**THE ESADE MBA**

**Introduction**

Our MBA Class of 2014 was the first to experience the state-of-the-art facilities available at our new Campus Barcelona Sant Cugat, 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 and Innovation are, as always, our forte 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 semester at ESADE, participants can choose from any of the second year electives, all 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 September for the Winter term.

**Required Documents:**
- Curriculum Vitae / Resumé
- 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:** Basic level 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. Upon the request of partner schools, it will be possible to take a minimum of 3 MBA electives. Additional MBA electives can be taken upon request and if space permits.

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.
Exchange Academic Calendar for 2015-2016

FALL 2014
August 31st – December 18th

Orientation and Exams included
Course registration in May

WINTER 2014
January 7th – March 25th  (please note that many electives finish during the week commencing March 14th. The 25th is the date of graduation for our second years).

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Course registration in October

Miscellaneous

Expenses
Living Expenses:  Approx. €1.300 – €2.000 per month, depending on individual spending.

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

Academic Expenses:  Most materials are provided by the programme with most materials being available online.

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...

**Orientation:** Welcome Session by Academic and Students Affairs team, MBASA and IT services.

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