Hungary: ESSCA Budapest
Open to: All majors

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY: L’ Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d’Angers (ESSCA) is one of the leading state accredited business schools at both the undergraduate and graduate level. In addition to the Budapest campus, ESSCA runs campuses in Paris and Angers, France. ESSCA Hungary is situated in the heart of the city of Budapest, close to the metro, tramway, buses, shopping, restaurants, and cafes. Budapest is considered the administrative, business, and cultural center of Hungary. It is a beautiful city set along the Danube River and stands out for its broad avenues, leafy parks, and a blend of architectural styles. Budapest is a historically rich city hosting numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites and amazing hot spring baths. ESSCA is located on the Pest side of the river in the midst of the lively city centre. Students can select from two different programs the Central and Eastern European Business (CEEBS) Program and the Business Specialization program (BSS). Students interested in proposing a custom study abroad theme are encouraged to consider the CEEBS program. All courses are taught in English, with the exception of the language courses offered. The ESSCA summer program offers courses in: banking, doing business in Hungary, cross-cultural management, marketing, retail, logistics, finance, economics, int’l trade, and more. For more information on courses available through this program visit: www.essca.fr

WHEN CAN I GO?
Summer 2018: June - July
Fall 2018: August - December
Academic Year 2018-19: August - June
Winter 2019: January - May

WHERE WILL I LIVE?
ESSCA provides information to international students to assist them in finding appropriate living accommodations. Students often stay in a local hostel during the first week while they conduct an apartment search. Students will find comfortable and affordable apartments in the center of the city, within walking distance from ESSCA. Most students finalize their housing selection within the first day or two after arrival. For additional information: www.essca.fr.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?
Students must be degree seeking and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (undergraduate) or 3.0 (graduate) at the time of application. In addition, ESSCA requires that students have completed at least one year of study at their home institution before beginning the exchange program. The majority of a student’s core business courses should be completed prior to attending ESSCA.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Padnos International Center

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

**Application Deadlines**

Winter 2018: Sept. 10, 2017  
Summer 2018: Feb. 1, 2018  
Fall 2018: Feb. 1, 2018  
Academic Year 2018-19: Feb. 1, 2018

**WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?**

Students will enroll in either the Central and European business semester program or Budapest language and business program. ESSCA Hungary offers courses in many areas of study. Summer courses include banking, business, and cross-cultural management.

Students participating in a partnership program will either register for courses that have been pre-approved or will go through a Course Approval Process.

For a full list of course options: (Academic Program & Course Information): Program Details

**HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?**

The approximate fee for this program is Total Projected Cost: $12,984 - $14,256* (per semester).

**FINANCIAL AID**

Students typically pay for study abroad through a combination of financial aid, personal funds, scholarships/grants and alternative loans. **Early application for financial aid is strongly recommended.**

To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with “Study Abroad” in the Subject line. Include your G Number and Total Projected Cost of the program in the e-mail.

**GRANTS**

**STUDY ABROAD SEMESTER GRANT:** The average study abroad semester grant award is $500 per semester. Students who complete an online study abroad application by the designated priority deadline, have a 2.5 GPA and a FAFSA on file, may be eligible for a study abroad grant ranging from $500-$1,750/semester.

Due to limited funding, not all eligible students will receive a grant.

**PARTNERSHIP GRANT:** $1,000. The Padnos International Center will be providing (4) $1000 Partnership Grants for students spending a semester or year at this partner. If more than four students apply for the ESSCA (Angers or Budapest campuses), decisions on awards will be made based on the strength of a student’s application and financial need. Students may be eligible for more than $1000, but four applicants will receive at least $1000 in grant support. Decisions on awards will be made following the deadline for applications. See PIC for eligibility criteria.

**SEIDMAN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP:** offers a study abroad scholarship for SCB majors who wish to participate in a qualified study abroad or international internship program. Awards are based on program costs and financial need. Apply online using GVSU MyScholarships: https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/3103

Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for more information on these and other grants/scholarships.

**WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?**

**Padnos International Center**

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Monday - Friday: 8am - 4pm  
Hours extended on Wednesday until 7pm during Fall and Winter Semesters

**ESSCA International:** www.essca.fr  
**Budapest Tourism Office:** www.budapest.com