The best and easiest is Roissy Charles De Gaulle airport, north of Paris, you can get a frequent TGV (High Speed Train) at the airport station which will take you directly to the centre of Lille (50 minutes non-stop or 1.20 hours with stops). Please check www.sncf.fr for times etc. If you fly with Air France you can ask for a TGV Air ticket with the flight which is cheaper. Roissy works with low-cost companies also such as Easy Jet.

From Brussels Zaventem Airport, you can get a regional express train which will take you to Brussels-Midi train station (or take a taxi). From there, a “Eurostar” train or a TGV will take you directly to Lille in 33 min. However there is a problem with Eurostar trains as they go to London after Lille and you must first arrive at least 20 minutes before departure and for non-Europeans you need a British visa to go from Brussels in Belgium to Lille in France. No this is not a joke!!!!!!! However if your train is a French TGV there are no problems. Again check with www.sncf.com

From Lille Lesquin Airport, does have a few international flights there are shuttle services which will take you to the Lille Flanders station in 20 minutes. This service runs hourly from 07h30 to 20h00, or you can take a taxi.

Europeans can also reach Lille by train via Antwerp, Brussels, London or Paris.

Train stations in Lille

There are two stations in Lille: Lille-Flandres and Lille-Europe, about 400m from each other.

- Lille Europe station is a transit station for TGVs from every region in France, and you can also catch the London or Brussels Eurostar, there. Some TGVs coming from Paris and continuing to the coast may also stop there.

- Lille Flandres station is the final stop for TGVs arriving from the Gare du Nord in Paris. The Regional Express trains leave this station for the different towns in the region.

HOW TO GET TO THE UNIVERSITY IN VILLENEUVE D’ASCQ?

The VAL automated metro system

To travel around the Lille conurbation, you should use the metro that was designed by campus called the VAL, taking Line 1 which runs from the Regional Hospital Centre (CHR) and ends at 4 Cantons station: this is one of two stations which serves Lille 1 University. The stop is Cité Scientifique. Tickets will be provided in your information pack when you reach your hotel.

Details on how to come to the campus, in particular by car, can be found on:
http://www.univ-lille1.fr/Accueil/plan-acces/