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If you are applying to ESCP Business School's [MSc in Marketing & Creativity](#), [MSc in Energy Management](#) or [MSc in Digital Transformation Management & Leadership](#), you have an option to choose between two routes that offer different post-study opportunities.

One is in the UK (via the UK Graduate Immigration Route) and the other in France (via our Standard Route). The table on the next page of this document outlines the key differences between the two routes.

Standard Route

UK Graduate Immigration Route

How do you enter the UK for London academic terms?

EU nationals and some non-EU nationals do not require a visa when entering the UK to study for up to six months. [Check if you need a visa here.](#)

- **Can you work in the UK as a non-visa national?** No
- You will also need an enrolment letter specifying the exact UK study dates to show at border control.

If you are a non-EU national without a visa exemption, you will need a [Standard Visitor visa to enter the UK.](#)

- **How long are you allowed to stay with a Visitor visa?** up to 6 months
- **Can you work in the UK with a Visitor visa?** No
- **When to apply?** Between 3 months and 8 weeks before the specialisation start date
- **Cost:** £95
- **Health surcharge:** N/A

Please be aware that fees are subject to change

Both EU and non-EU nationals will need a [Student visa](#) to enter the UK.

- **How long are you allowed to stay?** Up to your graduation date. You must also stay in the UK for at least 12 months of study cumulatively to be eligible for the UK Graduate visa.
- **Can you work in the UK?** Yes, but recommended only outside of your academic terms.
- **When to apply?** Between 6 months and 8 weeks before the specialisation start date
- **Cost:** £348
- **Health surcharge:** £705

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How do you enter France for the Paris academic term?

Non-EU nationals will require a Long-Term Study visa (*Visa de long séjour pour études - VLS-TS*).

- **How long are you allowed to stay?** 4 months, with an opportunity to extend afterwards
- **When to apply?** 2 months before the start of Paris term. This can be done either in the UK during the London terms, or in your home country before the Paris term.
- **Cost:** Fees vary depending on from where you are applying
- **Insurance/Health surcharge:** Any personal insurance
- **Can you travel outside of France?** Yes, to Schengen countries

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- **How long are you allowed to stay?** 4 months, however you will need to come back to the UK afterwards
- **When to apply?** 2 months before the start of Paris term. This can be done either in the UK during the London terms, or in your home country before the Paris term.
- **Cost:** Fees vary depending on from where you are applying
- **Insurance / Health surcharge:** Any personal insurance
- **Can you travel outside of France?** Yes, to Schengen countries

Where can you complete your compulsory work placement (internship or direct employment) and thesis?

Your thesis and compulsory work placement can be done anywhere in the world, provided you have the right visa.

What are the work-placement visa requirements?

- If you want to work **outside of France**, you will be responsible for obtaining a correct work visa (if applicable) on your own. Please be aware that 'type of work' restrictions may apply.
- Non-EU nationals who decide to stay in **France** after the Paris academic term and work while on their Long-Term Study visa can apply for either internships or fixed-term contracts until graduation. If you decide to do so, you must apply for a visa renewal, and also hold a valid residence permit and a French social security number. This work placement should be supervised by an ESCP tutor. Permanent contracts are not allowed.

Please be aware that placements can be both paid and unpaid.

You must complete your thesis and compulsory work placement in the UK.

What are the work placement visa requirements?

- You can apply for internships and fixed-term work placements (until graduation). Any placement experience should be supervised by an ESCP tutor. Permanent contracts are not allowed.

Please be aware that placements can be both paid and unpaid.

Where can you get a Graduate visa?

Non-EU students who are awarded a French Master degree can apply for a **one-year post-study visa in France** up to four years after graduation. This is subject to you holding a valid residence permit.

Indian nationals can also renew their post-study visa for another year. Algerian nationals are not eligible for a French post-study visa.

Cost: EUR 75

See [Campus France](#) for latest information on fees

Following successful completion of your studies on a UK Student visa, you will be eligible to apply for a **two-year Graduate visa in the UK**. You must make your application for the Graduate visa as soon as you graduate and before your Student visa expires, following a minimum of 12 months of cumulative studies in the UK (including your thesis and compulsory work placement). You must apply for the Graduate visa from inside the UK.

Cost: £700

Health surcharge: £1,248

See the [UK Government website](#) for latest information on fees

Can you defer your graduation?

No, but in cases of extenuating circumstances you may request one deferral. Fees apply.

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Who can you talk to for more information?

UK visa support team: visasupportlondon@escp.eu

France visa support team: studentaffairs@escp.eu

This information is accurate as of 24 September 2021. Please contact our teams for the latest updates.



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