



# Press information

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## ESMT Berlin welcomes largest master's class amidst pandemic

ESMT Berlin has enrolled 148 students, its largest cohort to date, in the current [Master's in Management](#) (MIM) program, growing by 32 per cent on 2019. The MIM class, which started both on-campus and online today, is made up of 68 women and 80 men with 43 different nationalities.

While three quarters of students were able to join in person in Berlin, many are still stuck, unable to travel due to COVID-19 related delays in visa processing times. For those unable to join on campus, ESMT launched its first ever pathway program, the innovative [MIM Essentials Program](#), delivered online jointly by ESMT Berlin, IE Business School, and Imperial Business School. Students learn leadership and communication skills, strategic thinking, and entrepreneurial acumen, among other topics, while receiving credits they can use to transfer into the ESMT MIM program after the first term.

"We found strategic partners and invested heavily into online and blended learning in 2018, and this forward-thinking move is really paying off," said Nick Barniville, Associate Dean of Degree Programs at ESMT. "We are able to offer students flexible, high-quality solutions for their learning needs – and not only during the coronavirus crisis."

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### About ESMT Berlin

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