



## ESC Rennes School of Business- Practical Information

École Supérieure de Commerce de Rennes is a business school located in Rennes, the capital city of Brittany, in the North-West of France. ESC Rennes has a student body of 4 330, and is distinguished by its global outlook and international student body and faculty. Courses are offered in both English and French.

Rennes is the tenth-largest city in France, with a population of 700,000. Paris magazine *L'Express* named Rennes as “the most livable city in France” in 2012. The region of Brittany has a strong historical background with a large tourism industry and a beautiful coastline, and is only a quick train ride away from cities like Paris and London.

### Website

- Main website: <https://www.esc-rennes.fr/index.php/en>
- Exchange student website: <https://www.esc-rennes.fr/index.php/en/international-students/student-exchange>

### Application deadlines

- Fall semester: **May 30th**
- Spring semester: **October 30th**
- Academic year: **May 30th**

### Semester dates

- Fall semester: September to December
- Spring semester: January to April/May
- Academic year: September to April/May



### Application Procedure

For information on the application procedure, exchange application and more see <https://www.esc-rennes.fr/index.php/en/international-students/student-exchange> under the tab “admission”.

## Orientation Week

There is a compulsory orientation week for exchange students before the beginning of classes to help you transition to your new environment. An ESC Rennes student will meet you at the airport to pick you up and help you with your arrival. The remainder of the week will consist of presentations on living in France, help with registration (bank account, bike rentals, etc.), and outings.

## Courses

ESC Rennes uses the European Transfer Credit System (ECTS) where 6 ECTS credits is equivalent to 1 UPEI course. 30 ECTS is considered a standard workload per semester. For more information on this grading system, see: <https://www.esc-rennes.fr/index.php/en/international-students/student-exchange> under the tab “admission”.

Courses are offered both in English and French at ESC Rennes. You may create your own study program using the course handbook: <https://www.esc-rennes.fr/index.php/en/international-students/student-exchange>

Keep in mind that some courses may require prerequisites, which will be waived where proof of previous studies match the university’s requirements.

ESC Rennes also offers French language and French culture classes, each worth 3 ECTS per semester. The French culture classes are taught in English, except for students who follow the advanced French classes. Students also have the possibility to apply for French courses outside of the school. The CIREFE (Rennes International Centre for the study of French as an International Language) offers courses to exchange students. For more information, see: <http://www.sites.univ-rennes2.fr/cirefe/?q=en>

## Accommodation

The Accommodation Department at ESC Rennes will contact you by email once you have been accepted to the exchange program. Several options are available, including:

- Shared flat or house;
- Independent flat/ studio in a private residence;
- Private independent flat/ studio;
- Home stay or lodger;
- State student hostels.

Rooms are generally furnished and equipped. It is recommended that you budget between 350-500 euros per month for rent.

## Visa and Travel Information

Canadian citizens must obtain a student visa if they intend to study at ESC Rennes. It is recommended that you apply for a visa **well in advance** before booking your flight. You must be accepted to study at ESC Rennes before applying for your student visa.

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. You will be registered for insurance after your arrival through ESC Rennes. Exchange students have a choice between two French health insurance companies: SMEBA and LMDE. After age 28, exchange students must join the social security system through the health insurance consortium closest to their residence.

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 Rennes**

### **Food**

Basic lunchtime menu in the business district	€12
Combo meal in fast food restaurant	€8
Boneless chicken breast (500 g)	€4.60
Whole fat milk (1 litre)	€1.28
Eggs (12)	€3.26
Tomatoes (1kg)	€3.03
Local cheese (500 g)	€9
Apples (1kg)	€3.39
Potatoes (1kg)	€2.31
Domestic beer in the supermarket (0.5 litre)	€2.11
Bottle of red table wine (good quality)	€6
Coca-Cola (2 litres)	€2.19
Bread for 2 people for 1 day	€1.20

### **Housing**

Monthly rent (2 bedroom) in expensive area	€842
Monthly rent (2 bedroom) in normal area	€774
Monthly rent (1 bedroom) in expensive area	€694
Monthly rent (1 bedroom) in normal area	€481

### **Utilities (monthly)**

Utilities for 2 people in a 900 sq. ft. flat	€69
Internet (8 Mbps)	€32

### **Transportation**

Monthly ticket public transport	€44
Taxi trip on a business day, basic tariff, 8 km. (5 miles)	€23

## **Miscellaneous**

Rennes official website: <http://www.tourisme-rennes.com/en>