Opening a French Bank Account remains essential for students who are willing to get a permit of stay ‘carte de séjour’, to open phone lines, internet access, cell phone subscription and many other contracts which require to have a French bank identification number and French cheques.

**To open a bank account, YOU WILL NEED:**
- Your passport copy
- Letter of introduction (provided upon request by Carine Voisin)

**With this bank account, YOU WILL HAVE:**
- A checking and Savings account (Compulsory to open the two)
- VISA Credit Card Classic
- French Checkbook, Bank Identification Number
- Possibility to check via internet your account (free access)

**IT WILL COST YOU:**

**Checking account:** 5.55€/month (under 25)-7€80/month (over 25)

**Savings account:** (Guarantee for the bank that will be given back to you at your account’s closing)

**IUM Undergraduate & Graduate students:** 500€ deposit minimum during the time you are client at the bank

**IUM recommend you one bank:**

**Societe Generale**

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