

T H E A L L I A N C E



Question	Wharton student interested in INSEAD	INSEAD student interested in Wharton
When can I apply for exchange?	Your earliest opportunity to apply for exchange is in February of your first year for exchange in the summer after your first year. Students must complete core courses before going on exchange. Applications are accepted in February for the summer and fall terms, and October for spring terms. Students can go on exchange any quarter during their second academic year or the summer following either of their two years.	In Period 1, once the programme has started. If you begin the MBA programme in January, the Wharton Exchange will be available during the 4 th or 5 th Period (Sept – Oct or Nov-Dec). If you commence in September, the exchange will be open to you during the 4 th Period (Mar-Apr). The selection process will take place in Period 1.
For what length of time can I go on exchange?	Students can go on exchange for either one or two quarters, continuous or separate. The summer term is considered a quarter. Students can go to either Singapore or Fontainebleau or both.	As there is generally higher demand than supply, students are limited to one period (equivalent to one Wharton quarter) on exchange.
Do I have to mention my interest in the exchange program at the time of admission to my home school?	No. The application process does not begin until after matriculation.	No. Bidding does not occur until after matriculation.
How do I find out more about the exchange program?	Every semester and twice during Preterm, presentations are given about the exchange programs. The MBA tab of Spike gives you detailed information about the exchange. Speaking with incoming exchange students and Wharton students who have gone on	You will have the opportunity to attend a presentation once on INSEAD campus (in the middle of Period 1). The exchange system will be explained to you then. Your exchange coordinator also receives a yearly fact sheet from Wharton with detailed information about the exchange.

	exchange is another way to find out more.	
What are the methods/criteria used in selecting participants?	There is a rigorous application process. Students submit an application form, essay, resume, academic transcript, and record of LTs. Students are selected based on the quality of their essay, their academic performance, and their ability to represent Wharton well while on exchange.	There is also a rigorous application process. Students are selected based on the quality of a motivation essay, their grades and finally through a bidding process which reflects their interest in participating in the exchange. Students also must show good academic and financial standards before departure.
Am I guaranteed to be able to go on exchange?	No. There are a limited number of seats per exchange period and admission criteria that must be met.	No. There are a limited number of seats per class and admission criteria that must be met.
How many students can participate per term?	A maximum of 30 students per location per term can participate. The summer (P5) term is the most competitive, with a greater number of applicants than seats available.	Whilst we do not disclose application figures, there are a limited number of seats available for the Wharton exchange per intake, regardless of the entry campus.
How many classes do I take while I'm there and how does this translate to credits at my home school?	You must take a minimum of 3 INSEAD credit units (equivalent to 2 Wharton credit units).	You must take a minimum of 1.5 Wharton credit units (3 half-semester/quarter courses).
What classes can I take while on exchange?	Any quarter elective offered during the period of exchange that you win through course matching. As long as everything is submitted by the deadlines, exchange students have equal access to course bidding. Students attending in summer are limited to late-starting electives because they can only arrive at INSEAD after they complete their final exams at Wharton.	Any quarter elective offered during the period of exchange that you win through the bidding system. As long as everything is submitted by the deadlines, exchange students have equal access to course bidding.
Do I have access to classes outside of the business school?	INSEAD is a stand-alone business school. There are no departments outside of the business school.	The exchange agreement is for Wharton MBA courses only. Exchange student may not take courses at other schools within the University of Pennsylvania, including those offered by the Lauder Program.
Will I incur additional fees and expenses?	There are no additional tuition fees beyond those paid to the home school for the MBA degree. The only costs are living and travel expenses.	There are no additional tuition fees beyond those paid to the home school for the MBA degree. The only costs are living and travel expenses.
I'm an international student. Do I need to apply for a student visa?	Yes. INSEAD will assist you with this process.	Yes. Wharton will assist you with this process.

Am I able to work during the exchange?	No.	No.
Are there internship opportunities?	No.	No.
Is this a dual-degree program? Do I get a diploma from the host school?	There is no dual-degree program between the two schools. You only receive a diploma from Wharton.	There is no dual-degree program between the two schools. You only receive a diploma from INSEAD.
What does it say on my diploma and transcript?	Courses taken on exchange appear on your Wharton transcript with pass/fail grading. Your diploma will mention that they were taken in INSEAD.	Courses taken on exchange appear on your INSEAD transcript. Your diploma does not mention Wharton.
Do I become an alumna/alumnus of the host school?	No. You have access to the alumni database during the period of exchange but not before or after.	No. You have access to the alumni database during the period of exchange but not before or after.
How does the exchange impact summer jobs or internships?	Students going on exchange in the summer generally choose to go after their second year and before starting their full-time job. Some students are able to fit a summer exchange after their first year, if their internship begins later in the summer.	There is no impact. Summer vacation is between the end of June to mid-August, which gives you ample time to pursue an internship. You may even choose to do your internship in the US and moving forward in September, commence your Wharton exchange.
Do I have access to the host school's career services?	Yes. This means that students have access to region-specific resources and host-school contacts and job postings during the period of exchange.	Yes. This means that students have access to region-specific resources and host-school contacts and job postings during the period of exchange.
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