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Semesters Available: Spring or Academic Year
GPA Requirement: Good academic standing
Language of Instruction: French the official language, but many courses are taught in English.

Academic Calendar:
Fall: August-December
Spring: January-May

Study in English, live in France!

Through an agreement between IESEG and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Cornell University, CALS undergraduate students study at IESEG for a semester or a year. Students study alongside IESEG’s and International students and are eligible to participate in the many activities sponsored by IESEG and its student body.

Established in Lille in 1964 and member of the "Conférence des Grandes Écoles", IESEG is now one of the top 10 business school in France (out of ~207 business schools).

IESEG’s mission is to train and prepare future executives and leaders in the corporate world both nationally and internationally, create actors of change in a professional environment that is constantly changing and improving. IESEG has a total of 2,700 students on both the Lille and Paris campuses.

IESEG is part of the Catholic University of Lille, which by the organization, size, infrastructure, resources and quality is very similar to that of some famous British universities.

Being a member of the University also allows IESEG students to have access to lots of other resources: cafeteria and university restaurants, halls of residence, the sports centre, medical centre, etc.

This exchange program is open to undergraduate CALS students of sophomore or higher standing, and is awarded on first-come, first-serve basis.

Areas of Study

Accounting
Communication
Personal Development
Economics
Finance
International Business and Strategy
Language
Management
Information Systems
Marketing
Negotiation
Operations Management
Quantitative Methods

Course Selection

There are over 200 management courses offered in English—both campuses offer the same courses. You must earn at least a 10/20 to earn credit.

The course selection form you send IESEG as part of your application is for your reference only: use it to choose your courses. Course selection and online registration will take place during the orientation seminar. You will get an individual interview with one of the exchange coordinator (Studies Department) to confirm your course list and schedule.

Course syllabi are available here. CALS students must take 30 ECTS while at IESEG. This means that you may take about 15 courses per semester to validate the 30 ECTS credits: this is
normal. All exchange students have access to Bachelor courses and Master electives.

All schools (including IESEG Lille) that are located on the Lille campus of Catholic University have a kind of mutual agreement that allows to their students to choose classes in both institutions (as far as possible, according to the timetables). In this regard, we regularly have students who attend classes at Catholic University or in another school like EDHEC, for instance. This is no problem, but you should take the majority of your coursework at IESEG. Keep in mind that courses at other schools might not have course offerings in English. If you would like to take classes outside of IESEG, we'll need to notify Miss Helene Guinard at IESEG to make arrangements.

Campuses: Lille or Paris

Lille: A modern campus in a picturesque French city

With 1.2 million inhabitants, the metropolis of Lille is the third-largest urban area in France, encompassing distinctive neighborhoods: Bois Blancs, Centre, Faubourg de Béthune, Fives, Lille-Sud, Moulins, Saint-Maurice Pellevoisin, Vauban-Esquermes, Vieux-Lille, Wazemmes. Each neighborhood is unique, with its special weekly open markets, bars, and shops.

Once in Lille, you will discover a unique blend of European traditions: integrating the charm of French city life and with Northern European architecture and history. With 5 European capitals within a 250 km radius, Lille is also a strategic cross-road in Northern Europe. High-speed trains (TGV) puts downtown Lille 1 hour away from Paris, 1 hour and 40 minutes from London and 40 minutes from Brussels.

The first and main IESEG campus is situated in the heart of Lille, known for the warm welcome it gives to outsiders and the dynamism of the city. With over 100,000 students, Lille is the second largest university city in France. The IESEG campus in Lille occupies 124,000 sq ft in the center of Lille. Workrooms, computer rooms, wireless internet, are all open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Lille is only a 60 minute train ride to Paris, and in the center of Europe, making travel very easy.

Student associations at IESEG: International Club, BDE (Student Association), BDS (Sports Association), Department of Arts, IESEG Conseil, IÉSEG Finance, etc.

Student associations at the main university La Fédé: [http://www.fede-lille.com/](http://www.fede-lille.com/)

[More photos here!](#)

Housing in Lille: IESEG will assist you in finding housing in Lille.

Paris: Europe’s main business hub

As France’s capital, Paris is a major source of culture, history, fashion, food, and more. The city’s rich cultural and historical base, coupled with its tendency to transform and develop, makes Paris an innovative and dynamic city.

How do you define a Parisian? In numbers, the population stands at an estimated 2 153 600 inhabitants. The usual clichés would have us believe that they are always in a hurry, stressed and arrogant, though their image also blends with that of the French lover, romantic and “bon vivant.”

IESEG’s Paris campus is situated in the iconic Grande Arche building, at the heart of the business district of La Défense. Paris is not only the economic and business capital of France, but also the symbol of French culture. World-famous for its monuments as well as its artistic and cultural life, Paris welcomes over 30 million visitors a year.

On the 6000 m2 platform the campus has 13 amphitheatres,
10 classrooms, 3 multimedia centres, 1 library (350 m²) 1 cafeteria and rooms available for school associations. IESEG opened another building of 2000 sqm in September 2011, Building H. This new building is opened on Saturday morning.

This prime location allows the school to reinforce its links with companies and build on its already excellent reputation nationally and internationally. Paris is the location of major headquarters (French and International companies: Darty, FNAC, NEspresso, etc). Furthermore, many branches of these companies have offices around the Grande Arche of La Défense (such as GE, Ernst & Young, FNAC, etc).

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Watch a short video about the Paris campus!

More photos here!

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Internships in France

It may be possible to do an internship in France, provided that:

- you speak good French
- legal conditions regarding your student status allow it
- you have finished courses to be able to start an internship
- you are a registered IESEG student
- you are covered by the French health insurance program
- Once you've been admitted by IESEG, you can find details on internships on IESEG's Intranet ([http://intraieseg/](http://intraieseg/)), part “projet professionnel” and the “infos stages”.

Student Visa

If you are from a non-EU or EEA country and are planning to stay for more than 3 months (IESEG's semester is 4 months, so this probably applies to you!) you need a student visa before you leave for France. You cannot apply for the visa until you receive your acceptance letter. The CALS Exchange Office provides students with support to complete the application materials.

Once you arrive in France, you are also obliged to register with the local authorities (OFII form is used for this purpose). The partner university will help you with this process.

Program Costs

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell “C” or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

How to Apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS-not the university directly.