

THE GLOBAL MANAGER IN EUROPE

A SUMMER MODULE AT ESSEC BUSINESS SCHOOL, PARIS
June 22 - July 10, 2026



PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

- 40 participants approx.
- Average age: 32
- Average work experience: 8 years
- Some of our prestigious partners:
 Universidad Del Cema (Argentina),
 Macquarie (Australia), Solvay
 (Belgium), PUC Rio de Janeiro (Brazil),
 Concordia (Canada), McGill (Canada),
 Queen's (Canada), University of British
 Columbia (Canada), Universidad
 de Chile (Chili), Fudan (China),
 Universidad de los Andes (Colombia),
 Aalto (Finland), HKUST (Hong-Kong),
 IIM Ahmedabad (India), Tel Aviv
 University (Israel), Luiss Guido
 Carli (Italia), Keio (Japan), Waseda
 (Japan), EGADE Tec de Monterrey
 (Mexico), CENTRUM Catolica (Peru),
 Nanyang Technological University
 (Singapore), National University of
 Singapore (Singapore), University
 of Stellenbosch (South Africa),
 Seoul National University (South of
 Korea), IE Business School (Spain),
 Universitat St. Gallen (Switzerland),
 National Taiwan University (Taiwan),
 Chulalongkorn (Thailand), Imperial
 College (United Kingdom), UCL
 (United Kingdom), UC Berkeley (USA),
 Cornell (USA), Duke (USA), Indiana
 University (USA), Northwestern
 (USA), UNC Kenan-Flagler (USA),
 University of Chicago (USA).



PRESENTATION OF THE MODULE

This 3-week intensive program is designed for MBA students interested in learning about business and management practices in Europe and willing to enhance their intercultural skills.

The main objective of the program is to put together a select group of highly motivated international students and allow them to learn not only about current management issues in Europe from an academic and professional point of view, but also about some of the expertise of France and ESSEC.

3 ONE-WEEK THEMATIC MODULES

- European Geopolitics and Economics
- Management skills in Europe
- Luxury Brand Management

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

- **Duration:** 3 weeks
- **Language of teaching:** English
- **Course Load:** 90 contact hours
- **Credits awarded:** 2 UV (8 ECTS)
- **Schedule:** classes Monday to Friday - 9:30 to 12:30 / 1:30 to 4:30
- **Level:** MBA students
- **Teaching methods:** case studies, lectures and group work with a high level of class interaction.
- **Assessment:** Pass / Fail with mandatory attendance and participation in class.
 No exams or grades.
- **Location:** ESSEC Executive Education CNIT campus in La Défense Paris



CONTENT

Overview of some courses taught in the program

CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS OF LUXURY BRAND MANAGEMENT	The objective of this course is to discuss the key success factors of luxury brand management and the best practices in terms of experiential branding, allowing consumers to dream.
RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP & SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES	The course aims at understanding the complexity and different meanings of the term Diversity while taking a closer look at the key arguments for Diversity Management. The course will focus on examples of demographic changes as one of the key causes of increased workforce diversity in Europe and will explore the key challenges affecting Europe's workforce diversity.
MACROECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN EUROPE	This course will present current and future challenges of the European Economy, including those related to fiscal and monetary policies. We will also discuss structural changes in the labor market, and the consequences of digitalization and climate change.
TEAM-BUILDING & LEADERSHIP	During this workshop, participants will experiment and discuss their natural tendencies in a team, their strengths, and the aspects of teamwork that pose challenges for them.
INTERCULTURAL MANAGEMENT	The course will help students identify situations in which culture needs to be considered in a European context. Various theoretical frameworks will be used to understand current European trends in cultural issues.

SCHEDULE

22	Monday, June	23	Tuesday, June	24	Wednesday, June	25	Thursday, June	26	Friday, June
	Team-Building & Leadership Junko Takagi		Intercultural Management Junko Takagi		Introduction to AI in Marketing Marc Mazodier		Responsible Leadership & Sustainable Business Practices Stefan Gröschl		Sustainable Business Practices
29	Monday, June	30	Tuesday, June	01	Wednesday, July	02	Thursday, July	03	Friday, July
	History of Europe/ Geopolitics Edouard Gaudot		European Negotiation Florent Blanc		Cultural Foundations of Luxury Brand Management Simon Nyeck		Cultural Foundations of Luxury Brand Management Simon Nyeck		CULTURAL OUTING in Paris
06	Monday, July	07	Tuesday, July	08	Wednesday, July	09	Thursday, July	10	Friday, July
	Luxury Brand Management Oscar Sand		Luxury Brand Management Oscar Sand		Leading Luxury Brands in a Changing World Cynthia Decant		Leading Luxury Brands in a Changing World Cynthia Decant		CULTURAL OUTING in Champagne

This is a tentative program schedule. ESSEC reserves the right to make changes to the program.

OUR PROFESSORS



Florent BLANC



Affiliate Professor, Public & Private Policy Department. Ph.D. international relations, Sciences Po Paris, France. Ph.D. political sciences, Northwestern University, United States of America. MA international relations, Sciences Po Paris, France.

Research areas: Negotiation and mediation

Course theme: European Negotiation.

CV: <https://faculty.essec.edu/en/cv/en-blanc-florent/>



Marc MAZODIER



Professor, Marketing Department, ESSEC Business School. Doctorate in Management, IAE Aix-en-Provence.

Research areas: Marketing Communication Strategies, Sports Marketing, AI for marketing.

Notable position: Holder of the Accenture Strategic Business Analytics, Co-holder of the ESSEC Beauty Chair, Co-holder of the ESSEC Sports Chair.

Course themes: AI for Marketing and Business, Marketing Research, Marketing Management, Brand Management, and Integrated Marketing Communication.

CV: <https://faculty.essec.edu/en/cv/mazodier-marc/>



Cynthia DECAN



Lecturer, Marketing & Brand Strategy, ESSEC Business School. Executive Director, ESSEC Beauty Chair. Academic Director, Master in International Management of Perfumes & Cosmetics (ESSEC x ISIPCA x MIPC).

Branding and marketing expert with over 20 years of international experience. Formerly at Pierre Fabre Dermo-Cosmetics, where she managed skincare and haircare brands (Galénic, René Furterer). Specialist in beauty brand strategy, Indie brands (DNVB) and Beauty Tech (AI, AR). Currently works as a consultant in brand positioning and marketing strategy.

Teaching areas:

Beauty & Luxury Brand Strategy, Building a Beauty Brand, Product Innovation, New Beauty Insights (Grande Ecole, Masters, MBA, Executive Education).



Simon NYECK



Teaching Professor, Marketing Department. Ph.D., ESSEC Business School. Doctorate in Management, University of Paris IX – Dauphine. Postgraduate Degree in Management, University of Paris IX – Dauphine – ESSEC – HEC. ITP, IMD Lausanne.

Research areas: Luxury brand management, consumption and shopping attitudes towards luxury products. Male consumption and fashion. Leisure and cultural activities.

Notable position: Director, Center of Excellence in Luxury, Arts and Culture. Chair Professor of Exceptional Savoir-faire Management

Course theme: Cultural Foundations of Luxury Brand Management: Identity, Consumer Experiences and Brand Value.

CV: <https://faculty.essec.edu/en/cv/en-nyeck-simon/>



Edouard GAUDOT



Teacher, Consultant Writer. Research areas: Historian and Political scientist. Specialises in European policies and politics, particularly green policies, EU institutions, European history, Geopolitics and Political ecology

Notable position: Guest Professor at ESSEC-IRENE and Paris-Dauphine

Course theme: European History and Geopolitics

CV: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/edouard-gaudot-9921583/>



Oscar SAND



Professor of Management Practice, Marketing Department, ESSEC Business School. Visiting professor, HEC Lausanne, EHL, Emlyon. Marketing Director, Giorgio Armani and Hugo Boss

Research areas: Luxury brand management, cultural differences in luxury experience, luxury values and five-senses marketing.

Notable position: Academic Director, Master in Luxury Management

Course theme: Luxury Management foundation: Identity, Code & DNA, Luxury value, and cultural differences in luxury experience.

CV: <https://faculty.essec.edu/cv/sand-oscar/>



Stefan GRÖSCHL



Professor, Management Department. Ph.D., Oxford Brookes University, UK. Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education, Oxford Brookes University, UK. MSc in International Hotel and Tourism Management, Oxford Brookes University, UK.

Research areas: Integration of organizational processes in hospitality industry (especially for disabled people).

Course theme: Diversity Management in Europe.

CV: <https://faculty.essec.edu/en/cv/en-groschl-stefan/>



Junko TAKAGI



Teaching Professor, Management Department. Ph.D., Stanford University. AM, Stanford University. MA, University of British Columbia. BA, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.

Research areas: Social psychology: decision making and evaluation processes in small groups, gender and ethnicity, issues of legitimacy, methodology.

Notable position: Chair Professor of Leadership & Diversity.

Course theme: Intercultural Management – European Focus.

CV: <https://faculty.essec.edu/en/cv/en-takagi-junko/>



ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Top graduate and postgraduate students from ESSEC partner institutions. According to the number of confirmed participants, ESSEC reserves the right to cancel or postpone the Summer Module.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1st step: Partner schools nominate students on the online platform

2nd step: Students connect online to upload the following documents: CV, cover letter, latest transcript and photo

Application deadline:
March 9, 2026

Selection results: mid-March

The selection is made by ESSEC. Students should not make any arrangement (flight ticket, accommodation, etc.) before they receive the final confirmation of their admission in mid-March.

ACCOMMODATION

Useful websites:

www.airbnb.com www.my-apartment-in-paris.com
www.paristay.com www.fac-paris.com
www.seloger.com www.appartcity.com

“The ESSEC Summer exchange program was excellently planned and executed, resulting in numerous benefits such as global exposure, expanded networks, cultural awareness, and personal growth. It was a highly enriching experience.”

Participant from NUS Singapore

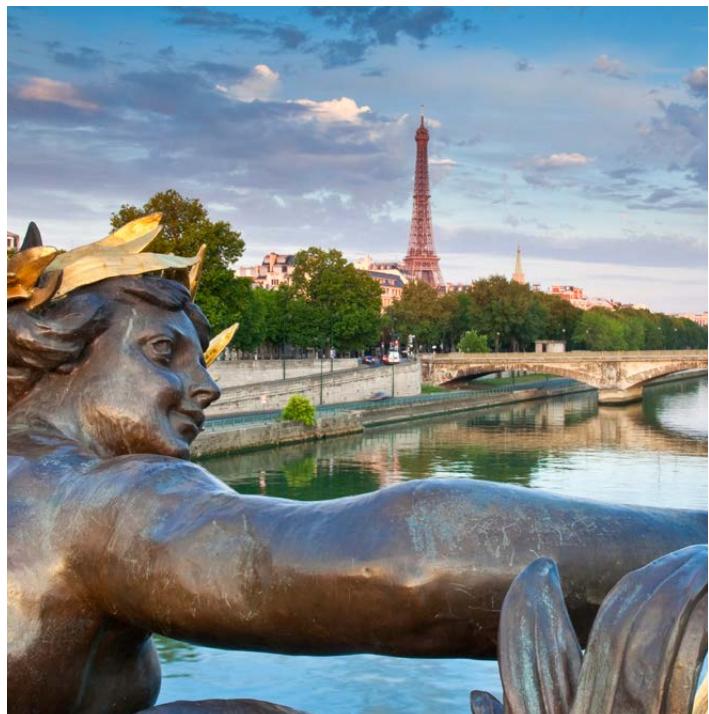
PROGRAM FEE

900€ registration and administrative fee which will cover the class materials, activities and visits. Please note that this fee is non-refundable.



“This program was an incredible way to expand my international business knowledge. I was surrounded by high-caliber peers, who came to class with unique perspectives on business and management. I really enjoyed the verticalized, luxury focus and feel like I learned a lot more than I planned. I loved the variety of in class and out of class learning. The program was an incredible experience.”

Participant from Berkeley USA



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