Frequently Asked Questions

Where is Rennes?

Rennes is a dynamic student city located in the North-West of France, only 2 hours by regular TGV (high-speed train) from Paris. There are direct flights to Rennes from Paris and the UK.

Rennes is the capital of Brittany, a region with a strong historical background, many tourist attractions, a strong service industry and a beautiful coastline.

http://www.tourisme-rennes.com/en

Why come to Rennes School of Business?

- Large selection of classes at undergraduate and postgraduate level entirely taught in English.
- International environment, faculty and staff.
- Help to find accommodation.
- Welcome service at Rennes airport or train station to take you to your lodgings.
- Beautiful area (St. Malo, Mont St-Michel, Dinard, etc).

Which programmes are offered to the international students?

As long as you meet the *pre-requisites* established by Rennes School of Business, you may apply for:

- Undergraduate Transfer Credit Programme.
- Postgraduate Transfer Credit Programme.

Double degrees:

- International Bachelor Programme in Management.
- Master.

You can find more details on the website: http://www.esc-rennes.fr/index.php/en/programmes/exchange-programmes

Am I eligible to go on exchange?

Yes, if you are registered on an undergraduate or postgraduate business programme at your home university (*which has signed an exchange agreement with Rennes School of Business*). Students pay their tuition fees directly to their home institution.

Am I eligible for a Double Degree?

Yes, at undergraduate or postgraduate level, provided your home institution has signed a Double Degree bilateral agreement with Rennes School of Business.

How long can I stay?

One semester or one academic year. The semesters last about 4 months:

- Autumn semester: September to December.
- Spring semester: January to April/May.
- Academic year: September to April/May.

What is the deadline for applying?

- For the fall semester: 30th May, 2016.
- For the spring semester: 21st October, 2016.
- For the academic year: 30th May, 2016.

I wish to stay longer on exchange. What is the procedure?

The international students are welcome to stay longer at Rennes School of Business provided the home university agrees with the student's request.

The application process will be the same as all the international students and will be validated by the manager of the international studies office.

Can I attend the Summer Programme at Rennes School of Business on Responsible Management in June?

Yes, the summer programme is proposed to the international students. The two-week programme entirely **taught in English** comprises different pedagogical activities, including 30 hours of face to face tuition, case study and personal study time, guest speakers and company visits.

It is aimed at final year undergraduate or Master students. An assessment takes place throughout the course and successful students will be awarded 6 ECTS credits (3 US credits). The International Team is ready to provide more information if needed.

How can I choose my classes?

Once registered, you will be contacted by email before the start of the semester to make your *on-line choice of classes*.

Please note that this step is necessary if you want to get the courses you need.

What is the grading system?

Rennes School of Business uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

What are the minimum credits required per course per semester?

We recommend students to take a **maximum** of 30 ECTS credits per semester. But some students take fewer classes depending on home university requirements.

The **minimum** number of ECTS credits a student can take is 15 ECTS for undergraduate programmes and 18 ECTS for the postgraduate programme (unless mentioned otherwise and depending on the programme prerequisites).

Programme	ECTS credits per semester
Undergraduate classes (IBPM)	4
Undergraduate classes	5
Postgraduate / MSc classes	6
French Language class	3
French Culture class	3
International Summer programme in Responsible Management	6 / two weeks

30 ECTS credits are usually equivalent to 15 US credits or 60 UK credits.

How are the students evaluated?

Students are given a detailed course outline at the beginning of each class in which the professor(s) give the following information: learning objectives and outcomes, course description and main topics, teaching methods and bibliography, methods of assessment. About 50% - 70% of the total mark = final examination. The rest of the % can be assessed on individual and / or group presentations, quizzes, case studies, etc. The final examinations always take place during the last 2-3 weeks of the semester and are compulsory for all students.

How can I learn or improve my French?

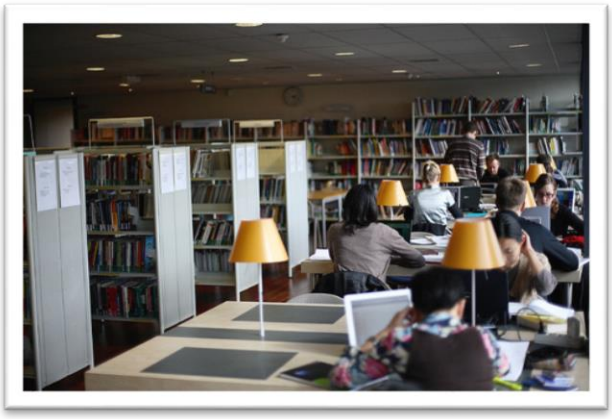
All international students have the possibility to attend courses in French Language and French Culture. These classes earn 3 ECTS credits each per semester regardless of your level of business studies and they usually take place every Wednesday. A placement test is organized on arrival in order to ascertain your level (beginner, intermediate, advanced, etc.). French culture classes are taught in English except for the students who follow the advanced French Language classes.

Students also have the possibility to apply for French courses outside the School: the CIREFE (Rennes International Center for the study of French as an international Language) offers courses exclusively for non-French speaking students. More information can be found on:

http://www.sites.univ-rennes2.fr/cirefe/?q=en

Do I need to fill in a learning agreement?

When planning your study schedule in France, you should check the requirements of your home university and fill in a *learning agreement*. The learning agreement is a confirmation of the list of courses and makes the credit transfer easier after the study exchange. The agreement must be approved by the student, the home university and Rennes School of Business before the student's departure for an exchange. It should be updated immediately when changes occur. Please note that you might have to modify the Learning Agreement for a variety of reasons after arriving to Rennes School of Business, e.g. in cases of timetable clashes and unsuitability of chosen courses (in level or content).



Do I receive a certificate of attendance on arrival?

A certificate of attendance will be provided to the students on request, 2-3 weeks after the Orientation Week.

When will the Rennes School of Business send the transcript of records?

The transcript of the students is sent to the home university the week after the exam board, once all the courses have been validated.

- Fall semester: in March.
- Spring semester: in July.
- Whole academic year: in July.

A copy of the transcript can be sent to the student on request, by filling in the appropriate form.

When will I get my student card?

The International Student Identity Card (ISIC) is printed approximately 2-3 weeks after the Orientation Programme provided all the administrative duties have been completed, such as the photo session which is mandatory for all the international students so as to print the student card.

Is there a welcome service in Rennes?

Yes, the *Well'Come Team* - a student association - will help you on arrival. You will be picked-up at the train station, bus station or Rennes' airport provided you arrive during the official arrival dates. The Well'Come Team will also bring you to your lodgings.

Is there an Orientation Week?

Yes, it is **COMPULSORY** for all the international students, so you have to make sure you will arrive before the beginning of the Orientation Programme. The arrival dates will be mentioned on your acceptance letter.

During the Orientation Programme the Administration and Well'Come teams will do their best to help you "feel at home". Some of the events organized last year for our international students were:

- **Official registration** when you complete a maximum number of administrative duties (health insurance, OFII enrolment, etc.), open a bank account, register to rent bicycles, get a French cell phone number, housing insurance, bus pass and metro pass… All without leaving the comfort of the ESC Rennes School of Business!
- **Personalized training** on our intranet and configuration of your laptop computer.
- **Presentations** on living in France, care and safety, culture shock and Brittany.
- **Outings** – organized by the Well'Come team - to a bowling alley, dinner in a typical Breton *creperie*, visit of St. Malo and other local tourist destinations, guided tours of Rennes, etc.

How can I find accommodation?

Rennes School of Business *Accommodation Department* will contact you by email once you have been accepted. Several options are available, such as:

- Shared flat or house.
- Independent flat / studio in a private residence.
- Private independent flat / studio.
- Home stay or lodger.
- State student hostels.

The rooms are generally furnished and equipped. We advise you to budget between 350 - 500€ per month all included.

Is there any financial help while studying at Rennes School of Business?

Only European students or non-European students with a visa "ETUDIANT" are entitled to housing allowance (called ALS), which reduces their monthly rent. The International Office Team will help you apply during the Orientation Week.

There are no other grants but living in a city such as Rennes is cheaper than in Paris. Reductions are granted to students in transportation (bus, metro, bicycles…), entertainment (cinemas, museums, restaurants…), etc.

How do I obtain a visa?

All non-European students must register with their nearest *CampusFrance Agency* or if this does not exist in their country, the French Embassy or Consulate. For more information, please check with your nearest *CampusFrance Agency*, French Embassy or Consulate.

Upon acceptance, students receive an acceptance letter. This letter is necessary to apply for a visa. Please note that **TOURIST visas cannot be accepted by Rennes School of Business**: students have to make sure they will get a visa which covers the entire exchange period in France.

What are my estimated expenses while studying in Rennes?

A budget is very personal and depends on your way of life. We can only give an estimated guess, which obviously will differ from one student to another:

Room	€350 – 500€ / month on average + 1-2 month's rent deposit (refundable)
Food	€200 / month
Personal expenses	€150
Bus pass	€31 / month
Student Health Insurance	€215 (price for 2015/2016) – *this year's price to be announced*
Complementary Health Insurance	€100 / year
Civil responsibility	€40 / year
Residence Permit (for students with long-stay visa)	€55 / year
Average Total per month	**€700 excluding travel and personal expenses**

Is French Health insurance compulsory?

Yes, **all non-European students under 28 years old are required by French law to take out the French Student Health Insurance**. In 2015/2016 students paid 215 euros. Only students from the European Community are exempt from paying Social Security fees *provided* they can produce a nominative and valid *EHIC card* (European Health Insurance Card) for the length of their studies in Rennes.