

MBA Exchange Program

Fact Sheet for Academic Year 2016 – 2017

IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGE

Beginning in 2017, a calendar change to the start date of the International MBA Program will result in a shift from offering a winter exchange period (January-April) to a spring exchange period (April-July). Note that the calendar change does not affect the fall exchange period (September-November). Please be sure to refer to the specific dates below in order to confirm calendar alignment with your school.

Program Overview

Described as having the “most innovative curriculum” by Bloomberg BusinessWeek, IE’s full-time International MBA Program strives to develop general managers and future leaders by integrating theory, practice and creativity. The program is considered top tier worldwide, combining entrepreneurship, diversity and the humanities with a unique focus on social responsibility. For more information, please visit www.ie.edu.

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Elective Course Dates

Fall 2016

Orientation: Sept. 1
Electives: Sept. 5 – Nov. 30

Spring 2017

Orientation: March 30
Electives: April 3 – July 5

Nomination Deadlines

Fall 2016

April 29, 2016

Spring 2017

January 16, 2017

Nominations may only come from the Exchange Program Coordinator of the partner school. The Exchange Program Coordinator must nominate their student(s) by contacting IMBAExchange@ie.edu in order to gain access to the nomination portal.



Elective Courses

The electives list for the corresponding exchange period will be shared approximately 2 months before the start of classes, meaning the list will not be available by the application deadline. Historically, between 60 and 70 courses that cover a wide range of business topics are offered during the elective period. For an example course listing from a past intake, please [click here](#) (note that the listing is for general reference only and we are not able to guarantee the same courses will be made available for future exchange programs).

Course Load

Exchange students will take part in a bidding process to select available courses based on their own interests and home school requirements. The required course load for an IE student is between 120 – 145 academic sessions (note that 1 session equates to 1.5 contact hours). These requirements are not the same for exchange students, as the minimum amount of contact hours is determined by the home school.

Elective courses have a weight of 10, 15 or 20 academic sessions. The official start/end date of each exchange student's elective period at IE will depend on which electives he/she has enrolled in following the bid. Thus, it is possible to complete the home school contact hour requirements well before the official end date of the elective period. Please note that we recommend a student commit to a minimum 6 week exchange period at IE.

Language of Instruction and Language Requirements

While the large majority of electives are taught in English, there is also a large offering of elective courses taught in Spanish. Once the elective index is made available, it is important to reference the language in which a course is taught. The home school is responsible for ensuring that the exchange student has an adequate level of English or Spanish. For those students interested in learning Spanish, we provide the opportunity to join existing Spanish language classes with other MBA students.

Academic Requirements

All exchange students must be in good academic standing in an MBA or similar postgraduate program at one of IE's partner schools. Each partner school is responsible for selecting and nominating students for an exchange with IE based on their internal requirements. Upon official nomination from the home school, students will receive a welcome email with access details to IE's online portal, the long exchange website and details regarding the student visa application.

Grading System

IE Business School uses a curved grading system with the following distribution:

Grade	GPA	Percentage
A	4.00	5%
A-	3.66	15%
B+	3.33	25%
B	3.00	35%
B-	2.66	15%
C+	2.33	5%

In all courses at IE, participation plays a key component in both the learning experience and the final grade. Students that commit to an exchange at IE should come prepared to actively participate in class discussion.



Accommodations in Madrid

IE Business School is an urban campus that does not have student housing installations. All students are responsible for arranging their own housing, but our Student Services Department is happy to help (Student.Services@ie.edu).

Career Services

All exchange students have access to the services provided by the Career Management Center (CMC) while studying at IE Business School. Thereafter, exchange students will have access to the Career Portal (job bank) for six months following the end of the program. For more information, please contact Careers.Online@ie.edu.

Alumni Services

While studying at IE, exchange students will have access to the Alumni Directory and will be able to participate in the associated events. Upon completing their exchange period, students will not obtain alumni status at IE Business School. For information, please contact alumni@ie.edu.

Should you have any questions related to the Exchange Program at IE Business School, please do not hesitate to contact us at IMBAExchange@ie.edu

