

Coronavirus (COVID-19) ESCP Business School Berlin Campus FAQs Updated 26 Aug 2021

Information for the Berlin Campus community of ESCP Business School about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

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1. LATEST INFORMATION FOR BERLIN AND ENTERING GERMANY

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT COVID REGULATIONS IN BERLIN?

Lockdown restrictions in the state of Berlin have been eased. Here's what is permitted:

- Gathering with up to 100 people outdoors
- Privately gathering indoors with no limit on the number of people
- Shopping at retail stores (strict hygiene requirements are in place).
- Eating and drinking at outdoor venues; eating indoors with a negative test, proof of vaccination or recovery.
- Going to the gym, dance studio, or other facility with an appointment and negative test/proof of vaccination/proof of recovery
- Staying at hotels, hostels and B&Bs for holiday bookings

You must continue to:

- Reduce contact with those outside your household to the absolute minimum
- Maintain a minimum distance of 1.5 meters from those outside your household.
- Wear a FFP2 mask over your mouth and nose in the following:
 - Public transport, including railway stations
 - Airports and taxis (drivers do not have to wear a mask)
 - In medical practices and hospitals
 - In hospitals
- You are allowed to wear any medical mask (surgical or FFP2) in the following:
 - In retail stores
 - School buildings
 - Administrative buildings
 - Cultural events
 - Markets
- Isolate from all contacts and quarantine for at least 14 days if you test positive for coronavirus.

Useful links

Regulations change often. For a full current list of all allowed and restricted activities, visit: <https://www.berlin.de/corona/en/measures/>

The city of Berlin offers residents one free rapid test per week until 11 October 2021. Find a list of testing locations here: <https://test-to-go.berlin/>

For more information on getting a coronavirus vaccine in Berlin, please visit: <https://www.berlin.de/corona/en/vaccination/>

WHAT RESTRICTIONS APPLY ON TRAVEL TO GERMANY?

There are regulations you must follow when entering Germany. **These regulations change frequently and rapidly, so we highly encourage you to pay attention to the specific requirements** closer to the start date of your travels and for the country from which you're travelling. Please also note that if you are flying to Germany but transit through another country, you will have to consider their entry requirements as well. Relevant information from the German Federal Foreign Office's website can be found [here](#).

Germany's center for disease control, the [Robert Koch Institute](#) (RKI), provides the international public health assessments on which travel restrictions are based. You will want to know in which [risk category](#) your country falls:

1. Area of variant of concern
2. High risk area
3. Regions no longer considered as risk areas

Generally, travellers to Germany will have to:

1. Complete a [digital registration form](#)
2. Provide either a negative test or proof of immunity through vaccination/recovery (If you are entering from an area of variant of concern, you must provide a negative test, no exemptions.)
3. Abide by state and federal quarantine rules

WILL I HAVE TO QUARANTINE WHEN ARRIVING TO BERLIN?

Yes, if you have stayed in a [high-risk area or area of variant of concern](#) in the previous 10 days prior to entering Germany. If this is the case, you are obliged to go directly to your home or accommodation and remain exclusively at this location. The basic quarantine period following a stay in a **high-risk area is 10 days** and, following a stay in an **area of variant of concern, 14 days**.

Following a stay in a **high-risk area**, quarantine may be ended early by submitting a **negative test result after 5 days or proof of full vaccination or recovery** to the [Federal Republic's travel portal](#). Quarantine ends the moment such proof is submitted.

Following a stay in an **area of variant of concern**, the quarantine must last for a period of 14 days. There is **no exception**, even if you are vaccinated. If the country you traveled from is re-classified as a high-risk area, then those rules would apply.

Check [the RKI's website here](#) for more details or stay updated on the [Federal Ministry of Health's](#) website.

WILL I HAVE TO QUARANTINE IF I AM VACCINATED?

If you are coming from a high-risk area, proof of vaccination can exempt you from the obligation to quarantine on entry, but you must submit proof on the [Federal Republic's travel portal](#). However, if you are coming from an area of variant of concern, this does not apply -- you must quarantine for 14 days, without exception.

CAN I GET VACCINATED IN BERLIN?

Yes you can, once you have officially registered at your address or you have signed up for a valid public or private German health insurance. Vaccinations are the best way to protect yourself and others from infectious diseases, and so we highly recommend getting vaccinated, but it is not compulsory as a prerequisite to attending classes at ESCP.

In Berlin, you can get vaccinated at a state-run center or with a primary care physician/Hausarzt. Learn more about where to get vaccinated and what you need [here](#).

2. CURRENT BERLIN CAMPUS REGULATIONS AND PROTOCOLS

IS THE BERLIN CAMPUS OPEN TO STUDENTS?

In-person teaching will resume on-campus along with student access to campus services at the beginning of the 2021-22 academic year, provided that the public health situation remains stable. However, in line with ESCP's digital strategy, a portion of classes will take place online.

Currently, the Library is open for on-site use every day from 9am to 4pm unless changes are notified. Booking an appointment via [ANNY](#) is mandatory, as is providing a negative test and wearing a medical mask (FFP2 recommended) throughout the duration of your stay on campus.

For any information about the Library, please contact library-berlin@escp.eu

WHAT DO I NEED TO ENTER CAMPUS?

You will need **one of the three options** in order to enter campus:

1. A **recent negative test** result not older than 48 hours. Rapid antigen or PCR tests are acceptable (self tests are not permitted).
2. Proof of **full vaccination** (the second shot must have been administered at least 14 days ago). The vaccine must be an EU-approved vaccine.

3. Proof of **recovery from COVID not older than 6 months**. Please keep in mind that after the six-month window, you will be obliged to show either option 1 or 2.

Students will also be required to download the [Luca app](#), register for an account, and check in with a QR code every time they enter the campus grounds. This app securely stores information about places visited and can only be accessed by relevant health authorities if someone has been exposed to a positive COVID case.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO ON CAMPUS? WHAT SANITARY MEASURES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED?

Students on campus will be required to:

1. **Wear a medical mask** (FFP2 recommended) **at all times when inside** the campus buildings. If you are alone in a study room or eating, you do not need to wear a mask.
2. Keep a **distance of 1,5m** from others
3. **Wash your hands** with soap and water often, and **use hand sanitizer** from time to time

Cleaning

The university has contracted a cleaning company to carry out daily basic cleaning of the university buildings. Furthermore, the company will also undertake intermediate cleaning during the course of the day and disinfect frequently frequented areas.

Ventilation

The university has purchased CO2 measuring devices to monitor air quality. Furthermore, we are prioritizing regular and repeated ventilation of the rooms to ensure that the indoor air quality is sufficient.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I CAN'T ARRIVE IN BERLIN IN TIME FOR THE START OF THE FALL SEMESTER?

You will have the option to take ALL your classes and exams completely online for the first term.

CAN I COME TO CAMPUS IF I DON'T HAVE CLASS?

No, students who are not scheduled for an in-person lecture on any given day should not enter campus for any reason. This also means that students should not book an *in-person* slot for any campus services, such as a workspace at the library. This measure is to ensure that we maintain the adequate capacity to respect all health and safety regulations.

CAN I TAKE MY CLASSES ONLINE IF I FEEL SICK OR DON'T FEEL SAFE? DO I NEED PERMISSION TO DO SO?

If a student is scheduled to be on campus on a certain day but they feel unsafe or sick for whatever reason, students may elect to take their classes online. This is at the discretion of the student and they do not have to notify anyone.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID?

Immediately inform your programme manager, who will provide further guidance. You are not allowed to come to campus; you must quarantine exclusively at home.

WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE ELSE TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID OR IF THERE IS AN OUTBREAK?

If you have potentially been exposed, your programme manager will notify you. The Berlin Health Department/Gesundheitsamt may also contact you if you've been in close contact with a confirmed case. If ESCP reaches a certain number of confirmed positive cases, the campus must close. During this time, all lectures will take place online.

WHERE SHOULD I DIRECT MY QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19 AND THE DIFFERENT FORMS OF SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO ME?

Programme-related queries should be directed to your programme manager. These individuals can tell you about your programme structure, rules, calendar, and timetable.

3. ADVICE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND APPLICANTS

***Please note that the following advice applies to candidates for any of the Specialised MSc programmes and for those **whose assigned recruiting campus is Berlin** for the Bachelor in Management, Master in Management, and MBA in International Management.

HOW ARE CLASSES CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE?

The ESCP Berlin Campus must operate within public health regulations of the federal and city government. We have and will continue to open campus to students as permitted by authorities. Tentatively, the Berlin Campus will re-open for the Fall 2021 semester, with students attending classes in a hybrid format.

CAN I APPLY WITHOUT A GMAT/GRE SCORE?

If you are applying to the Master in Management, the Specialised MScs or the MBA and do not have a GMAT/GRE score, you have the option of taking our in-house SHL test. The MBA does not accept scores from GMAT exams taken online.

For the Bachelor in Management or Executive Education programmes, there is no required quantitative/verbal exam of any type.

CAN I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITHOUT AN ENGLISH TEST?

Yes, we will accept applications without proof of English if you are unable to provide official test certificates for the Specialised MScs and the MBA in International Management. For these programmes, if you don't submit an official test score, you will need to take an English test during Admissions Days.

For the Master in Management, you may have a few options. If you are a native speaker or you completed your undergraduate degree in an English-speaking country, then you are exempt from this requirement. Otherwise, you must submit a valid English test result when you submit your application.

For the Bachelor programme, we will accept and review applications without an official test score. However, you will be required to provide it before the start of the academic year.

WHICH ENGLISH CERTIFICATES ARE ACCEPTED?

The Bachelor in Management (BSc) programme accepts: TOEFL iBT (min. 90 points), UKVI IELTS (min. 6.5) or CAE (C1).

The Master in Management accepts: TOEFL (min.100), TOEIC (min. 935), IELTS (min. 6) or Cambridge (min. 179).

The TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition and IELTS Indicator are available in home versions, although not in all countries.

For English exceptions or other tests, please contact the admissions coordinator for the programme in question.

CAN I GET AN APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENSION?

For most ESCP programmes, we would advise you to delay your application to the next upcoming admissions deadline. We may, however, consider individual deadline extensions in exceptional circumstances. Please email the corresponding admissions coordinator with clear reasoning for the request.

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CAN I DO THE INTERVIEW/ADMISSIONS DAY ONLINE?

Yes, Admission Days are currently being held online using Zoom.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

We would be happy to provide you with more information via email/call. Please contact your admissions coordinators:

- Bachelor team: admissionsberlin@escp.eu
- Master in Management: mimberlin@escp.eu
- MSc in Strategy and Digital Business + MSc International Sales Management: mseikat@escp.eu
- MSc in International Sustainability Management: jthater@escp.eu
- MSc in Sustainability Entrepreneurship & Innovation: sschmuck@escp.eu
- MBA in International Management: amasse@escp.eu
- Executive MBA: ckotze@escp.eu