

International Options

International Exchange Opportunities:

Dissertation Abroad
Summer Schools

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Introduction

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Introduction

Our role is to coordinate international opportunities for Postgraduate students.

All **MSc students at Durham University Business School** can apply to take part in:

- **Dissertation Abroad (International Dissertation)**
- **Summer Schools**

Please note - Students on all MSc Finance, MSc International Business, MSc Management, MSc Economics, MSc Marketing and MSc Accounting programmes can apply.

Unfortunately, these opportunities are not offered to MBA, MSc Islamic Finance, MSc Law and Finance or MSc Business Analytics students.

Dissertation Abroad



- **All students** complete a Dissertation at the end of their programme – even if you stay in Durham
- We offer students the opportunity to apply to complete this Dissertation at a partner institution in Europe
- 2-3 month exchange – starting in June
- Opportunity to network, experience culture and expand your knowledge, gaining an international perspective on your research

Dissertation Abroad



- No tuition fees payable to host institution
- Your expenses will include – travel, accommodation, visa, private insurance, daily subsistence
- Access to campus facilities and a mentor from the host institution
- Participants can apply for Turing Funding to contribute to expenses

Destinations



Germany



France



Italy



Greece



Netherlands



Switzerland



Denmark



Czechia



Germany

University of Cologne

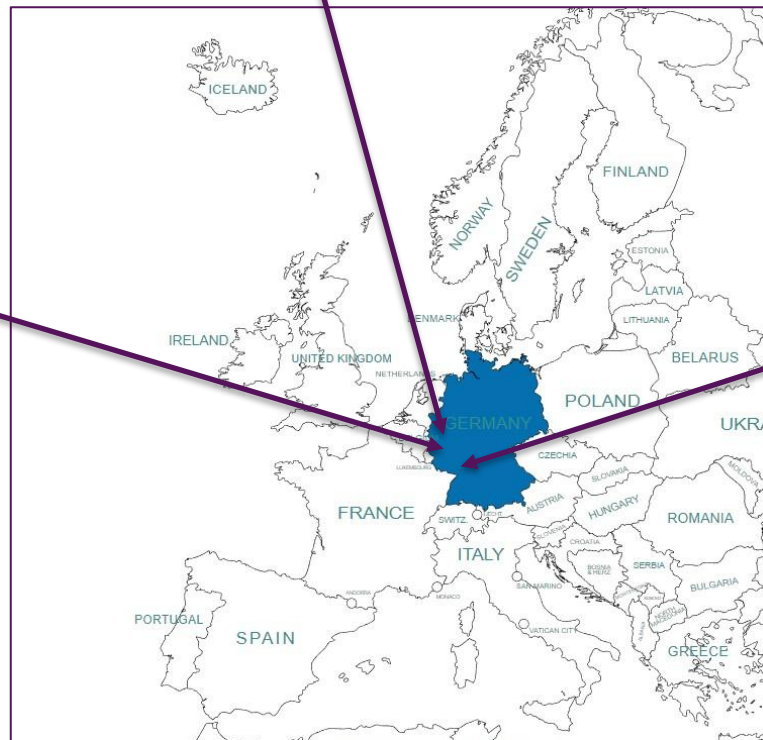
Ranked #285 in QS World University Rankings 2025 and
#160 World University Rankings 2024

WHU Otto Beisheim,
Vallendar

#1 in Germany, #16 in Europe
Financial Times European
Business School Ranking 2023

#1 in Germany, #13 worldwide
Financial Times Masters in
Management Ranking 2023

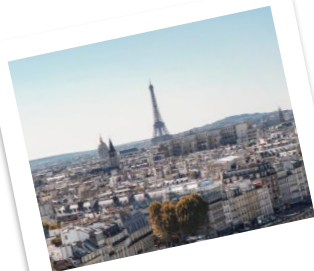
Located near to Bonn and Cologne.



Mannheim
Business School

#17 in the European Business
Schools Ranking 2023

Located near to Frankfurt.



France

Paris Dauphine

As a part of Université PSL, Dauphine is ranked 24th in the QS World University Rankings 2025

University of Strasbourg

A top 500 world university located close to the Germany border in the east of France



EM Lyon Business School

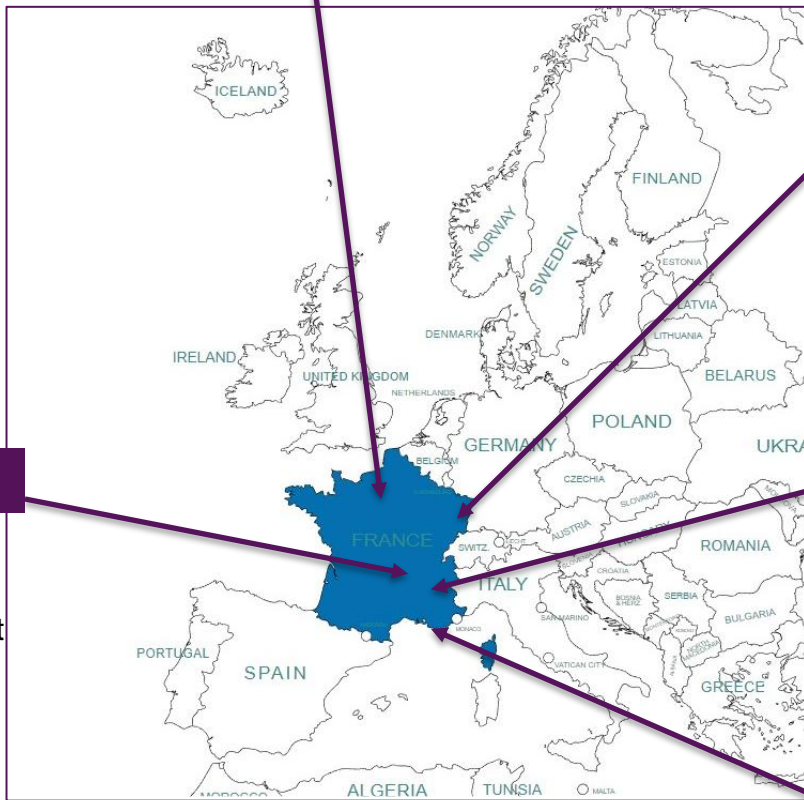
Financial Times - European Business School 2023: #10 best business school in Europe

Grenoble Business School

Financial Times - European Business School 2023: #33 best business school in Europe

Aix-Marseille University

One of the top universities in France, AMU is located on the coast in the south of France





Italy



University of Pisa

Ranked #382 in QS World
University Rankings 2025





Greece

ALBA Graduate Business School, Athens



Alba Graduate Business School, The American College of Greece is one of the top universities in Athens, Greece.

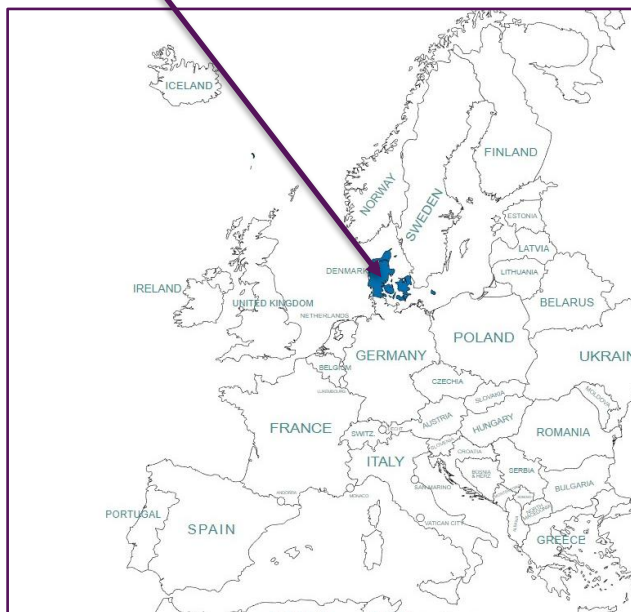
It is in the top 150 Universities in the world for their Marketing, Management and Finance programmes.





Denmark

Aarhus University, School of Business and Social Sciences



Aarhus University is ranked #144 in the QS World University Rankings 2025

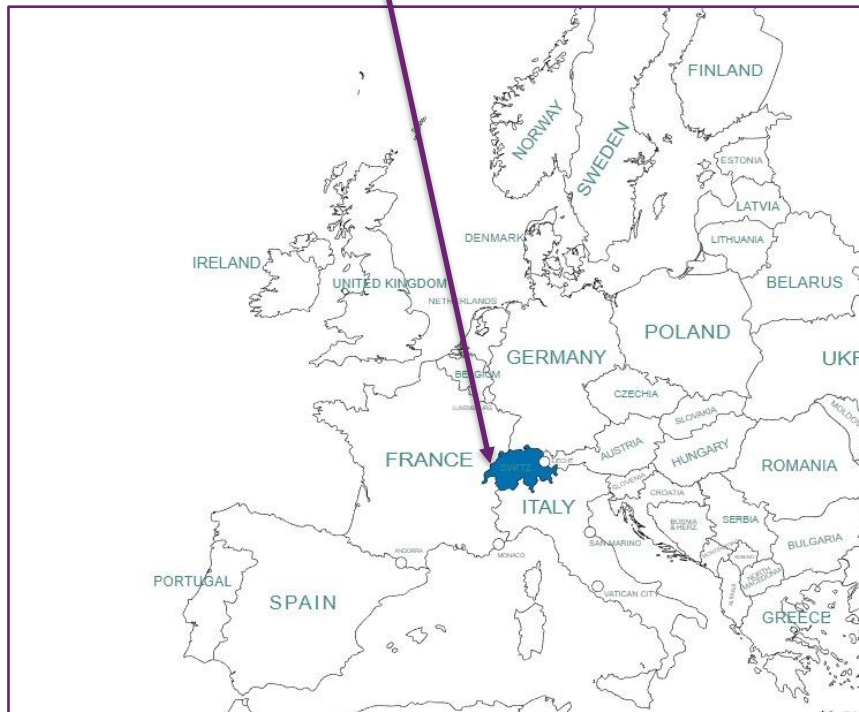
Aarhus University is Denmark's largest research-based university.



HEC Lausanne, University of Lausanne



Switzerland



University of Lausanne is ranked #224 in QS World University Rankings 2025.

Financial Times Rankings:

MSc in Finance

•37th place worldwide in 2024

MSc in Management

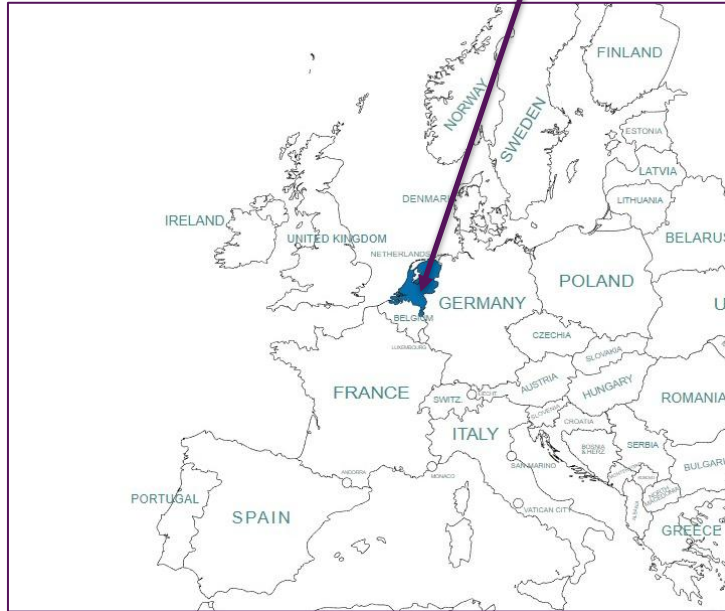
•54th place worldwide in 2023





Netherlands

University of Radboud, Nijmegen School of Management



In QS World University Rankings 2025 it is #272

Teaching focuses on Business Administration
and Economics

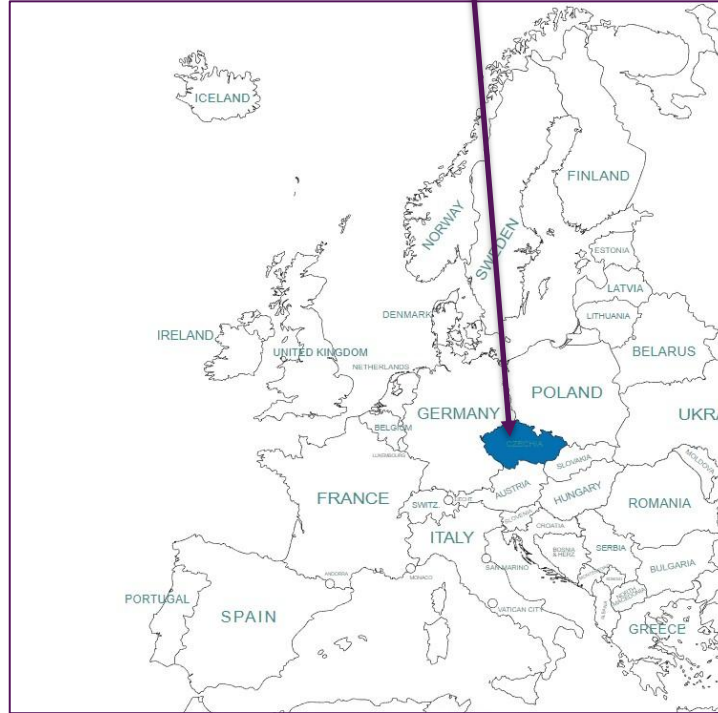




Charles University, Prague

It is #246 in QS World University Rankings 2025

Institute of Economic Studies as part of the Faculty of Social Sciences



Summer Schools

Summer Schools



- Students can apply to join a summer school course at one of our prestigious partner institutions
- Short courses (1 or 2 weeks) at partner institutions located in Europe
- Classes are taught in English and take place June, July or August
- Intensive classes on trending, innovative subjects

Summer Schools



- Assessment and certificate upon successful completion of course
- Credits received are NOT transferrable to Durham University
- No course fees – but other expenses apply (administration charge, travel, accommodation, visa etc)

Destinations



Germany



France



Denmark



Greece



Germany

University of Cologne

CISU-MBA is a two-week **MBA Level** summer programme

Opportunity to gain insights on Leadership & Diversity

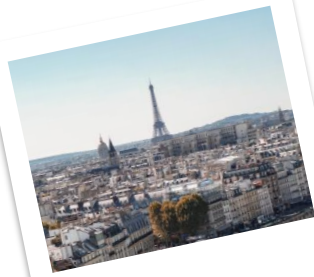
Students must have prior management experience.



Mannheim
Business School

Example courses from 2024:

- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Artificial Intelligence in Business
- Designing Data-driven Business Models



France

KEDGE Business School

Example courses from 2024:

- Sports Marketing and Management
- Sustainable Marketing and Digital Marketing
- Disruptive Technologies & Modern Management

EM Lyon Business School

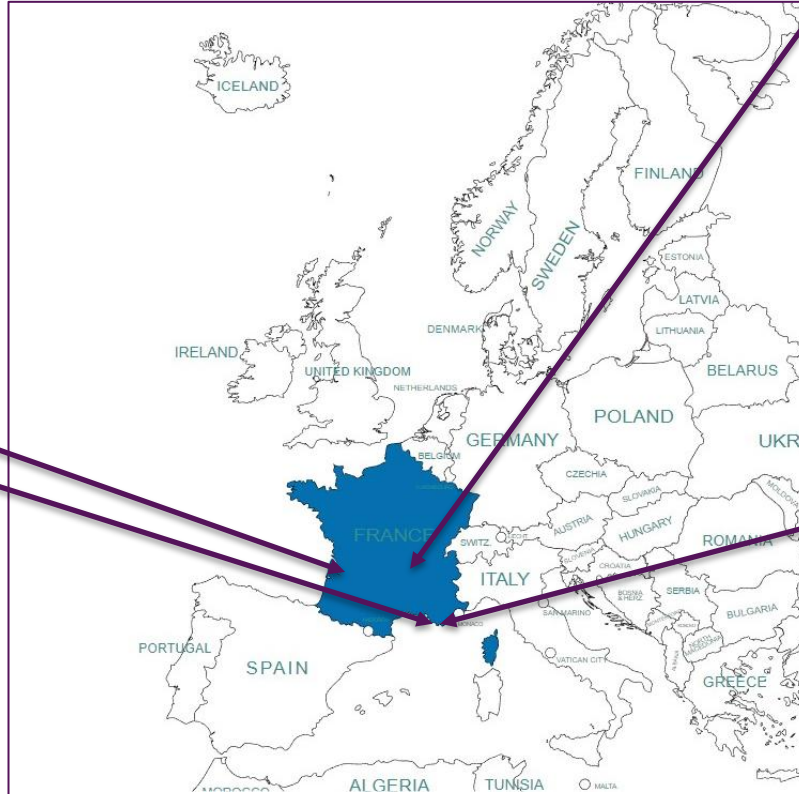
Example courses from 2024:

- Innovation within Planetary Boundaries
- Wine Marketing and Wine Culture

EDHEC Business School, Nice

Example courses from 2024:

- The Business of Luxury:
 - Luxury Management,
 - Marketing and Value Chain
 - Luxury Services and Hospitality Management





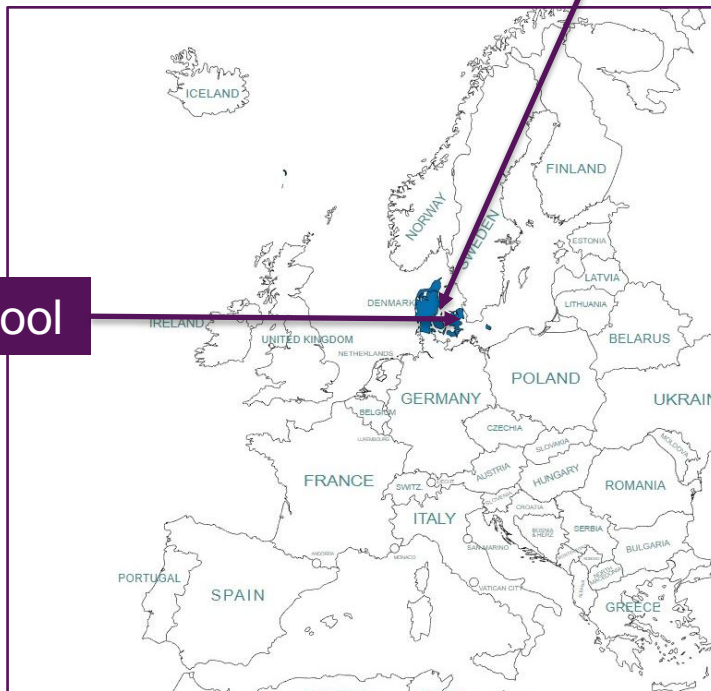
Denmark

Aarhus University, School of Business and Social Sciences

Copenhagen Business School

Example courses from 2024:

- New Product Development and Project Management
- Social Entrepreneurship and Business Model Innovation
- Artificial Intelligence in Marketing



Example courses from 2024:

- New Venture Strategy
- Financial Risk Management
- Organisational Design and Change



Greece

ALBA Graduate Business School, Athens



Example course from 2024:

- Shipping Management
- Markets, Cargoes and Supply Chain
- New Technologies and the Environment
- Invest, Divest and Make a Profit

Why choose Dissertation Abroad or Summer School?

Benefits of International Experience

Valuable on your CV

Enhance employability

Experience of a lifetime

Develop cultural awareness

Increase your resilience

Experience another prestigious institution

Gain a global perspective

Discover new places

Build your network

Learn something new



Career Benefits

"Taking part in an international exchange is an opportunity to network globally, build your resourcefulness, and strengthen your ability to adapt and thrive in new environments.

You will be able to talk about your experiences and the skills you have gained in job applications and interviews."





The Dissertation Abroad programme was easily one of the best experiences of my life.

The whole experience is amazing, and I established a great balance between work and exploring the country.

Very grateful to the university as ever for this opportunity. Thank you all again for making it possible!



Omar Bilgin-Mawson, MSc Management, 2023-24



I had the best time at Aarhus University Summer School.

I would whole heartedly recommend it to anyone - no matter which city you end up in you will have the most amazing time!

I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Aarhus - from my time at university and the social programmes, to exploring the city. It truly was an unforgettable experience!



Emily Biggs, MSc Management (Finance), 2023-24





I have absolutely loved my experience in Marseille and am so grateful for this opportunity!

I have really enjoyed my independence here and developing a daily routine of working on my dissertation.

I have learnt so much from this experience and would recommend it to anyone that is interested in living abroad.”

Annie Grillo, MSc Marketing, 2023-24





These experiences have not only enhanced my academic and professional knowledge but have also enriched my personal growth in ways I never imagined.

The support has been instrumental in making this summer one of the most memorable and transformative experiences of my life.



Chloe Donnelly,
MSc Human Resource Management, 2023-24





Durham
University
Business School



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Application Process

Decide whether you want to take part in **Dissertation Abroad** or **Summer Schools**.

Submit your **application once they are open!** This will be reviewed by our Academic Exchanges Coordinator.

Application guidelines will be provided at a dedicated session in Term 1, which will be publicised to you once you join Durham University Business School.

Places are limited at each destination.

Tell us your top three destinations - ranking them 1st 2nd & 3rd

Upcoming Sessions:

You can register via the form <https://gck.fm/zhydu>

- **Masters drop in Q&A with Business School students and alumni** - Thursday 5 June 7pm-8pm BST
- **Durham Masters: Meet the Careers team** - Tuesday 10 June 9.30am-10.30am BST
- **Durham Masters: International Opportunities** - Wednesday 18 June 12 noon - 1pm BST
- **Durham Masters: Meet your Masters Programme Team** - Wednesday 16 July 3pm-4pm (BST)

Useful contacts:

- Scholarships - business.scholarships@durham.ac.uk
- Colleges - colleges.postgrad@durham.ac.uk
- General admissions, enquires - <https://www.durham.ac.uk/study/ask-us/>

FAQ, form and telephone number

- International Opportunities – business.international@durham.ac.uk

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Any questions?

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