Arbois Business Centre (2h50 from Paris or 1h20 from Lyon). Train Station in the center. <u>By car:</u> Motorway A7 – A46 and A8 – Paris (780km) – Exits Aix Ouest, Aix Sud and Aix center <u>Coach Station:</u> Avenue de l'Europe
Costs:	
Housing:	(Information taken from IEP website)Cost of living depends on the lifestyle of the student, the guidance amount per year is €5160 however this is largely insufficient. The cheapest way to stay in Aix is in a student room at the university where the rent begins at €135 per month for a short or long stay with a one to two months rent deposit. If you prefer to seek private accommodation this maybe more expensive and is the responsibility of the student to arrange.
Insurance:	It is advisable to take out insurance for your stay abroad especially if you are going to be taking laptops with you. You will need to obtain an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) which has replaced the old E111 form. If you already have an EHIC please ensure that it is valid for the length of your stay.
Academic:	
ECTS Credit system:	IEP's Validation of grades and European Credits Transfer System can be viewed on the IEP website: http://www.iep.u-3mrs.fr/ects.php#ex1
Term Dates:	<u>First semester:</u> Welcome week: 8 th – 13 th September 2008 Classes begin: 15 th September Exam period: 7 th January – 17 th January <u>Second semester</u> Classes begin: 19 th January 2009 Exam period: End of academic year: 28 th June 2009
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Useful Websites:	Erasmus website: http://www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus Tourist information website: http://www.aixenprovencetourism.com/uk/ Tourist information website for areas outside Aix en Provence: http://www.beyond.fr/villages/aix.html