



### ESC Amiens – Practical Information

École Supérieure de Commerce d'Amiens is a business school located in the city of Amiens, France. Part of the France Business School network, ESC Amiens promotes learning through observation and applied research, while training students in human relations and professional behaviour.

The city of Amiens has a population of 130 000 and is located in the North-East of France, about a 1-hour train ride away from Paris and 2 hours from Brussels. Home to world-renowned author Jules Verne, one of the largest Gothic churches in all of France, and, in December, the largest Christmas market in Northern France, Amiens provides for a unique exchange experience.

#### Website

- Main website: <http://www.esc-amiens.com/>
- Student Exchange website: <http://www.esc-amiens.com/international/>



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## Application Deadlines

- Autumn semester: **May 1**
- Spring semester: **October 15**

## Semester Dates

- Autumn semester: September-December
- Spring semester: January-May

## Application

Students must first be nominated by their university. Once nominated, you will receive a username and password that will be used to complete ESC Amiens' online application.

Documents to be sent by email before the application deadline include:

- Printed copy of application form
- CV in English
- Cover letter in the teaching language of your choice
- Photocopy of passport
- Language test certificates (if you have them)
- Transcript of Records
- Colour .jpeg image of an ID photo

## Official 2016-2017 Exchange Student Guide

<http://www.esc-amiens.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/International-Exchange-Student-Guide-ESC-Amiens.pdf>

## Courses

ESC Amiens offers a wide range of Business courses in both English and French. To browse courses in English, see:

[http://www.esc-amiens.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Bachelor\\_Courses20162017.pdf](http://www.esc-amiens.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Bachelor_Courses20162017.pdf)

To browse courses in French, click the "programs" tab on the main website.

ESC Amiens uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), where 6 ECTS is equivalent to 1 UPEI course. UPEI requires you to be registered for at least 18 ECTS per semester. A full work load is about 30 ECTS per semester. For more information on ECTS, as well as ESC Amiens' grading system, see:

<http://www.esc-amiens.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Course-Credit-Information-for-Exchange-Students-at-ESC-Amiens2.pdf>

French foreign language courses are also offered to exchange students before the beginning of classes as well as during the semester.

## **Accommodation**

Exchange students are required to complete an accommodation form along with the online application form. ESC Amiens will be responsible for organizing your accommodations based on your preferences indicated on the form. However, your preference cannot be guaranteed, since accommodation is subject to availability. Rent varies from €240-€400 per month (depending on the location, room type). Some accommodation options include:

- CROUS student residence
- GSA student residence
- Host family or private accommodation through CRIJ Picardie

Accommodation guide: <http://www.esc-amiens.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Accommodation-Guide-for-Exchange-Students-ESC-Amiens-2016-2017.pdf>

Accommodation form: <http://www.esc-amiens.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Accommodation-Form-Exchange-Students-2016-2017.pdf>

## **Language Requirements**

Although ESC Amiens does not have any official requirements concerning a student's level of English or French, it is recommended that you have a minimum TOEFL score of 550 for courses in English, and a minimum level of B2 (European Framework for Languages) for courses in French.

## **Visa and Travel Information**

Canadian citizens must obtain a student visa if they intend to study at ESC Amiens for more than 3 months. It is recommended that you apply for a visa **well in advance** before booking your flight. You must be accepted to study at ESC Amiens before applying for your student visa. For more information, see: <http://www.campusfrance.org/en>

For France travel advice and advisories, see: <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/france>

## **Insurance**

Non-European students under the age of 28 must have French health insurance. After age 28, exchange students must join the social security system through the health insurance consortium closest to their residence. The 2014-2015 price for health insurance was €213.

Housing must be insured against risks such as theft, fire, and water damage. Multi-risk home insurance includes liability coverage, meaning that the policyholder is insured against claims from third parties who may be injured in an accident on the premises.

## Cost of Living in Amiens

### Food

Basic lunchtime menu in the business district	€14
Combo meal in fast food restaurant	€8
Chicken breast (500 g)	€4
Milk (1 litre)	€1.68
Eggs (12)	€3.94
Tomatoes (1 kg)	€3
Local cheese (500 g)	€4
Apples (1 kg)	€2
Potatoes (1 kg)	€3
Domestic beer in the supermarket (0.5 litre)	€3
Bottle of red wine (good quality)	€7
Coca-Cola (2 litres)	€2
Bread (2 people for 1 day)	€0.98

### Housing

Monthly rent (2 bedrooms) in expensive area	€864
Monthly rent (2 bedrooms) in normal area	€676
Monthly rent (1 bedroom) in expensive area	€511
Monthly rent (1 bedroom) in normal area	€381

### Utilities (monthly)

Utilities (2 bedroom housing)	€125
Utilities (1 bedroom housing)	€75
Internet 8 Mbps	€30

### Transportation

Monthly pass public transport	€30
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### Miscellaneous

City of Amiens official website: <http://www.visit-amiens.com/>