

Grande École – The Ivy League of Business Schools in France

Master of Business Administration







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Welcome to ISTEC Business School. Paris

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Our commitment to academic excellence is reflected in our learning-by-doing methodology, which ensures that students can seamlessly integrate management theories into practical business applications.

What sets ISTEC apart? Real-world immersion from day one. Through our learning-by-doing approach, you won't just learn management, you'll apply it in professional settings, gaining the expertise to lead and innovate with confidence.

ISTEC offers a unique advantage among Grandes Écoles (CGE). With 80% of our students actively engaged in work-study, ISTEC remains committed to providing industry-relevant education and career readiness.

Choosing ISTEC means embracing a rigorous, immersive, and future-focused academic experience that enhances professional success.

ISTEC, A School of the Imparare Group

IMPARARE, through its schools-ISTEC, EEMI, Skale, and Skillogs-redefines education with an innovation-first approach that prepares students to lead in a fast-changing world.

Our MISSION is to fuse advanced technology with hands-on learning, ensuring students gain the practical expertise and strategic vision needed to excel in modern industries.

Our VISION is to make future-focused, multidisciplinary education accessible to all, empowering learners from diverse backgrounds to thrive in an increasingly digital and interconnected economy.

We are committed to reshaping higher education with a bold, forward-thinking model that blends academic excellence, industry relevance, and groundbreaking digital innovation.

ISTEC's Journey of Excellence: Milestones & Achievements

1961

Establishment of ISTEC, the Higher Institute of Science, Technology, Economics, and Commerce.

1978

Official recognition by the French government, affirming ISTEC's academic standing.

1986

ISTEC's diploma approved by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation

2013

The Bachelor's degree receives official accreditation from the Ministry of Higher Education.

2018

ISTEC joins the Conférence des Grandes Écoles (CGE), an elite network of France's top engineering and business schools.

2020

The French Ministry of Higher Education officially approves the Diplôme Visé Bac+5 (Master's degree).

2021

Formation of the Imparare Group and the ISTEC x EEMI Incubator, fostering multidisciplinary innovation and entrepreneurship.

2022

ISTEC becomes a member of AACSB, marking the start of its international accreditation process

2023

ISTEC joins EFMD Global and further strengthens its accreditation efforts. The school also receives the "Bienvenue en France" label, recognizing its commitment to welcoming international students.

2024

ISTEC expands its global footprint with the opening of its first campus in Chongqing, China.

2025

2025 - Earns a state-accredited MBA, certified at Bac+5 level (RNCP Level 7) and officially recognized by the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation.

- ISTEC partners with the UAE-based ATMS Education Group to expand its BBA and MBA offerings in the Middle East.

Our Values

SOLIDARITY

Mutual aid. Collaboration. Kindness.

RESPECT

Listening. Tolerance. Humility.

Imagination. Anticipation. Decision.

ENGAGEMENT

CURIOSITY

BOLDNESS

Openness. Astonishment. Innovation. Involvement. Initiative. Responsibility.





GROUPE

ISTEC has seen significant growth, with a diverse student body and numerous recognized programs. The school is part of a larger educational group, enhancing its reach and resources.



91.7 % of the Grande Ecole Program graduates found employment within 6 months*

100% net employment rate for Bachelor's graduates*

*CGE 2022 survey conducted on 2021 graduates

Pedagogical Positioning

A Dynamic, Human-Centered Learning Approach

At ISTEC, we are committed to fostering individual growth and success, ensuring students gain the knowledge, skills, and perspective to thrive in an ever-evolving world.

Our educational approach is built on collaboration, innovation, and ethical leadership, shaping tomorrow's business leaders through four key pillars:

- New Business Models: Students explore alternative business strategies, gaining the expertise to design, launch, and manage innovative, resilient enterprises.
- **Global Issues:** We cultivate a profound understanding of environmental and economic challenges, equipping students with the knowledge and skills to create innovative, sustainable business solutions.
- People & Organizations: Leadership starts with people. We emphasize responsible management, equity, and the creation of inspiring workplaces.
- O Humanities: Beyond business, we integrate languages, philosophy, and history to refine critical thinking and broaden perspectives.

Our faculty is a dynamic mix of renowned researchers and industry experts, blending academic excellence with practical insights. Through hands-on learning, real-world applications, and an immersive curriculum, ISTEC equips students to shape the future's economic, social, and inclusive progress.

Accreditation

Since 2024, ISTEC has been eligible for the EFMD accreditation process.





Labels

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The ISTEC Business School MBA is a flagship executive education program designed to develop ambitious leaders with a global outlook. Aligned with the provisions of French education law, this program is recognized at the BAC+5 level, equivalent to a master's degree in the French higher education system. Upon graduation, students are eligible to pursue doctoral-level studies such as the DBA or EDBA.

Graduates of the ISTEC MBA program earn 90 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) credits, ensuring the degree is recognized across European universities. This underscores the academic value, mobility, and international credibility of the ISTEC MBA.

ISTEC, a proud member of Campus France, received the "Bienvenue en France" label in 2023, highlighting its commitment to creating a welcoming and supportive environment for international students.



ISTEC Business School is proud to be part of France's prestigious Grande École system , an exclusive group of top universities known for strong academics, competitive admissions, and a long-standing reputation for excellence. Often compared to leading institutions like the lvy League in the U.S., these schools offer exceptional learning environments, strong industry connections, and access to powerful alumni networks.

Officially recognized by the French Ministry of Higher Education and accredited by the CEFDG to confer the **Grade de Master (Bac+5)**, ISTEC is ranked among the country's leading business schools, preparing graduates for leadership roles in management and entrepreneurship on a global scale.



Qualiopi certification acknowledges training providers that meet the government and regional quality standards, ensuring excellence in education for trainees.

ISTEC has been awarded this quality certification for the following areas:

- Training programs Ο
- 0 Experience validation initiatives
- 0 Apprenticeship training

This recognition reinforces ISTEC's commitment to delivering high-quality, impactful education tailored to professional success.



Accreditations and labels serve as key benchmarks of excellence, signifying a business school's quality and global recognition. Awarded after rigorous evaluation, they assess the institution's education standards, research impact, and strategic vision. These distinctions enhance credibility, helping business schools stand out in a competitive landscape and attract both students and recruiters.

Academic Focus: Human Resource Management

Mastering Workforce Leadership in a Changing World.

The MBA in Human Resource Management equips professionals with strategic leadership, analytical expertise, and people management skills to drive business success. It integrates workforce planning, financial and operational insights, and technology to optimize HR functions. Graduates emerge as HR leaders capable of shaping workplace culture, enhancing employee development, and ensuring long-term organizational growth.

This MBA in Human Resource Management focuses on data-driven decision-making, conflict resolution, and adaptability to organizational change while incorporating financial, operational, and technological insights.

This program emphasizes:

- **Develop Strategic HR Leadership** Cultivate leadership skills to align human resource strategies with organizational goals, ensuring effective workforce management and engagement.
- Enhance Decision-Making through Research Methods Utilize research methodologies to analyze workforce trends, assess HR policies, and implement data-driven solutions for organizational improvement.
- Master Financial and Operations Management in HR Understand financial principles and operational strategies to optimize HR budgets, resource allocation, and overall efficiency.
- Apply Managerial Economics to HR Strategy Utilize economic principles to assess labor markets, compensation structures, and workforce planning for sustainable growth.
- Leverage Management Information Systems for HR Analytics Integrate technology and data analytics to streamline HR processes, improve decision-making, and enhance employee performance tracking.
- Drive Organizational Change and Culture Development Implement strategies to manage organizational change, foster a positive workplace culture, and enhance employee engagement.
- Advance Training and Development Initiatives Design and execute effective training programs to enhance employee skills, career growth, and organizational competitiveness.

The MBA in Human Resource Management provides a comprehensive foundation for professionals to lead HR functions strategically. By integrating leadership, financial acumen, research methodologies, and technological advancements, graduates are equipped to drive organizational success through effective human capital management. This program fosters a dynamic approach to HR, ensuring adaptability in an evolving business landscape.



MBA in Human Resource Management

The MBA in Human Resource Management is designed to equip professionals with the expertise to manage human capital strategically, fostering organizational success through effective leadership, workforce development, and operational efficiency. This program integrates business fundamentals with specialized HR knowledge, preparing graduates to navigate complex workplace dynamics, drive employee engagement, and implement innovative HR strategies.

Program Structure

The curriculum is carefully designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of human resource management, alongside specialized insights into organizational leadership, workforce development, and strategic HR decision-making.

Semester 1: Foundational Business & HR Skills

This semester builds essential management and HR competencies, focusing on communication, negotiation, leadership, financial acumen, and organizational behavior. Students gain insights into entrepreneurship, innovation, and managerial economics, equipping them with a strong strategic foundation for HR leadership.

Semester 2: Advanced HR & Business Strategies

This semester deepens HR expertise with marketing, operations, research methods, performance management, and training & development. Students explore organizational culture and change, enhancing their ability to manage workforce transformation and align HR initiatives with business goals.

Semester 3: Practical Exposure & Strategic Application

Through a capstone project and internship report, students apply their HR knowledge in real-world settings, refining their strategic leadership and problem-solving abilities.

Why Choose This Program?

- Strategic Career Advancement This degree opens doors to leadership roles such as HR Director, Talent Acquisition Head, or Chief Human Resources Officer, positioning professionals for executive-level decision-making
- Enhanced People Management Skills Gain expertise in employee engagement, workforce planning, and talent development, ensuring organizations attract, retain, and nurture top talent.
- Data-Driven HR Decision-Making Learn to leverage HR analytics, performance metrics, and management information systems to optimize workforce productivity and business outcomes.
- Adaptability in a Changing Workplace Stay ahead of HR trends, digital transformation, and evolving labor laws, making you a valuable asset in dynamic business environments.
- Integration of Business and HR Strategy Develop a holistic understanding of finance, marketing, operations, and leadership, ensuring HR initiatives align with broader business goals.

This MBA in Human Resource Management equips graduates with strategic HR leadership skills, enabling them to manage workforce planning, employee development, and organizational change effectively. By integrating leadership, financial, operational, and technological insights, the program prepares professionals to optimize talent management, performance evaluation, and HR analytics for business growth. Graduates emerge as adaptable HR leaders, ready to foster innovation, enhance workplace culture, and contribute to long-term organizational success.

Program Curriculum

Build Your Journey

- 0 Award: Master of Business Administration in Human Resource Management
- 0 Credits: 90 ECTS
- Duration: 12-15 months / 3 semesters 0

Semester 1 & 2 (60 ECTS)

Semester 1:

- 1. Communication and Negotiation Skills
- 2. Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- 3. **Financial Management**
- 4. Organizational Behaviour & Leadership
- 5. Management Information System
- 6. Managerial Economics

Semester 2:

- 7. Marketing Management
- 8. **Operations & Project Management**
- 9 **Research** Methods
- 10. Performance Management
- 11. Training and Development
- 12. Organizational Culture and Change

Semester 3: Capstone & Practical Exposure – 30 ECTS

- 1. Capstone Project / Thesis
- 2. Internship Report

Your Faculty: Leaders in Business & Academia

ISTEC's faculty comprises experienced academics and industry professionals who bring a blend of theoretical expertise and real-world insights. Their commitment to quality education and innovation ensures students gain the skills needed to excel in global business



Mr. Daniel Pearce



Dr. Peter Stokes



Dr. Clayton Davies



Dr. Colm Hickey



Dr. Ioannis Dermitzakis



Ms. Catherine Bone



Dr. Gabriella



Mr. Kees Smeets



Dr. Alex Tziamalis



Dr. Jean Philippe Serbera



Mr. Adam Raman



Mr. Matthew Rogers Draycott



Mr. Sean Kemp



Dr. David Gordon



Dr. Henry Sidsap

MBA Class at ISTEC Business School



10 Compelling Reasons to Pursue a Master's Degree at ISTEC Business School

	International Prestige with Official Recognition - Earn a globally respected degree accredited by the French Ministry of Higher Education, ensuring academic excellence and international recognition.	
	Elite Business School in Central Paris - Join a Grande École of Management located at the heart of Paris, Europe's center for business, culture, and opportunity.	
	Accredited and Government-Recognized Programs - Graduate with a state-controlled Visa diploma and RNCP Level 7 title, providing both national validation and international relevance.	
	Industry-Aligned Curriculum - Programs are developed in close consultation with employers to reflect the latest market needs and practices.	
Expert Faculty with Real-World Insight - Learn from an accomplished mix of academic scholars and seasone professionals with practical experience and deep subject expertise.		
	Tailored Specializations - Choose from 15 career-focused tracks designed to equip you for leadership roles i evolving industries.	
	Entrepreneurial Focus - Strengthen your innovation, leadership, and strategic thinking to succeed in entrepreneurial or intrapreneurial environments.	
	Inclusive and Accessible Education - Study in an environment that prioritizes equity, affordability, and divers learning pathways.	
	Global Alumni Community - Tap into an active international network of graduates making an impact in business and beyond.	

 Career-Centered Learning Experience - Benefit from strong industry connections, real-world projects, and dedicated career support that align your studies with long-term goals.

Empower Your Next Move

Program Flexibility

Empowering Professionals to Learn on Their Terms

ISTEC Business School recognizes the evolving needs of today's professionals, demanding flexibility without compromising academic quality. Its MBA program is designed to adapt to diverse lifestyles, providing a globally accessible, structured learning experience.

100% Online Format - Study anytime, anywhere.

ISTEC's advanced digital platform enables students to:

- Access recorded lectures for on-demand learning
- Participate in interactive discussions and assignments
- Join live sessions with faculty and peers
- Receive personalized academic support and guidance

Whether managing a business, traveling frequently, or balancing professional responsibilities, students benefit from a seamless, high-quality learning journey that transcends time zones and geographic boundaries.

Non-term Enrollment - Begin when it suits your schedule.

With rolling admissions and a non-term academic model, ISTEC offers:

- Immediate enrollment upon application acceptance
- Flexible commencement dates
- Customizable academic calendars
- Self-paced program progression

Students may complete their MBA in as little as 12 months or extend to 18 months, aligning their studies with professional ambitions and personal commitments.





MBA Admissions

Empowering Professionals to Drive Meaningful Change

ISTEC Business School's MBA program is tailored for ambitious professionals committed to advancing their careers and making an impact within their industries. The admissions process takes a holistic approach, evaluating both academic credentials and leadership potential.

Admission Criteria

To be considered for the MBA program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- A bachelor's degree from a recognized institution (in any discipline)
- Relevant professional work experience

Academic Counselor Guidance - Personalized Support from Enquiry to Enrollment.

From the initial enquiry to program enrollment, each applicant is guided by a dedicated academic counselor. ISTEC's experienced counselors provide:

- Personalized consultations to clarify career goals.
- Support in selecting the program format and specialization aligned with individual aspirations.
- Assistance in preparing the application and required documentation.
- Step-by-step guidance through the enrollment process.

This personalized support helps every student start the program with a clear understanding of what to expect and how it fits with their goal, whether they're aiming to lead teams, start a business, or take the next step in their career.

2025 Fee Structure:

Registration Fee:	AED 2,500
Course Fees:	AED 3,500 x 12 = AED 42,000
Administration Fee:	AED 6,000
Total Fees:	AED 50,500

- O Convocation/Graduation Ceremony Fee To be informed later
- O Certificate Attestation: AED 2500



- Refer to the Course Fee Contract for other charges.
- Any fees paid are non-refundable under any circumstances





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