Here are the steps to follow to come and study in France in 2021-2022:

- You are a student in the UK and you have been accepted in one of the following programs in a French higher education institution for more than 90 days in 2021-2022:
  1. A first-year university program through the Parcoursup French platform
  2. A Licence 2 or a Licence 3, a first or second year of a master’s degree through your French higher education institution’s own recruitment procedure
  3. A dual-degree or an Erasmus program lasting more than 90 days
  4. A PhD as a full-time non-working student
  5. French as a Foreign Language student more than 90 days

Before you apply for a student visa you must register on Etudes en France up to 3 months and at least 15 days before your program begins in France:

- Before registering on Etudes en France, have the following supporting documents in your possession:
  1. Your acceptance letter from your French higher education institution
  2. Your passport
  3. An up-to-date resume
  4. Two supporting documents evidencing your education path (diploma or transcripts of records)

On the platform Etudes en France:

- Create an account
- Confirm it through the link received on the email that you created your account with
- Select the tab « Students already accepted » and fill in the details of the higher education program in which you have been accepted

Once you have finalised your application you will receive a first email from Etudes en France that confirms its reception then a second one once your application has been processed.

What comes next? You need to finalise your visa application on the platform France Visas.

In 2021-2022 the processing of your application on Etudes en France will be free of charge on an exceptional basis. The visa application will be half-price (i.e. 50 euros).

On the platform France Visas:

- Once your application has been approved on Etudes en France indicate your application number (at the top right of your homepage below your name on Etudes en France) and fill in online your long-stay student visa application file.
- Digitise the supporting documents mentioned above as well as the supporting documents mentioned on France-visas checklist: an evidence of accommodation (university residence, rental agreement, letter from a host, hotel booking) and a proof of resources (your bank statement or your sponsor’s attesting to a minimum of 615 €/month)
- Book an appointment with TSL Contact (following the link on the platform France Visas) so as to give your passport and biometrics
- On your appointment day, bring your original supporting documents to check and confirm the digitalisation quality

The average time to process an application by the French Consulate is ten days. A long-stay visa equivalent to a resident permit with a duration from 4 to 12 months will be issued (VLS-TS).

After your arrival in France:

- Validate your visa online in the 3 months following your arrival in France
- If you choose to continue your studies in France, you will have to apply for a renewal of your resident permit in France at the préfecture, at least 2 months before its expiration date.