**THE ESADE MBA**

**Introduction**

Our MBA Programme is based at the ESADE Creapolis Campus in Sant Cugat (Barcelona), in a beautiful location where more than sixty start-up companies and SMEs as well as the R+D+i departments from a number of multinationals have already set up their business.

Entrepreneurship is, as always, our forté and point of emphasis. With increasing numbers of our MBA participants setting up their own businesses after graduation, we strive to support students in taking their business ideas from inception to a fully-fledged reality.

Our new, larger premises allow for annual events such as Innovation Speed Dating to continue growing in strength; an event uniting entrepreneurs from numerous backgrounds looking to develop a Business Plan with MBA students, and from which several successful ventures have arisen.

**About our Elective courses:** The ESADE MBA takes a globalist approach. During the exchange trimester at ESADE, participants can choose from any of the second year electives, all being taught in English.

**Faculties/College:** University. Law School. Executive Language Centre. Executive Education. Professional Masters’ Programs. (Marketing, Finance, Operations, Public Administration, Tourism, etc.)
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ESADE Intranet: Partners have access to the Intranet by entering web site, clicking on “intranet” and entering their codes provided by ESADE.

Application

**Deadlines:** MBA Exchange announcement deadline is end of April for the Fall term and end of September for the Winter term.

**Required Documents:**
- Curriculum Vitae / Resumé
- Photocopy of the passport
- A passport-sized photograph (.jpg format)
- Proof of Health Insurance with International coverage
- MBA / Graduate Transcripts (unofficial will be accepted)

Any other required information will be indicated in the welcome email.
About the Exchange Program

Courses are instructed in English and they are listed on the intranet.

**Language requirement:** Admission to the Full-Time MBA requires demonstration of English Proficiency, TOEFL or similar.

**Language courses:** Spanish language classes will be available to exchange students.

**Academic/Experience:** Applicants must be MBA candidates and must have completed the core coursework in their home school successfully to enrol in elective classes. Minimum 2 years relevant work experience.

**Full-time Workload:** Please note that the course load for exchange students is 4 MBA electives for all exchange students.

Exchange students will choose electives through a bidding system and once the bidding system application has closed, changes will be subject to availability and requested to Programme Management.

**Learning Expectations:** ESADE MBA courses are highly participative. Some classes are case study-based, others on quantitative models, etc. The overall philosophy is cooperative and team-work oriented and we expect exchange students to collaborate as and when required with group work.

**Grading:** ESADE does not grade on a curve. The grading system is on a scale of 0 to 10 points, in the following order:

- From 9,0 to 10: Excellent
- From 7,0 to 8,9: Distinction
- From 5,0 to 6,9: Pass
- From 0 to 4,9: Fail
- Pendiente: Not yet released
- NP: Incomplete

If a student fails a class, it is his / her responsibility to contact the professor to make up the coursework.

**Exams:** Exams are mainly written but not all courses have final exams. Some require a paper, individual or group work, presentations etc.

**Class attendance:** Students are expected to attend all classes. Students will not be excused from class for any other reasons apart from illness and serious family issues. If students miss more than 25% of the course, he/she cannot fulfil the required
credits and therefore he/she will receive a failing grade in the course. Attendance will be monitored by fingerprint, as the rest of the FT MBA class.

**Exchange Academic Calendar for 2016-2017**

**FALL 2016**
Orientation Day- September 30th
Classes running from October 3rd to December 22nd (Exams included)
Course registration in May

**WINTER 2017**
Orientation Day – January 9th
Classes running from January 9th to March 17th (Exams included)
Course registration in November

**Miscellaneous**

**Expenses**

*Living Expenses:* Approx. €1.200 – €1.700 per month, depending on individual spending.

For information on campus housing, please visit: [http://www.resa.es/eng/Residences/Roberto-de-Nobili](http://www.resa.es/eng/Residences/Roberto-de-Nobili)

*Academic Expenses:* Most materials are provided by the programme.

*Transportation:* Bus pass (good for metro, bus and local train stops) 10 trips 10€ approx. within Barcelona, 10 trips to the MBA facilities from Barcelona 20€ approx.

*Other Expenses:* Health insurance varies by company. The average is about 45€ per month.

**Health insurance:** It is for exchange participants to arrive with their own valid health insurance that covers accidents, hospital and repatriation costs. A proof of it will be required to process the students’ registration successfully.

**Visa:** ESADE is required by the Spanish Government to include the name of the city where their Embassy / Consulate is located. Students should contact the agency where they plan to process their visas for the most updated information. Letters of acceptance are mailed to the Exchange Coordinator.

**Facilities:** Participants have access to the library, computer room and computer assistance.
**Student Services:** MBASA (ESADE MBA Students Association) is a student-run organization, dedicated to making the student transition and stay enjoyable. In addition to matching you with a “Buddy”, the association oversees various clubs such as Finance, Entrepreneurship, Marketing...

**Career services:** MBA Exchange participants have access to the Forum, Company presentations (both by invitation) and ESADE career portal and the Careers Resource Centre.

**Alumni:** MBA Exchange Students have access to all activities, events and services that ESADE Alumni offer to their members.

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**Barcelona**

Barcelona, one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the Mediterranean, is defined by its style. Life takes place against a backdrop of architectural gems ranging from gothic to art nouveau and from Gaudí’s masterpieces to a daring and original urbanism.

Sports enthusiasts can practice all kinds of outdoor (and indoor) activities all year round thanks to the pleasant climate. For spectators, the city is home to Barcelona Football Club – the world’s most successful soccer team in recent years – and is the location of Spain’s premier Formula 1 motor racing circuit. It also boasts a number of world-class golf clubs and, as a result of hosting the 1992 Olympic Games, athletics facilities of all kinds.

Students and business people worldwide are lured by Barcelona’s numerous attractions, warm weather and unbeatable location by the sea.