

Advice and recommendations for the new university year

At the beginning of this new university year, some 29,000 students will be attending classes at the different UNS campuses. This school year is exceptional in that it is beginning under the label “Vigipirate Attack Alert”, which necessitates certain reminders and guidelines. The University is currently assisting its different colleges and schools in the immediate process of increasing the security of the campuses, while still prioritizing permanent solutions.

To begin with, the school year will involve the implementation of several rules for proper vigilance and of best practices so that the school year proceeds smoothly. A guidebook called “Vigilance attentats : les bons réflexes,” published by the Secretariat General for National Defense and Security, has been sent to the leadership of all of the university’s schools and colleges. You will find in the booklet below some extracts of this guide (french version).

[Extracts of the guide](#)

In addition, short-term measures to deal with the influx of students at the beginning of the school year have already been put into place: the number of access points for the different campuses has been reduced, and security guards have been placed at building entrances to control access and visually inspect bags.

In the different student orientation meetings at the beginning of the year, students have been informed about the various security measures that have been taken on each campus and the proper behaviors to adopt.

To facilitate these steps, students and personnel are required to have their student or employee cards on them at all times, and to be ready to present them to the security guards. Badge holders are available for personnel on each campus.

Do not hesitate to signal any unusual events, objects, or behavior to campus leadership, who can then transmit the information to the proper authorities.

Over the summer, there have been regular contacts between the university and the relevant national and local governments regarding the implementation of security measures for the campuses. These contacts are continuing, to reinforce security through the implementation of measures in the medium- and long-term regarding the public spaces around the buildings.

At the same time, let us not forget that universities are spaces that are open to knowledge and to the general public, and the expressed wish of everyone is to reaffirm these aspects while exercising responsibility and a sense of public service.