

# Press information

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## ESMT Berlin enrolls larger Full-time MBA class despite pandemic

This week, 51 students from 24 countries begin their full-time MBA program at ESMT Berlin (2020: 49 students). On average, the participants are 30,5 years old and have more than six years of professional experience.

“We started investing heavily in online and blended learning way before the coronavirus pandemic. As a result, we can continue to give our students a high-quality educational experience, even as the circumstances force us to alternate between face-to-face, hybrid, and this month’s online-only format,” says Nick Barniville, Associate Dean of Degree Programs. “It is uplifting to see how many students from around the world continue to place their trust in ESMT.”

The ESMT Full-time MBA is a 14-month, personalized program that starts in January each year. The MBA program focuses on innovation, technology, managing big data, sustainable business development, entrepreneurship, and global strategic management. The curriculum also offers optional pre- and post-MBA courses, such as quantitative preparation, language, and business communication courses.

ESMT is ranked first in Germany and ninth in Europe according to the [Financial Times](#). It is the first German-based business school ever to break into the European top 10.

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### About ESMT Berlin

ESMT Berlin was founded by 25 leading global companies and institutions. The international business school offers a full-time MBA, an executive MBA, a master's in management, as well as open enrollment and customized executive education programs. ESMT focuses on three main topics: leadership, innovation, and analytics. ESMT faculty publishes in top academic journals. Additionally, the business school provides an interdisciplinary platform for discourse between politics, business, and academia. The business school is based in Berlin, Germany, with a branch office in Shanghai, China. ESMT is a private business school with the right to grant PhDs and is accredited by the German state, AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS, and FIBAA. [esmt.berlin](http://esmt.berlin)