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[HEC Paris–International Business School Exchange Program](#)

Founded in 1881 by the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry, HEC Paris specializes in education and research in management sciences. As a leading academic institution in Europe and worldwide, HEC Paris offers a complete and unique range of education programs for students and leaders. HEC Paris has a 94 percent international student body, which promotes an enriching program shaping viewpoints and preparing you to work with people from different backgrounds and cultures around the world.

HEC Paris' MBA Program was ranked 5th in Europe by the *Financial Times* in 2025. It was also ranked 5th in the world and 2nd in Europe via the 2025 QS Global MBA Rankings. With its strong emphasis on the global business environment, HEC Paris partners with over 50 renowned institutions from around the globe to form a dynamic MBA student exchange program.

FACILITIES/HOUSING

The school's campus is located in the scenic Chevreuse Valley, which is 5 km away from Versailles. With 340 acres of woodland, the HEC campus offers a spacious environment with many advantages for students who enjoy the outdoors and picnicking such as forests and a lake. Furthermore, the campus is just 10 miles southwest of Paris, and students can access the city via the suburban railway system. Using this mode of transport, the average trip to the center of Paris takes one hour, making the commute to the city convenient.

HEC Paris does not provide on-campus housing for exchange students due to the high demand for a limited number of rooms on campus. They will provide the incoming students with resources for securing housing. It is important that the exchange students look for housing as soon as they are nominated, as it can be difficult to secure lodging in the Paris area. Note that rent varies depending on location (Paris downtown, Versailles, Jouy-en-Joses, Massy-Palaiseau etc.) and housing type. Information about off-campus housing options and costs is available on request.

SEMESTER DATES (Approximate Dates)

Fall 2025: September 15 – December 12, 2025

Winter 2026: January 5 – March 17, 2026 (*NOTE: Equivalent to USC's spring semester.)

WORKLOAD – NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED

Fall Term: Exchange students must enroll in one of the following seven specialization tracks: Advanced Management, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Strategic Marketing, Strategy, Data & Artificial Intelligence for Business Transformation, and Sustainable and Disruptive Innovation. Each track includes a backbone course (6 ECTS) and six mandatory courses (18 ECTS) for a total of 24 ECTS units.

Winter Term: Exchange students must take 8 elective courses equivalent to 24 ECTS units in the following areas; Advanced Management, Entrepreneurship, Finance, and Strategic Marketing. Each elective course is worth 3 ECTS credits. Students can mix electives from different specialized areas.

UNIT VALUE AND CONVERSION 2 ECTS units = 1 USC unit

Minimum & Maximum Units: 24 ECTS units = 12 USC units

Note: *You may earn less than 12 units if some courses are not approved for study abroad.*

MINIMUM PASSING GRADE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN USC CREDITS

C (3.0) or better

ESTIMATED COSTS This is an estimated student budget. All costs are subject to change without notice.

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Item	Estimated Amt in US Dollars
USC MBA Tuition Rate (Maximum 12 units x \$2,421* per unit)	\$29,052.00
Room and Board	\$6,000.00
Food	\$2,000.00
Books and Supplies	\$1,000.00
Airfare	\$1,200.00
Local Transportation	\$400.00
USC Health Insurance*	\$1,977.00
Insurance at Host Institute	\$500.00
Visa	\$250.00
Passport	\$140.00
Vaccinations/Health Fees	\$300.00
Miscellaneous/Personal	\$4,000.00
TOTAL	\$46,819.00

*Rate based on Spring 2025

Further information can be found on HEC's website: <https://www.hec.edu/en/mba-programs/mba>