

ESSCA Graduate School of Management

ESSCA Grande Ecole Master Programmes in English

Admission Conditions and Process 2010 for International Applicants

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What are the admission criteria?

- You must have a first degree at Bachelor level or above (in any field). For students still finishing their first degree at the time of application, the most recent transcripts of records are accepted during the application phase. Once admitted, students must provide a copy of their degree certificate (and an official translation in English or French) before November 1st 2010.
- You must provide a GMAT score of no less than 2 years

How do I apply?

1st step: written application

In order to be admitted into ESSCA's Master degree, **International Applicants** must:

a) register on-line and download and fill out the application form (click [here](#))

b) provide:

- a copy of their **Bachelor degree** (any academic field) or higher;
- a copy of the **most recent transcripts of records** (translated in English or French)
- a **GMAT score**. Please note that **ESSCA's GMAT recipient-code is XWFAM009**;

- all applicants should **check carefully with the French authorities** in their home country whether or not they have to provide a French language score in order to obtain a student visa. Prior knowledge of French is not a requirement for admission to the programme¹;
- a **copy of their passport**;
- **two letters of recommendation** issued by professors from the applicant's home institution, or a company or organization for which they have worked.

c) pay an **application fee** of 120 euros [either on-line](#) or by bank transfer.
Please see below for bank references.

Nom de la banque	CREDIT MUTUEL ANGERS SAINT LAUD		
Adresse	6, Place de la Visitation – 49100 ANGERS - FRANCE		
Code banque	15829	Guichet	39405
N°compte.	00020518701	Clé	90
SWIFT code	CMCIFR2A		
IBAN	FR7615829394050002051870190		

All documents must be sent to
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 1 rue Joseph Lakanal – BP 40348
 49003 Angers Cedex 01
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2nd step: interview

All international applicants will have to take an **interview** with an ESSCA representative, either in person or exceptionally by phone.

This 30-minute interview will be conducted in the language in which applicants wish to study at ESSCA. The interviewer will be either an ESSCA representative, an ESSCA Alumni or a representative from a French Institution such as Alliance Française etc.

The objective of the interview is to evaluate the student's motivation and preparation to study at ESSCA, as well as their future career plans and objectives.

Interviews will be conducted between December 2009 and June 2010.

Only complete applications (application form duly completed, documents attached and application fee paid) will be presented to ESSCA's admissions panel. The candidates will receive the admissions panel's decision by e-mail.

¹ It is however strongly recommended to take French language courses before coming to France, in order to facilitate daily life and broaden future internship opportunities.

What is the admission process?

ESSCA's admissions panel meets once a month, from January to June 2010 and can give one of 2 decisions:

- Strongly recommend for admission.
In this case the panel will make the candidate an offer, to be confirmed at the official admissions board meeting, chaired by a representative of the French Education Ministry
- Admission rejected².

How do I know if my application has been successful?

- The panel will make the candidate an offer, to be confirmed at the official admissions board meeting. ESSCA will e-mail the candidate an admission contract in PDF form confirming that
 - The admission will be definitive only after confirmation by the Official Admission Board Meeting in May, June or July and specifying :
 - The conditions of refund³
 - The registration conditions for the French State Health Insurance

If offered a place, how can I confirm that I accept?

Those who are "strongly recommended for admission" should confirm their choice to study at ESSCA by sending back their registration contract duly signed. This should be done by e-mail (Pdf) and post with the payment of the first tuition fee instalment, 20% of the total fees for the year. A letter of pre-acceptation will be sent by e-mail (with a copy to the CEF⁴) and where necessary, the visa application process can begin.

What is the calendar for admission in 2010?

- Applications must be submitted on-line **between November 4, 2009 and June 10, 2010**
- GMAT scores can be sent separately but must arrive at ESSCA
 - - before May 1, 2010 for the Admission Board in May,
 - - before June 6, 2010 for the Admission Board in June
 - - before July 1, 2010 for the Admission Board in July.
- Oral interviews take place between beginning of December 2009 and mid June 2010
- Decisions on applications presented to the admissions panel are given on a monthly basis. Students whose admission is qualified as "strongly recommended" should send back the registration contract duly signed with the payment of the first installment in order to receive the letter of pre-acceptation.

² The application fee will not be reimbursed

³ In the unlikely event of an admitted student not obtaining his/her visa, ESSCA will refund the first instalment, after deduction of an international transfer bank fees.

⁴ Centre Etudes en France

- Official confirmation of offers is given mid-May 2010 for the application examined by the Admission Panel before May 1, at the end of June for the application examined before June 6 and in July for the others.

What are the tuition fees?

Tuition fees for 2009/2010 are 7250€

Can I apply for a scholarship ?

ESSCA offers 10 excellence sholarships for international students

The Conseil Général de Maine-et-Loire authorities also offers scholarships to Hungarian students. Essca will help eligible candidates with their application.

In both cases, students should send a letter of motivation to Alejandro Escudero Yerro :
alejandro.escudero@essca.fr

What medical insurance must I have?

- All students of 28 years of age and over: a copy of international health insurance (in French or English) valid for 1 year minimum, to be renewed later.
- All students of 27 years of age and under must pay the French State Health Insurance (Sécurité Sociale) of 198 € (for 2009-2010)

Who can give me additional information?

Feel free to contact with any questions
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