



EBS Paris – EBS London

Joint Masters

European Business School Diplôme Master

A new Masters joint degree initiative is now available between EBS Paris and EBS London. Discussions have taken place over the past year regarding the possibility of establishing a joint Masters degree between EBS Paris and EBS London. The strategic objective in developing this project is threefold: (i) to provide students with an international postgraduate qualifications profile that will give them competitive advantage in the employment market (ii) to develop a genuine multi-site, multi-cultural and multi-lingual postgraduate Masters programme in tune with the mission of the European Business School London (iii) to maximise collaborative work and collaborative opportunities between the EBS partner schools throughout Europe.

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The primary assumption in this development is that the way forward is to make use of the accredited status of EBS Paris. EBS Paris currently has accreditation status for its diplôme from the French State. Equally, the aim is to capitalise on the growing international profile and standing of the European Business School recently ranked 34th in the world in higher education institutions (league table published by the Ecole des Mines de Paris¹).

The objective is therefore to create a system of academic progression that affords maximum advantage for students in terms of their individual qualifications, that enables both institutions (EBS Paris and EBS London) to market the degree proposals as a joint and collaborative initiative, and which none the less fully respects the intrinsic nature of the French and British qualifications frameworks.

French System EBS Paris (BAC + 5)

The French system comprises a 5 year sequence divided into 2 cycles (Cycle I Bachelor of 3 years/6 semesters : Cycle II Master of 2 years/4 semesters). Each year students gain 60 ECTS credits. 300 ECTS credits are required to achieve the diplôme. The diplôme is granted by the French State. There are no intermediary exit awards. Each student must study for 5 years and gain 300 ECTS credits to gain the diplôme.

British System EBS London (BA / MA-MSc 3^{1/2} + 1)

In the British system students enrol initially for a Bachelors degree of 3^{1/2} years. Bachelors students require 180 ECTS credits to gain a Bachelors degree (BA). Students subsequently enrol for a Masters degree of one year's duration. Masters students require 75 ECTS credits to gain a Masters degree (MA, MSc, MBA).

Proposals for the joint programme EBS Paris / EBS London therefore need to be integrated within the specific structures of the two different qualifications frameworks.

Qualifications Framework for Students Registering at EBS London **3 Stage Progression**

- Students register initially for a BA degree delivered by EBS London (OUVS 3^{1/2} years = 180 ECTS credits).
- Students subsequently register for an MA/MSc/MBA degree delivered by EBS London (OUVS 1 year = 75 ECTS credits). Given that the total ECTS credit count for the Cycle Master of the diplôme is 120 ECTS, students with an EBSL MA/MSc/MBA would require a minimum of a further 45 ECTS credits to gain the diplôme. However, in practice, it would be logical for students to acquire the full 60 ECTS needed for 5th year of the 5 year cycle.
- Students subsequently register for a diplôme Master delivered by EBS Paris.
- The consecutive qualifications gained by students graduating from EBS London are therefore BAIB/BAIEM [MAIH / MAEM / MAIM / MAIHRM / MScGBF / MBAIB], Diplôme Master.
- The length of study for this qualification is one semester, September – December. Agreement has been reached with EBS Paris that Paris will recognise 30 ECTS from their Masters degree qualification gained during the previous semester of their studies. Students registering in Paris will need to gain a further 30 ECTS in Paris in order to qualify for the award.

- Modules taught in Paris will be delivered either entirely in French, or entirely in English or in a combination of modules delivered in French and English.
- Students are required to take 4 specialisms and 6 electives (all taught modules) in order to gain 30 ECTS.

Qualifications Framework for Students Registering at EBS Paris **5 Year Cycle**

- Students register for the 5 year diplôme at EBS Paris.
- Students complete the first cycle (Bachelor) after 3 years (180 ECTS credits).
- Students progress to the second cycle (Master) and complete a further 1^{1/2} years (3 semesters) at EBS Paris (90 credits).
- Students then complete one semester at EBS London (minimum requirement 30 ECTS credits) registered on appropriate Masters (MA, MSc) modules = 5 modules @ 6.5 ECTS credits each = 32.5 ECTS credits. (NB. The current ECTS credit values for EBSL Masters degree modules are to be reviewed)

EBS London will produce a certificate of modules passed equivalent to at least 30 ECTS credits at Masters level (modules validated by the OUVS). However, the degree that these students would be awarded would be an EBS Paris degree but with double badging through certification from study undertaken at EBS London.

It would, of course, be possible for EBS Paris students subsequently, having gained their EBS Paris diplôme, to register for an EBS London Masters degree.

Registration Process

A **EBS London students** enrolling on the 5th year Diplôme Master would be subject to a dual enrolment process:

Stage 1

Enrolment in London – payment of fees to EBS London / Regent’s College. This would represent the administrative/coordination component of the enrolment process. EBS London/Regent’s College would take full responsibility for the collection of the appropriate fee (£5000) and for the completion of the relevant application forms, including acquiring evidence that students had already been awarded a Bachelors degree (BA) and a Masters degree (MA/MSc). EBS London/Regent’s College would take full responsibility for providing EBS Paris with the appropriate documentation, and would ensure that the appropriate cost of the tuition at EBS Paris is transferred to Paris.

Stage 2

Academic Registration in Paris – following receipt of the appropriate application forms and tuition fees, students would be entitled to register at EBS Paris for the 5th year of the diplôme, would be enrolled in accordance with EBS Paris regulations and would become fully registered students of EBS Paris.

What EBS Paris requires above all (apart from the transfer of appropriate tuition fees) is the academic assurance that students enrolling on the Diplôme Master in Paris have the appropriate 'equivalence' to enter the programme in the last year of the 5 year diplôme cycle – they therefore must be assured that students have both a BA and an MA/MSc and that they have already acquired a minimum of 240 ECTS credits in order to register for the final year of the diplôme. EBS London students in possession of a BA and an MA/MSc would have 255 ECTS credits (180 + 75). EBS Paris also require (i) confirmation from EBS London that 30 ECTS have been gained during the preceding semester of study and (ii) a completed EBS Paris application form.

B EBS Paris students participating in the joint programme would register for one semester at EBS London (semester 10 of the 10 semester diplôme cycle). These students would remain as fully registered students of EBS Paris participating in an integral study period abroad partnership arrangement with EBS London.

Fees

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Start Dates

The proposed start date for EBS London students registering in Paris is **September 2009**.

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1. *Classement International Professionnel des Etablissements d'Enseignement Supérieur*, L'Ecole des Mines de Paris.

