



ABOUT

Esdes is the business school of the Catholic University of Lyon. It is highly reputed in France as a leading higher education and research institution. And has more than 100 partner universities in 40 countries that offering French and English business classes for exchange students.

COURSE INFORMATION

Our programs allow both exchange and free mover students to study at Esdes for one or two semesters with the aim of transferring credits back to their own university. Students have the possibility to study with us in French (BCIF) or in English (BCIE). For more information on the courses visit: [Our website](#)

NOMINATIONS

For your nomination[-s] you can submit all necessary information via the form presented by the link, then we will contact you with further steps.

*Only for the exchange coordinators

[Nomination form](#)

APPLICATION

The application takes place online. Once a student has been nominated, they will receive information regarding the application process. Students must have completed their 1st year at their home university and must have a minimum B2 level of the target language (French or English) – certificate required.

Documents required* (in English for BCIE or French for BCIF):

- Application form
- Curriculum Vitae
- A passport/ID photo-scan
- Motivation letter - letter of application indicating student's reasons for applying
- Transcript in English /Official copies from the home university
- Proof of the B2 level of English (or French for BCIF)
- Bachelor degree diploma (*for Master's level students only)
- Two academic or professional recommendation letters (for Master or DD level students only). Letters must be printed on letter head paper, signed and dated

Application calendar

Semester 1

Program opening for nominations

15 March, 2025

Deadline for nominations

2 May, 2025

Deadline for applications

16 May, 2025

Semester 2

Program opening for nominations

10 September, 2025

Deadline for nominations

17 October, 2025

Deadline for applications

24 October, 2025

VISA

If you live in the EU (or the EEA, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco) you do not need a visa. Non-European students need to apply for a visa at the French embassy of their home country. Visa application takes around 2-3 month

For more information, please visit [our website blog](#).



HOUSING

Our university has a housing office, which helps students with their housing requests (*may require additional fees). After acceptance, the student will receive a presentation which will have housing offers from the partner residences and the form to apply for the housing desk assistance.

As well, students may search for their own housing options, however should be careful due to possible scam.

BUDGET ESTIMATION

Average cost of living (per month)

Housing	600€
Food	180€
Utility bills and housing insurance	90€
Lyon TCL transport card	30€
TOTAL	900€

HEALTH

The French Social Security is mandatory for all students under the age of 28 and covers a certain percentage of medical expenses. This social security is free of charge and upon arrival, during check-in, Esdes will provide you with the necessary information to apply. We highly suggest that students purchase a

private travel and health insurance to cover the remaining costs.

European students who plan to study with us in our exchange program do not need to apply to the French Social Security, but must hold a European health card validated for the duration of their stay.

STUDENT SERVICES

- **International Student Club (ISC)**

An association for international students to connect, share experiences, and participate in events.

- **Global Student Assistance (GSA)**

A group of international students who provides help with administrative procedures, health insurance, and settling in Lyon.

- **Cultural Activities**

Organized city tours, excursions, and cultural events to enhance students' experiences.

- **Gym & Sports Facilities**

Access to a variety of sports and fitness activities for all skill levels.

- **Cafeteria & Dining Services**

On-campus dining options offering affordable and diverse meal choices.

- **Visa Prolongation Assistance**

Help with student's* visa extensions, renewals, and compliance with French regulations.

*visa for educational purposes

- **Q&A Sessions (Before Arrival)**

Pre-arrival guidance to answer questions and ease the transition to life in Lyon.

- **Buddy program**

Pairs international students with local students for cultural exchange and easier integration.



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