

FRANCE

A GVSU PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



ECOLE SUPÉRIEURE DES SCIENCES COMMERCIALES D' ANGERS

OPEN TO ALL MAJORS

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

L'Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d'Angers (ESSCA) is located in Angers, France, a small medieval city of 156,000 inhabitants, with a historical town center filled with cinemas, cafes, restaurants and bars. Angers is only 2 hours by car from the sea and 1½ hours by train from Paris. Angers, one of France's great cities of art and history, is home to many museums, castles and festivals. Angers is a city of students, where 40 percent of the population is under the age of 30. There are a number of institutions of higher education in Angers to support educational interests in the area.

ESSCA's educational plan is based on three pillars: progressive learning, development of a personal plan, and the importance of the tutor system. Courses include: History of the EU, EU studies, Banking Systems in Europe, French, International Business, Finance, Management, and Marketing. GVSU students can focus on one area of specialization or take a variety of courses. Students may study for the entire academic year, semester, or summer.

Programs of study*	English	Applied European Business Program (AEBS) Semester/year Angers Summer Program (ASP) June to July
	French	Business Studies – Semester/Year

In addition to the semester exchange, ESSCA offers a five-week summer program based in Angers, France. This program offers site visits to both Brussels and Paris. Taught entirely in English, this program offers a comprehensive overview of how the European Union functions and includes topics such as: European Management Issues, European Business, and European Cultural Studies.

*Students interested in intensive French language are encouraged to consider language study opportunities through Université Catholique de l'Ouest (UCO) prior to their semester of study at ESSCA. Opportunities exist for one-month summer intensive courses or fall semester language study.

WHEN CAN I GO?

Summer	June-July	Academic Year	September–May
Fall	September–December	Winter	January–May

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program, log onto www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

DEADLINES:	Summer 2008	January 15, 2008	Academic Year 2008-09	January 15, 2008
	Fall 2008	January 15, 2008	Winter 2009	September 10, 2008

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

This program is open to all majors, but is most suitable for Business, International Relations, Communications and Public Relations majors. Students must be degree-seeking, have completed at least of one year at GVSU and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 at the time of application.

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WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Semester	GVSU Tuition (upper level)	\$3,800*	Books and supplies	\$300
	Room & utilities	\$2,200	Meals	\$2,000
	Airfare	\$1,000	Misc. living expenses	\$1,500
	Passport/Visa/Int'l ID	\$300	Health insurance (if not covered)	\$300
	Total projected cost	\$11,400**		
Summer	2,100 EUR**			

*Based 2007-2008 instate upper-division tuition rate.

**Includes: housing; some meals; transportation; office visits; excursions; computer, internet and library access; and assistance from the course director. Based on 2007 rates.

The Padnos International Center will be providing (4) automatic \$1000 scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year. If more than four students apply for ESSCA (Angers or Budapest campuses), decisions on awards will be made based on the strength of a student's study abroad application and financial need. Students may be eligible for more than \$1000, but 4 applicants will receive a minimum of \$1000 in grant support. Decisions on awards will be made following the deadline for applications.

*The cost of any study abroad program depends to a large extent on the participant's personal spending habits and lifestyle. Personal travel, entertainment, gifts, souvenirs, and other types of personal spending are costs not reflected in the above estimates.

FINANCIAL AID

Many types of financial aid, such as loans, grants and scholarships, are available to GVSU students and can be used for meeting the cost of this program. All GVSU students in good academic standing are eligible to apply for loans. **Early application for financial aid is strongly recommended.**

Students that complete an online study abroad application by the designated priority deadline may be eligible for a study abroad grant, ranging from \$200-\$3,000/semester. Visit the Barbara H. Padnos International Center for details on this grant. NOTE: This program receives priority consideration for study abroad grant funding.

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Students can choose between a student residence or an off-campus apartment. The student residence has a single room with a shared kitchen and bathroom. Space is limited in the student residence and is not guaranteed as an option. ESSCA's international office will assist students in securing off-campus accommodations if student residences are not available. For information on off-campus apartment options, visit ESSCA's website. There is also a short-term homestay possibility for the first portion of your stay in Angers.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

Visit the Padnos International Center at 130 Lake Ontario Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 am-5 pm and Wednesday until 8pm for more information. You can also visit the following website: www.essca.asso.fr

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Students interested in this program will be required to secure faculty approval for the courses they wish to take at ESSCA. For details on course offerings, visit: www.essca.asso.fr. For a list of courses that have been pre-approved, visit the PIC website at www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad. Courses that are not listed on the course equivalency chart will require departmental approval.

The process for securing approval for the course(s) you wish to take at ESSCA is as follows:

- 1) Carefully review the course options available during the semester you plan to study at the host institution.
- 2) Print off the description of the course(s) you are interested in taking at the host institution.
- 3) Arrange to meet with the chair of the relevant academic department from which you want credit.
- 4) Present the Study Abroad Credit Form and the host institution course description to the department chair and ask him/her to complete the Study Abroad Credit Form indicating the GVSU course equivalency.

If you have questions about this process, please contact the Padnos International Center.