



MBA Program Arrival FAQ

What do the first weeks of the MBA look like?

Your first few weeks on campus are designed to help you adapt to life as a full-time MBA student. You'll be meeting a lot of people, getting used to the campus, setting up your room (don't worry: an Ikea trip is already scheduled), and recovering from your jetlag. You'll attend information sessions on academics and student life, including clubs. HEC Talents, our career center, will hold workshops to guide you on your professional path, including tips on landing an internship. You'll also participate in various activities, including business simulations, with your classmates and meet them in the evenings for a series of welcome events hosted on campus. Just the right balance of fun and practical. And of course, you'll have plenty of support from staff and fellow classmates the entire time.

What's a typical day as an HEC Paris MBA?

What's sure is that there is never a dull moment during your MBA! Classes may start as early as 8AM and end as late as 6PM. In addition to academic courses, students may have career workshops, guest speaker events, and club and networking events, which are often held in the evening. Free time is spent working in study groups, working out at the gym, going for a run or hike in the forest, or participating in team sports. Students can take a break to eat at the canteen, as well as our on-campus restaurant Gustave. In the evenings and on the weekend, students often get together to cook shared meals in their residences. It's a great opportunity to share your culture with your classmates. There is also a large supermarket just across the street from campus and a farm next door, selling fresh vegetables, fruits, meat and dairy products. Students also take advantage of the Library and Language Resource Center, where they can access free language lessons, e-learning and self-training. And, of course, Paris is just a train ride or shuttle away!

Can I visit Campus, if I am in France, before my intake start date?

Yes, we are happy to have admitted students visit the campus before their start date. We host campus visits a couple of times a month and you can check our [website](#) for the upcoming dates and to register. In addition to a presentation, you will tour the campus and have lunch with current students to learn more about campus life.

How do I apply for student housing?

The Residence service office will contact you when you can apply for housing. For September intake, you will be contacted in June. For January intake, you will be contacted in November. All candidates are eligible for a studio (with kitchenette) on campus, while apartments are subject to availability and strictly reserved for families. You will be asked to pay an application fee of 220 euros and a security deposit of 450 euros. You will not be asked to pay a rent in advance nor to have a guarantor.



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Bed linens are provided upon arrival, but you might want to buy your own sheets or additional furniture for your residence. Shuttles to IKEA are scheduled at the start of each intake.

What documents do I need for my student visa?

You will need the documents from your admissions package (acceptance letter and admission certificate), sent by the Admissions team a few days following your admission jury. You will also need a proof of accommodation, which you can directly request from your allocated Admissions officer once you have started the visa process. Should you need any other documents (i.e. scholarship certificates are requested in some cases), please contact your allocated Admissions officer via email

Be sure that you will have a valid passport for the entire duration of the program at HEC Paris.

Should I pack anything in particular?

Most importantly, don't forget your official paperwork, such as your birth certificate with its French translation, transcripts, medical forms and your passport. We have four seasons in Jouy-en-Josas, so you should pack clothing accordingly for a warm summer and cold winter. There's a large supermarket across from campus where you can find most essentials, or you can go into town (a 10 minute walk) to access a pharmacy. A large shopping mall can be accessed by public transportation and shuttles to Ikea will be provided a couple of times in the first weeks on campus.

How can I access Paris from Campus?

You can get to Paris by train, bus or shuttles. You will find useful information in the welcome brochure (slides 11-17) available on the home page of the admits portal, but the best app to download is [Citymapper](#) (available online, iOS and Android). It's the easiest way to find your way to a precise place in Paris.

What is the soonest I can arrive on Campus?

Typically, students can arrive 2 days before official check-in dates and will be able to collect their key and move in. Make sure to let the admission and housing team know your preferred arrival date and we'll to our best to accommodate you. Some early-arrival exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis.

How can I get in touch with my classmates prior to my arrival?

For September intake, you may join the Facebook group via the 'next steps' document you received included in the admission email notification. Please use the correct code given when you answer the 'join group' request. A student-run WhatsApp group is available once you are member of the Facebook group. For January 2024 intake, the Facebook group will be created during the month of April.