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Where is this option located? Where long is my commute from home to the UofM Program Center & City Center and the University?

Most apartments are located either in the City Center or close to the Universities. You will count approximately 20 to 30 minutes to either the Program Center or the Universities. Taking the tram is usually the best option.

How much does it cost?

You will need to pay a $500 apartment deposit to the UofM. You will also need to budget money for food. Utilities are included in the Program Fee. See Cost of Participation for exact costs.

The last family fee appears slightly more than the apartment fee, but most meals and all utilities are included. See the Cost of Participation for exact costs.

You may stay in the dorms during breaks. Students must have a working French cell phone or International Calling plan as a part of the program and you will make calls from your own phone. Students may also use the Program Center phone to call the US for important issues.

Do I have a private room?

You will likely share a bedroom with one other program participant. On some occasions you will have your own bedroom.

Are linens and furniture provided? Can I use the phone?

Basic furniture and amenities, including bed linens, are provided. Apartments also provide bathroom towels, but you will need your own beach towel (or purchase one after you arrive). Inexpensive items can easily be purchased at IKEA, Monoprix or similar stores.

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You may stay with your host family during breaks. Whether you choose to stay or not, it is important to keep your host family aware of your plans.

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Most host families live in the suburbs surrounding Montpellier. Students often have a 25 to 35 minute commute by bus or tram to the Program Center and Universities. Though a slightly further commute, the cultural and linguistic benefits make it worthwhile.

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