



### **Degree Programmes**

This study placement is open to Aston Business Students.

Number of Places: 3

This document provides basic information about the university. **Please do your own research before applying.**

### **Application Process**

To apply for this opportunity you must submit an online application.

Link to the online application can be found in the **How to Apply** section in each university ad. Online application form requires registration, please register with your Aston University e-mail.

Please note that you can submit one application only. As a part of the application, you must provide three universities in order of preference, which should also be specified in your motivation letter.

You are required to submit one motivational letter, which must be focused on your first priority.

**Please do not contact the partner university directly as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Projects Team.**

## **The University**

### **Universidad de Deusto – La Comercial**

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### [Main website](#)

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (La Comercial)

The University of Deusto was founded as a private university by the Jesuits in 1881. The *Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Empresariales*, also known as *La Comercial*, is the Business School of the Universidad de Deusto. Deusto is a section of the town of Bilbao, just across the river from the main part of the town. The Bilbao campus, declared a Historical Monument in 2002, is located between the Guggenheim Museum and the Euskalduna Music and Conference Hall, emblematic buildings of the Bizkaian capital located within the area of Abandoibarra, a space of more than 350.000 square meters with large areas devoted to leisure, commerce, hotels, housing and offices.

The Universidad Commercial de Deusto was set up in 1916, the first “business school” in Spain. It was set up along the same lines as Bocconi University in Milan, Italy. Apart from the Faculty of Business and Economic Sciences, the university has six other faculties relating to the study of law, political; and social sciences, philosophy, educational sciences, engineering and theology and there are about 13,000 students in total. There is also a campus in San Sebastian but the main university is in Bilbao.

## **What it is like to study at Deusto**

Check out these video: [Video 1](#), [Video 2](#)

## Location

### Deusto

Bilbao is the center of a metropolitan area with more than one million inhabitants. It is, in addition, an important harbor, the commercial and financial center of the Basque Country and the north of Spain. Bilbao is a former industrial city that is undergoing a real “renaissance”, which has included the construction of the Guggenheim Museum and a brand new airport,



both well known works of modern architecture. It is easy to walk around the city, but it also possible to use the new metro and tram system. Bilbao is only a few miles from the sea and also quite close to the mountains.

Bilbao is part of the Basque region of Spain and all signs, etc., are in both the Basque language (Euskara) and in Castilian Spanish. Unlike Catalonia, however, the Basque language is not spoken widely and it is not the main medium for lectures at the university, although some lectures are taught in Basque.

### Semester/key dates

1st Semester: end September – mid February

2nd Semester: mid-February – end June

### Courses Available

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Students study at Universidad de Deusto – La Comercial either for the full academic year, or for one semester only, followed or preceded by a six-month work or study placement (see below).

Students will study take 30 ECTS credits per semester and will follow modules taught in Spanish from the Universidad de Deusto – La Comercial

**Administración y Dirección de Empresas** programme.

Information on [Deusto modules](#) can be found on the website.

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Students who study at Deusto for the whole academic year can look for a work placement for the second semester, using Deusto's Placement Service and the Asociación de Antiguos Alumnos.

Deusto will award 30 credits for a placement as long as it meets the following criteria:

- Placements are full-time and last for a whole semester,
- Placements are allocated an academic tutor and a company supervisor
- Students produce a reflective journal about what they have learnt and they present it to a panel

Students may take modules from different years, as long as timetabling allows.

Students studying for the full year (and who do not undertake a work placement in the second semester) will be required to undertake a short work placement of at least six weeks between semesters, or at the end of the period of study.

Students who study two languages will attend Deusto for one semester, which will be followed (or preceded) by a study or work placement in another country

### **Workload**

30 ECTS per semester

## Living in Spain

- **Accommodation**

Students apply for accommodation when they receive their letter of admission from the University of Deusto. Accommodation can be arranged in shared student flats or with host family accommodation. There are also some university halls of residence.

- **Other information** for [exchange students](#)

- **Living Costs (approximate prices)**

Approximate budget per month:	€700 - €800
Rent:	€350 - €450
Cinema ticket: (student rate)	€5 - €6
Bus/metro ticket: (prices vary, it is cheaper to buy a book of tickets or a pass)	€1

- **Insurance**

- Students from within the EU must apply for the European Health Insurance Card, which entitles them to medical care within the Spanish Social Security System. Students from other countries must be covered by personal insurance.

### Next steps if you are successful

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. You must complete and send us the Erasmus application form
4. Following the nomination you must in most cases, complete a registration online. The International Placements Team will contact you about this.
5. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
6. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

### Visa

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to Deusto, and also that you fulfill any visa requirements for entering and studying in Spain. For further information, please see the website of the [Spanish Embassy](#) in London.

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