



# **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

## **ESCP London Campus FAQs**

### **Updated 25/06/2020**

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

This page is updated with guidance from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) and Public Health England (PHE).

This guidance is reviewed and updated every 48 hours.

[Official video statement from Prof. Simon Mercado, Dean of ESCP London Campus](#)

#### **WHAT PRECAUTIONS HAS THE LONDON CAMPUS TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS?**

The London Campus of ESCP has complied fully with Public Health England guidelines concerning the prevention and spread of COVID-19.

Since 16/03/2020, we have moved all teaching activities for taught undergraduate and postgraduate students onto our online platform. Our current academic year will conclude on this basis.

Since 20/03/2020, we have affected a full closure of our campus and facilities. All students are now completing their programmes of study off-campus, and our staff and faculty are working remotely under a comprehensive home-working regime.

All on campus events remain suspended until 09/09/20. Previously scheduled activity has either been cancelled or moved online.

#### **DO YOU HAVE PLANS TO RE-OPEN THE CAMPUS AND, IF SO, WHEN?**

The London Campus is committed to doing everything possible to resume its on-site operations as soon as possible.

We are presently organising for a re-opening to staff on 17/08/20 and to students and the public on 09/09/20. This is contingent upon the U.K. Government's approval for educational

establishments to open their sites later in the summer in accordance with the UK Government's Roadmap to Recovery.

Programmes will commence on 14/09/20 or 28/09/20.

## **WHAT IS THE PLAN FOR TEACHING & LEARNING AT THE START OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR?**

All educational establishments in the United Kingdom are preparing to apply social distancing measures in the Autumn term or as soon as they re-open. At time of writing it is unclear whether or not a 2m, 1.5m or 1m rule will be in force. We will take all social distancing and sanitary measures necessary to offer you a safe and healthy environment that complies with UK regulations and the best scientific advice available.

Given the likely requirement for on-campus social distancing measures, we intend for you to experience a minimum of 50% of your overall classroom time on an in-person basis (respecting social distancing) with your remaining hours completed online. A minimum in-class target of 60% of all teaching hours applies to smaller specialist MSc programmes.

For as long as social distancing provisions apply:

- Small in-person classes, seminars, tutorial groups and other small group sessions will run on campus where possible
- Lectures and large group teaching will be delivered predominantly online
- Students will experience a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning

As soon as circumstances allow, we will revert back to our normal combination of in-person and online activity and remove or relax social distancing provisions.

## **WHAT IF I CAN'T GET TO CAMPUS ON TIME FOR THE START OF MY PROGRAMME? CAN I STUDY ONLINE?**

Existing local and global restrictions may make it difficult for all students to arrive on campus in time for the start of term in September. As such, we are also planning to be able to offer your course online for as long as should prove necessary. Our London professors have developed some important guiding principles for their online teaching. You can be assured that you will get to know your professor in class, you will interact with your classmates in class, and participate in a collaborative learning experience that is as close as possible to that of all the other students on your course for as long as should prove necessary.

We do not envisage running an online version of your programme indefinitely and online instruction is offered as an alternative to on-campus experience for as long as travel restrictions or other factors weigh against your ability to join us in person.

## **WHAT IS THE INFORMATION AND TIMETABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMES?**

### **Bachelor in Management (BSc) programme:**

The 2020/21 academic year will start on 14/09/20 for 1st-year students of the Bachelor in Management (BSc) programme. Classes will be delivered on campus and online in a 'blended' approach influenced by the requirement for social distancing measures. Admitted candidates will receive further information by email. For more information please visit <https://www.escpeurope.eu/programmes/bachelor>

### **Master in Management:**

The Master in Management (MIM) will start the new academic year on 14/09/20. Admitted candidates will receive further information by email and are free to contact our admissions team. For more information please contact [masterlondonadmissions@escp.eu](mailto:masterlondonadmissions@escp.eu).

### **MBA in International Management**

The MBA in International Management will start on the Paris Campus on 28/09/20 and the London Campus on 05/10/20. Prerequisite courses will be run from 31/08/20 to 25/09/20. Admitted candidates will receive further information by email and are free to contact our admissions team: [masterlondonadmissions@escp.eu](mailto:masterlondonadmissions@escp.eu)

### **Specialised Masters**

Our Specialised Master programmes in Energy Management (MEM) and Digital Transformation Management & Leadership (MDT) will start the new academic year on 28/09/20. Admitted candidates will receive further information by email and are free to contact our admissions team on [masterlondonadmissions@escp.eu](mailto:masterlondonadmissions@escp.eu).

Other Specialised Master programmes either have a January start date or will commence on sister ESCP campuses, where you can obtain information on their start dates.

### **Executive Master in Manufacturing Automation & Digital Transformation (EMMA)**

The academic year for EMMA will start online on 13/07/20. Your virtual classroom experience will be followed by on-campus sessions at later stages of the programme. The EMMA programme is a one-year, five-week modular programme held in both the UK and Italy with additional virtual collaboration and learning. All classroom experiences in both the UK and Italy will follow national governmental recommendations, with present assumption of social distancing. Admitted participants will receive all relevant information via email. For more information, please visit [www.escp.eu/emma](http://www.escp.eu/emma) or contact us at [emmalondon@escp.eu](mailto:emmalondon@escp.eu).

### **Executive MBA (EMBA) and General Management Programme (GMP)**

Both the EMBA and GMP programmes will start on 21/09/20 on the Paris Campus. Currently, the Paris Campus is open and will hold classes respecting sanitary and social distancing requirements prevailing for Paris-based establishments. A blended model for both programmes is anticipated for the first phases of these programmes. All details and further information will be provided via email. For more information, please visit [www.escp.eu/emba](http://www.escp.eu/emba) or [www.escp.eu/gmp](http://www.escp.eu/gmp), or contact us at [emba\\_london@escp.eu](mailto:emba_london@escp.eu).

### **Custom and Hosted Programmes**

ESCP London Campus continues to digitalise and expand customised management education with unique approaches and expertise. We continue to work with our clients and partners to achieve designs and frameworks that fit organisational needs whilst respecting both corporate

policies and government regulations where appropriate. For further detail please visit <https://escp.eu/corporate-services/custom-solutions> or contact us at [ayared@escp.eu](mailto:ayared@escp.eu).

## **WHAT SANITARY MEASURES HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE FOR INDIVIDUALS STUDYING OR WORKING ON THE LONDON CAMPUS?**

Current planning and preparations are based on a 2m distancing rule. Should guidelines to educational establishments suggest a different rule or measure (1m or otherwise) the School will revert to such a distance at the point of any change in guidelines.

Other sanitary measures will be in place when the Campus re-opens should they be deemed advisable by UK authorities. This includes (at time of writing): optional temperature checks; restrictions on access to those with a temperature exceeding 37.8 degrees; exclusion for individuals experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms; and the wearing of face masks in communal areas. One way circulation plans will also apply where recommended by Public Health England.

All individuals on campus will also be instructed to maintain a number of sanitary actions on a daily basis. You will be asked to:

- Wash your hands very regularly or use a hydro-alcoholic solution for at least 20 seconds (such solution will be widely available)
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or tissues, not your hands
- Avoid shaking hands and hugging
- Use disposable tissues
- Wear a mask in communal areas of the School
- Avoid close contact with anyone who appears unwell on campus
- Not touch your mouth, eyes or nose if your hands are not clean
- Dispose of masks and gloves (if you choose to wear them) in dedicated sanitary bins

## **WHAT RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO PERSONS WHEN OFF-CAMPUS?**

As of 01/06/20 there are a number of enduring restrictions applying to all individuals living in England.

You still cannot:

- visit friends and family inside their homes
- stay overnight away from your own permanent address in the UK, except for in a limited set of circumstances, such as for work purposes
- exercise in an indoor sports court, gym or leisure centre, or go swimming in a public pool
- use an outdoor gym
- gather outdoors in a group of more than six
- Travel on public transport without wearing a mask or face covering

Other lockdown restrictions have been eased and you are now allowed to leave your home for the following reasons:

- Schooling (where your school is approved to open)
- Shopping (though shopping trips should be as infrequent as possible)
- Exercise (such as a run, walk or cycle), though this should only be done alone or with people with whom you live
- Any medical need
- To provide care or to help a vulnerable person
- Travelling to and from work/school

No curfews are in place, and no paperwork is needed to leave your home.

If you do go out, you are still instructed to keep two metres apart from people with whom you do not live. This distancing rule is currently under review as are all listed restrictions.

## **WHAT ABOUT TRAVEL FROM THE UK?**

The UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) currently advises against all but essential travel to certain countries and regions. If you are intending to travel outside of the UK, you should check the FCO's latest travel advice for any countries you are travelling to before departure. Many countries and territories have screening measures (temperature checks, health/travel questions, quarantine) and entry restrictions at border crossings and transport hubs.

When you return, you must follow the rules for entering the UK. You must:

- provide your journey and contact details up to 48 hours before you are due to arrive in the UK.
- not leave the place in which you are staying for the first 14 days you're in the UK except in very limited situations (known as 'self-isolating').

## **WHAT ABOUT TRAVEL INTO THE UK?**

From 8/6/20, there are new rules in place for entering the UK because of coronavirus (COVID-19). The rules are for residents and visitors and stipulate that you:

- Need to provide your journey and contact details when you travel to the UK otherwise you might need to pay a penalty at the Immigration check.
- Cannot leave the place in which you are staying for the first 14 days you're in the UK except in very limited situations (known as 'self-isolating').

This measure will be subject to review every three weeks to ensure it aligns with the latest scientific evidence and supports the UK Government's Roadmap to Recovery.

More details can be found online at <https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control>.

It is our broad expectation that these requirements will be relaxed before September, at least for movement between the UK and other European states.

### **CAN I GET A VISA TO STUDY IN LONDON IF I REQUIRE ONE?**

The Home Office has announced that some UK Visa Application Centres (VACs) are resuming services. Only applicants who have already booked an appointment to attend a UK Visa Application Centre and who have had their appointment deferred will be able to progress their applications at this stage. Where services are resuming, such applicants will be contacted and told what to do next.

It is not currently possible to book a new appointment at a UK Visa Application Centre. We anticipate a resumption of normal services during the summer months.

You may find it helpful to refer to the [Immigration guidance on GOV.UK](#).

### **WHAT IF I AM UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO START MY STUDIES DUE TO COVID-19?**

The Home Office has announced that new international students who have an approved Tier 4 visa or are applying for Tier 4 visas but have been unable, or are not able, to travel to the UK can opt for distance learning and move to campus learning as soon as they can. It will not affect their Tier 4.

### **HOW DO I ACQUIRE IELTS UKVI OR ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EVIDENCE FOR TIER 4 APPLICATION?**

Some IELTS English Test Centres are resuming their services. Please look for the country in which you live to find out if local services have resumed:

<https://www.ielts.org/news/2020/covid19-information-for-our-global-test-taker-community>

The Pearson Test of English (PTE) is accepted by UKVI. Students can opt for an alternative option to IELTS UKVI and can appear for the PTE Test as an English Proficiency Certificate for Tier 4. <https://pearsonpte.com>

List of approved Test Centres:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visa-approved-english-language-tests>

If your country is not listed, ESCP London is conducting in-house English tests which can be used as evidence of your English Proficiency for Tier 4 applications.

## **FURTHER ADVICE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS**

### **WHAT SUPPORT APPLIES FOR EXISTING STUDENTS COMPLETING THE LATER STAGES OF THEIR ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES THIS SUMMER/AUTUMN?**

For questions about your courses, attendance, exams, internships, campus rotations or anything linked to your programme of study, we continue to recommend that you reach out to your usual contacts within Programme Administration (PA) and Careers & Student Services (CSS).

For questions concerning COVID-19 response measures, campus status or services, please use our London Campus enquiries email: [studentaffairslondon@escp.eu](mailto:studentaffairslondon@escp.eu)

If you are having personal difficulties, such as the feeling of isolation and loneliness, anxiety or depression, symptoms of coronavirus, or wish to seek help for anything else of a personal nature, please also feel free to use the School-level support services available. Students are directed to: [studentshelpdesk.covid19@escp.eu](mailto:studentshelpdesk.covid19@escp.eu)

We ask all members of our community to respect the latest NHS advice on self-isolation and preventive measures in the instance of any cold or flu-like symptoms. These guidelines have been issued repeatedly and will continue to be updated. You can also find other relevant information about [Coronavirus and wellbeing](#) or from the [NHS website](#).

### **WHERE CAN I DO AN INTERNSHIP?**

You are strongly advised to focus on opportunities in your own country in order to avoid present complications with international travel and mobility. ESCP will not currently sign or endorse internship agreements for EU residents outside of the EU.

### **WILL NOT COMPLETING AN INTERNSHIP IMPACT MY PROGRESSION OR GRADUATION?**

ESCP Business School is aware of the exceptional nature of these circumstances. Your Programme Directors will be advising you on this matter in accordance with programme regulations, which have significant flexibility.

## **FURTHER ADVICE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS, APPLICANTS AND ADMISSIONS**

### **CAN I VISIT THE LONDON CAMPUS?**

Not until 09/09/20.

## **I AM ATTENDING AN OPEN DAY EVENT AT THE LONDON CAMPUS. WILL IT RUN AND, IF SO, HOW?**

All on-campus activities remain suspended until 09/09/20. We are currently running our open days, events and admissions interviews online.

Please email us to book an online appointment with our Admissions & Recruitment teams or contact the individual recruiters already assigned to your case.

Contact emails:

- Undergraduate team: [bachelorlondonadmissions@escp.eu](mailto:bachelorlondonadmissions@escp.eu)
- Postgraduate team: [masterlondonadmissions@escp.eu](mailto:masterlondonadmissions@escp.eu)
- Executive Education team: [ukexeced@escp.eu](mailto:ukexeced@escp.eu)

This suspension of events also applies to those events organised under the name of the School at any and all external venues within the UK.

Please check our [events page](#) to find out which of our events will now be delivered online as an alternative.

## **I HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW. HOW DO I ATTEND?**

All interviews have now been conducted online and we will be continuing with this approach until further notice. If you have a pending interview, our admissions team will be in touch with you shortly to discuss the details.

## **WHAT IF MY GMAT/GRE TEST HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO TEST CENTRE CLOSURES, OR I CAN NO LONGER TRAVEL TO TAKE MY TEST?**

### **Interim GMAT™ Exam: Available Online**

Since mid-April, GMAT has offered an alternative exam online. This test offers a comparable structure, time, and scoring as the exam delivered in the test centres.

As we progress through the pandemic, many test centers are re-opening worldwide. For more information please visit [mba.com/find-a-seat](http://mba.com/find-a-seat) or [GMAT website](#).

### **New GRE at-home testing:**

To meet the needs of candidates who are unable to take the GRE General Test at a test centre, ETS is temporarily offering a [GRE General Test at-home option](#) in selected areas. The test is identical in content, format, and on-screen experience to the GRE General Test taken at a test centre. It is taken on your own computer at home and is securely monitored by a human proctor online through ProctorU®. For more information visit the [ETS website](#).



If you already have a test score but have been instructed by us to retake it and achieve a higher score, the same conditions apply. You are expected to retake the test online or as soon as centres reopen.

### **CAN I APPLY WITHOUT A GMAT/GRE SCORE?**

Yes. If you do not have a GMAT or GRE, you have the option to do our in-house SHL test. For more information, please contact [masterlondonadmissions@escp.eu](mailto:masterlondonadmissions@escp.eu).

For Executive Education, a GMAT/GRE test is not a requirement. For more information, please contact [ukexeced@escp.eu](mailto:ukexeced@escp.eu).

### **WHAT IF MY ENGLISH TEST HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO TEST CENTRE CLOSURES OR I CAN NO LONGER TRAVEL TO TAKE MY TEST?**

Some English Testing Centres are resuming services. If you are waiting to take an English Language Test in support of a UK visa or immigration application, we recommend that you visit the following resources:

- [IELTS](#)
- [The Pearson Test of English](#)
- [LanguageCert](#)

or contact your test centre for more information and how you can book your Secure English Language Test.

In case you are unable to take your English Test at one of the testing centres, we can offer you our in-house test. New dates have been finalised:

- 30th June, 2020
- 21st July, 2020
- 14th August 2020

For more information please contact our Visa Officer: [ykaur@escp.eu](mailto:ykaur@escp.eu)

### **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. Please contact us for more details:

- Bachelors: [bachelorlondonadmissions@escp.eu](mailto:bachelorlondonadmissions@escp.eu),
- Postgraduate: [masterlondonadmissions@escp.eu](mailto:masterlondonadmissions@escp.eu)
- Executive Education [ukexeced@escp.eu](mailto:ukexeced@escp.eu)

## **CAN I GET AN APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENSION?**

We might consider individual deadline extensions in exceptional circumstances. In order to apply for a deadline extension, please email our admissions team with clear reasoning for the request.

- Undergraduate admissions: [bachelorlondonadmissions@escp.eu](mailto:bachelorlondonadmissions@escp.eu)
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- Executive education admissions: [ukexeced@escp.eu](mailto:ukexeced@escp.eu)

## **WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

We will be happy to provide you with more information via email/call, please contact us to set up an individual call:

- Undergraduate team: [bachelorlondonadmissions@escp.eu](mailto:bachelorlondonadmissions@escp.eu)
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