

# MSc Programmes in Management – FAQs

## Can I apply between deadlines or do I have to wait?

The deadlines are just guidelines so you can have an approximation of when you will receive your decision after you submit your application.

However, we run a rolling admissions process; we will validate your application as soon as you submit it. Therefore, you don't have to wait until a deadline to submit your application. The sooner you submit your application, the better!

We encourage you to submit your application even if you do not have all the required documents yet. Once you have done it you will be in contact with your Admissions Officer, who will help and guide you with any questions you might have about the admissions process.

## Where can I find the Admission deadlines?

Please click [here](#) to see the deadlines for the 2022 intake.

## Is the GMAT/GRE mandatory?

Yes. Taking the GMAT or the GRE is mandatory for all our Masters of Science in Management. We will accept GMAT and GRE test scores taken within the last five years. We accept the GMAT™ Online exam, which is an online and remote proctored solution developed by GMAC, the maker of the GMAT™ exam. While open to all candidates, the GMAT online format is intended to support candidates working to meet our upcoming application deadlines. Click [here](#) for more information about the GMAT™ Online exam. We also accept the GRE® General Test at Home.

Please, bear in mind that we do not offer GMAT/GRE waivers.

## Is it possible to apply without GMAT/GRE?

You can submit the online portion of the application without the GMAT/GRE or English certification. You just have to indicate the date that you are planning to sit the exams. In the meantime, you can submit the rest of the documents required for admissions. Please note that you will not get a final decision from the Admissions Committee until we have received your official GMAT/GRE and English certification scores.

## Can you give me conditional admission if I don't have my GMAT/GRE?

Conditional admissions are only awarded to candidates who have not yet obtained their Bachelor's Degree but will receive it before the start of the programme. Applications without GMAT/GRE results or English language test results will not be considered.

## What's the minimum GMAT score?

There isn't a minimum GMAT/GRE score required to be admitted to our programmes.

- The average GMAT is 660 (total score) for all Esade Masters except for the Master in Finance and CEMS MIM.
- The average GMAT is 670 (total score) for the Master in Finance and CEMS MIM.
- The average GRE is 160/162 for the verbal and quantitative sections for all programmes.

## Is professional experience a requirement for admission?

Professional experience is **not** a requirement to be admitted to the MSc Programmes in Management. If you have more than two years' professional experience, you should consider applying for an MBA.

## Can I request a profile evaluation?

Of course! Please send your CV to [mscmanagement@esade.edu](mailto:mscmanagement@esade.edu).

## Which steps do I have to follow to apply to Esade?

To apply you need to:

1. Submit the online [application form](#).
2. Send us the required documentation:
  - University Transcripts.
  - Bachelor's Degree Diploma (if available).
  - Certificate of Language Proficiency in English (taken in the last 2 years).
  - GMAT or GRE Score.
  - Curriculum Vitae/Resume.
  - Photocopy of passport or Spanish identity card.
  - Photo (recent passport-sized photograph with white background. I.e. CV/resume picture).
  - Upload your GMAT/GRE scores and ask the GMAC/ETS organizations to send the official scores to Esade.
  - Upload your English Proficiency proof (an English Test taken in the last two years or proof that your degree was taught in English).

After submitting your application, your Admissions Officer will reach out to you via e-mail and will let you know if anything's missing.

3. Official interview. After submitting all your documents, you may be shortlisted for an interview, which is a mandatory requirement for your admission. All selected applicants are interviewed by an Associate Director of admissions.

## How do I prove my level of English?

Candidates must present one of the following official English proficiency tests (with minimum scores as listed):

- TOEFL: IBT 100.
- IELTS: Overall band score of 7.0 (Academic test).
- University of Cambridge - Certificate of Advanced English (CAE): B+.
- University of Cambridge - Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): C+.
- Pearson: PTE 68 (Academic test).

If you have completed a bachelor's degree either in an English-speaking country or entirely in English (min. 3 academic years/at least 120 ECTS), you are exempt from this requirement. If the bachelor's degree was entirely taught in English (in a non-English speaking country), a certificate from the university (i.e. a diploma supplement) stating language of instruction will be required.

CEMS applicants: A bachelor's degree can be accepted if issued in an English-speaking country, by a CEMS institution or by an AACSB/EQUIS-accredited institution. Please check the [CEMS webpage](#) for more information.

## What studies do I need to access the MSc Programmes in Management?

Before beginning an Esade MSc Programme in Management, you must have been awarded an undergraduate degree entitling you to undertake postgraduate studies in the degree-granting country. If the student does not have the qualification required, the admission/registration will be academically void, and any qualifications obtained will be cancelled.

Find out more about this admission requirement [here](#).

## What is the difference between the MSc Programmes in Management and an MBA?

Our MSc Programmes in Management are designed for young graduates without professional experience (internships are not counted as professional experience) or with minimal professional experience (under two years). The MSc programmes capitalise on previous knowledge by approaching it from a practical perspective and specialising in an area of interest. You also develop a range of personal and professional skills which will boost your career opportunities.

MBA programmes from world-leading business schools, such as Esade, are aimed at professionals with at least two years of full-time professional experience. In fact, the average of our students is five years. MBAs are for

graduates from any discipline who want to receive in-depth management training. Some MBA programmes do not require a minimum of two years of professional experience: however, these tend not to appear in rankings or on recruiters' shortlists.

## Are the programmes taught in English?

Yes, all our MSc programmes are taught in English.

## Do I need to speak Spanish?

No knowledge of Spanish is required but you will take Spanish language classes during the programme (excluding the MSc in Global Strategic Management). You will find detailed information in the section of the relevant programme.

## Is there any financial assistance for the MSc Programmes in Management?

Yes. You can apply for merit awards and need-based scholarships. We also organise an annual business plan competition with grants for some programmes as awards. For more detailed information, [please visit the scholarship section of our website](#).

## Do you need my official transcripts during the admissions process?

We accept non-official transcripts during the admissions process. Therefore, you can upload them in the Document Management System and they will be considered during your admissions process. In case you are admitted to the programme, you will have to submit the original ones duly legalised.

## Can I apply first and send the documents later?

It is not necessary to send all the documents at the time of your application submission. Candidates can fill and submit the application first and send the documents later on. However, bearing in mind the time needed to prepare for the GMAT or GRE, it is advisable to include at least the test date in the online application if the test results are not yet available.

Your application will be considered complete once we have all your documents and tests, and it will not be reviewed by the Admissions Committee until we have them.

## Can I get an application fee waiver?

We do not provide application fee waivers.

## Is it possible to contact a current student?

Yes, of course! You will find the “Chat with our students” section at the end of the home page of each programme.

- [Master in International Management](#)
- [Master in Innovation and Entrepreneurship](#)
- [Master in Marketing Management](#)
- [Master in Finance](#)
- [Master in Business Analytics](#)
- [Master in Global Strategic Management](#)

## Can I apply for two programmes at the same time?

Yes, but please do not send two different applications. Simply submit one application for your preferred programme, and indicate your second choice in the application form.

## How long are the programmes?

All our MSc programmes last for one academic year.

## Is the programme part-time or full-time?

All our MSc programmes are full-time.

## Can I have a part-time job while I’m studying for my MSc?

Since our programme is full-time, it is not possible to study and work at the same time.

## What are the options for a second-year programme?

You can choose between pursuing a second Master of Science in Management at Esade or studying another programme at one of our world-leading partner schools. For more information click [here](#).

## What are the starting dates of the programme?

All MSc programmes start in September.

## Do you accept students with a non-management academic background?

Yes. The Esade Masters of Science in Management are aimed principally at graduates in business management or economics, but graduates from other academic backgrounds could also apply to some of our master programmes

Candidates with non-management academic backgrounds will be required to enrol in the Business Integration Path or a Pre-Programme before the start of their MSc Programme depending on their academic background. The assistance will be mandatory for these candidates, who will be informed about it in their admission letter.

Please check the specific requirements for the MSc Programme of your interest [here](#).

## I haven't graduated yet; can I apply to Esade?

It is possible to apply to Esade while being in the last year of University, as long as you graduate before classes start. Admitted candidates in this situation will be required to submit a copy of their diploma before the start of the programme.