ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic year is divided into 3 trimesters. Each trimester lasts 10 weeks and includes a one-week break (except for the Fall term: no break). Students are required to attend an orientation session before the start of the term.

- **French Training Session (optional):** August 26 - September 15, 2021
  - Orientation (mandatory): August 24, 2021

- **Fall Term (T1):** September 27 - December 17, 2021
  - First Orientation (mandatory): Friday, September 17, 2021 (for students taking a course during the intensive week from September 20 to 24)
  - Second Orientation (mandatory): Friday, September 24, 2021 (for students arriving for the start of the term on September 27)

- **Winter Term (T2):** January 10 - April 1, 2022
  - First Orientation (mandatory): Monday, January 3, 2022 (for students taking a course during the intensive week from January 3 to 7)
  - Second Orientation (mandatory): Friday, January 7, 2022 (for students arriving for the start of the term on January 10)
  - Another intensive week will be from February 21 to 25, 2022

- **Spring Term (T3):** April 4 - June 24, 2022
  - Orientation (mandatory): Friday, April 1, 2022
  - The intensive week will take place from May 2 to 6, 2022

NOMINATIONS

Students must be nominated by their home university through our online application system. An email will be sent to all coordinators on the opening day of each nomination period with their login details.

The nomination period finished, students will automatically receive by email the instructions to access the platform on which all the info and material are posted.

Please note that we do not accept students with the French nationality in our exchange program.

**Nomination schedule 2021/2022**

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<th><strong>FALL TERM - T1</strong> (Sept - Dec 2021)</th>
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ACADEMICS

- **French Training Session (FTS)**
  An intensive French language course is offered to international students during 4 weeks in September and is free of charge. Students will take 3 hours of French lessons each day, Monday through Friday, and participate in cultural activities.

N.B.: This session is offered in the Fall term only, however, students coming an exchange at another period of the year will be able to take a regular French course during each term.

- **Course offer**
  The ESSEC MiM program offers over 200 business courses over the year, as well as foreign language courses. To consult the course catalog, students can ask their local study-abroad coordinator. Students from MBA programs and coming to ESSEC in the Fall term (September to December) can attend courses from the ESSEC Global MBA (the list of courses will be provided to students in due time).

- **Course restrictions**
  The following courses are not open to exchange students:
  - The following ESSEC core courses: Management Control, Financial Accounting and Reporting, Principles of Finance, Financial Statement Analysis,
  - Big Data Analytics,
  - Responsible Leadership (online course)
  - 12 Bloomberg terminals
  - Students can take a maximum of 5 courses per term.
  - Students can take 4 business courses + 1 language course.
  - Students from MBA programs and coming to ESSEC in the Fall term (September to December) can attend courses from the ESSEC Global MBA (the list of courses will be provided to students in due time).

- **Course registration process**
  Students register themselves in courses on an online platform about 2 months before the start of each term. They have up to 5 days to make all the changes they want. Once registration is over, no more changes (or dropping) are allowed.

- **Examination**
  For courses with a final exam, it will take place on the very last week of the term. Some courses do not have a final exam but assignments, presentations and/or projects (individual or in groups) throughout the term. There are no re-sits or make-up exams.

- **Grading & conversion**
  Grades range from 0 to 20. Students need to obtain at least a grade of 10 to pass a course.

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- **Course in specialized fields**
  Exchange students have the opportunity to take courses that draw on ESSEC’s specific fields of expertise. This includes courses in Luxury Brand Management, Hospitality Management, Entrepreneurship, Agri-Food Industry, Health, etc.

- **Course load & credits**
  Students can take a maximum of 5 courses per term (5 business courses or 4 business courses + 1 language course). There is no minimum course load required.

- **Library - Learning Center**
  Over 60,000 books and 15,000 periodicals are available to students. Students can borrow up to 10 books/DVDs for 2 weeks.

- **Career Services**
  Exchange students do not have any individualized counseling service. ESSEC business students have access to our job offers online (around 15,000 ads posted each year) and can also take part in workshops organized by ESSEC Career Services (subject to availability). Numerous professional events are organized on campus throughout the year (career fairs, company presentations, etc.), which students are welcome to attend. To do an internship in France, students are required to obtain an internship agreement ("convention de stage") from their home university and to subscribe to the French Social Security or have the European Health Insurance Card.

- **Campus location/facilities/services**
  ESSEC Business School is located in Cergy-Pontoise, a thriving town northwest of the capital, on a pleasant, modern campus, just 30 kilometers away from Paris. It is easily accessible by train (RER A or suburban train line L) in about 40 minutes.

- **Campus Life**
  An important number of events regularly take place on campus, be they conferences, company presentations, student parties, movie shows, etc. Over 100 student clubs contribute to the rich diversity of campus life. Exchange students are encouraged to participate in these activities.

- **Visa and residence permit**
  Non-European citizens may need a visa to come to France. To obtain their visa, students must go to the French consulate in their country of residence with the letter of acceptance from ESSEC, which they receive after the nomination period. Non-European students may be required to obtain a residence permit, depending on the type of visa they receive. All non-European students staying more than 90 days in France are required to obtain one. ESSEC will help students with the procedure on their arrival.

- **Accommodation**
  Students also have the possibility to rent an apartment in Cergy or in Paris. Useful websites are provided to students on the ESSEC Graduate Exchange Platform: https://sites.google.com/essec.edu/essecgraduateexchangeprogram/welcome-to-essec.
Health Insurance and Birth Certificate

All students are required to hand in a proof of medical insurance (European card for European students, private insurance for others) as well as a copy of your passport. Students will be asked to submit these documents online for their administrative enrollment.

Approximate Living Costs

- **Housing**
  - **On-campus accommodation:**
    - Initial booking fee: 350€
    - Monthly rent: 600€ approx (depending on the residence)
    - The rent includes heating, electricity, internet. European students and non-European students who have a French residence permit may be entitled to receive the APL (financial aid offered by the government under certain conditions). The Alégessec office takes care of the procedure to apply for the APL (Financial Housing Subsidy).

- **Off-campus rental rates:**
  - 800€ and over in Paris for a 1-bedroom apartment.

- **Food**
  - A meal in the student dining-hall: around 3€
  - Sandwiches, salads, quiches at the cafeteria: 4€ - 6€
  - A meal off-campus: 6€ - 10€

- **Local transportation**
  - RER fares depend on the number of zones (Cergy is in zone 5 while Paris is in zone 1):
    - For a five-zone monthly pass (valid from first to last day of the month) (zones 1 to 5): 72,20€
    - A single ticket from ESSEC to Paris: 6.15€
    - A book of 10 tickets from ESSEC to Paris: 49.20€
    - A round trip from ESSEC to Paris during the weekends for students under 26 (“ticket jeunes”): 8.35€
    - A single bus ticket or metro ticket: 1.95€
    - A book of 10 bus or metro tickets: 14.90€

For more information

https://sites.google.com/essec.edu/essecgraduateexchangeplatform/welcome-to-essec