



Admissions Brochure Academic Year 2016-17



Welcome to ASE!

ASE's mission is to develop future leaders with a high level of specialized theoretical and practical social science knowledge, as well as a good understanding and familiarity of African history and culture.

ASE has a rich educational infrastructure to accommodate both lecturers and students. On our campus, we have built a unique intellectual community. We have 95 students from 15 countries, 19 faculty trained at international renowned universities. We have set up four research programs in the Economics of Infrastructure, Human Development, Political Economy and Finance. We also have established academic partnerships with ten universities and we are currently working on eight more. ASE's international academic partnerships enable us to provide students with global exposure in both professional training and working experience.

ASE is committed to fostering academic and professional growth. Scholars share either preliminary or final findings of ongoing research projects with members of ASE community every week as part of the Research Seminar Series. In addition, students' knowledge and skills of career related topics improve through a series of workshops and educational activities (Professional Development Seminar Series) that will prepare them to make informed career related decisions. Moreover, starting in 2015, the African School of Economics has established the Summer Institute for Economic Research (SIER). Sponsored by the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) the goal of the Summer Institute is to contribute to the establishment of networks of collaborative, multidisciplinary research and policy engagement involving African academics and policy makers. ASE students participate actively in this event by attending the training session and also by presenting their research projects, allowing them to learn about potential employment opportunities as well as Ph.D. placements all over the world. In 2016 ASE will launch a new initiative, targeting the private sector, which will consist on an annual student run business conference involving academics and business leaders across Africa working in Finance, Management and Marketing. This would provide job market and entrepreneurship opportunities for our students, particularly those enrolled in our MBA program. Actually, we are proud to announce that a team of MBA students from our school is among the winners at the Global entrepreneurship week Award organized by the US embassy in Benin in December 2015. The judges were impressed with their performance and complimented the students, which were chosen to compete along with thirteen other schools of business and management, on their presentations.

Our innovative work-study program allows students to apply for financial aid to cover tuition fees in exchange for a work contract. This program offers \$2000 annually towards the cost of tuition and fees in exchange for 12 hours per week of student employment. Students may work as an intern with one of ASE's administrative departments, a teaching assistant with the faculty, or participate as a research associate with one our three research institutes.

Overall, ASE is committed to train the next generation of African business leaders, academics and policy-makers. Our first cohort will graduate in July 2016, and a future full of opportunities awaits them. ASE's graduates have great analytical skills, are fluent in French and English, and through their ASE education have been exposed to business leaders and academics. In addition, ASE's renowned reputation improves their chances for placement in graduate programs, positions in international organizations, governments and private corporations. Some of our graduate students receive job offers before finishing the program, while others are considering pursuing a doctoral degree. We are proud to be part of their success, as we trust their contribution will lead us to a brighter future. We hope that you too will join us and be a part of this success. We can ensure your academic experience at the African School of Economics will be exhilarating and transformational.

ASE is your path to innovative leadership!

Leonard Wantchekon, Founder and President

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Admissions Timeline

January to December:

Submit graduate study applications/financial aid applications. ASE accepts applications all year round, programs start in January and in September.

May and November:

Deadline to accept or deny your offer of admissions by paying security deposit of 60.000 FCFA (non-refundable)

August and November:

Math and English preparatory courses (September and January intakes)

September:

First term begins

December:

Final exams and break

Payment of Fees

The following information refers to both application fees and tuition fees.

A) Payment by direct deposit to the bank

Applicants who are in Bénin can deposit fees directly to our ORABANK BENIN account as follows :

- Account Name : AFRICAN SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
- Account Number : 008021050139

B) Wire Transfer Payment Information

Transfers can be made from banks located in Africa or outside the continent.

- Bank Code: 21058
- Branch Code: 01008
- Account Number : 008021050139
- Clé RIB : 02
- Account Name : AFRICAN SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
- Swift Code : ORBKBIBJ

For more information

Email us:

admissions@africanschoolofeconomics.com

Call us:

(229) 21 30 79 92

Application Process

PDF Application Instructions

- Download and complete the application from our website
- Gather all supporting documents
- Review and finalize your application
- Email your application and supporting documents to:
admissions@africanschoolofeconomics.com

Statement of Motivation

In no more than 500 words (one page), please describe your reasons for applying to the program of your choice, drawing on relevant research or professional experience, as well as your career objectives.

CV or Résumé

Provide a CV or résumé that outlines your experiences and interests including: university education; employment history; community and/or extracurricular activities; recognitions or achievements; special skills; language abilities.

Two Letters of Recommendation

We ask that you provide two letters of recommendation, at least one from a university professor with whom you have worked or taken classes, and who can tell us more about you and your academic potential. Letters of recommendation must be sent directly to ASE by the reference. Letters must also be typed, on official letterhead and signed.

Official Transcripts

We ask for official transcripts covering all previous university coursework, including confirmation of an earned bachelor's degree or equivalent. A minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (or equivalent) is recommended. All official documents must be submitted in English or French. If you are admitted to ASE, you will need to submit official final transcripts and examination results before you are allowed to enroll.

English Language Test (Recommended)

Entering students must demonstrate sufficient fluency in English. If English is not your first language, we recommend that you submit the results of an official English language exam of your choice. The English language test requirement is waived if you studied in an all-English curriculum for at least two years, or if are applying from an English-speaking country. The most common language exams are: TOEFL, TOEIC and IELTS

Standardized Tests

Standardized tests, such as the GRE or GMAT, are highly encouraged but not required for admission to the African School of Economics.

Tuition Fees and Financial Aid

PROGRAM	COST WITH FULL FINANCIAL AID (Tuition Grant + Work Study Program)	COST WITH PARTIAL FINANCIAL AID (Tuition Grant ONLY)	COST WITHOUT FINANCIAL AID
MMES	1.298.000 FCFA	2.509.000 FCFA	3.720.000 FCFA
MBA	1.358.000 FCFA	2.569.000 FCFA	3.780.000 FCFA
MDS	998.000 FCFA	2.209.000 FCFA	3.420.000 FCFA
MPA	998.000 FCFA	2.209.000 FCFA	3.420.000 FCFA
PhD 1 st year	1.448.000 FCFA	2.659.000 FCFA	3.870.000 FCFA
PhD 2 nd year	1.278.000 FCFA	2.489.000 FCFA	3.700.000 FCFA

PROGRAM	COST WITH FULL FINANCIAL AID (Tuition Grant + Work Study Program)	COST WITH PARTIAL FINANCIAL AID (Tuition Grant ONLY)	COST WITHOUT FINANCIAL AID
MMES	1.478.000 FCFA	2.689.000 FCFA	3.900.000 FCFA
MBA	1.538.000 FCFA	2.749.000 FCFA	3.960.000 FCFA
MDS	1.178.000 FCFA	2.389.000 FCFA	3.600.000 FCFA
MPA	1.178.000 FCFA	2.389.000 FCFA	3.600.000 FCFA
PhD 1 st year	1.628.000 FCFA	2.839.000 FCFA	4.050.000 FCFA
PhD 2 nd year	1.458.000 FCFA	2.669.000 FCFA	3.880.000 FCFA

All programs are subject to a 60.000 FCFA non-refundable enrollment fee

TYPES OF INTERNAL FINANCIAL AID

Tuition grant: This award is based on both academic merit and demonstrated financial need. It covers up to 1.211.000 FCFA. To be considered for ASE tuition grant the applicant must apply for it and submit all the supportive documents. This aid is renewable if the student maintains a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher.

Work Study Program offers 1.211.000 FCFA annually towards the cost of tuition and fees in exchange for 12 hours per week of student employment. Students may work as an intern with one of ASE's administrative departments, a teaching assistant with the faculty or participate as a research assistant or data analysis assistant with one of our three research institutes. Participation in the program is renewable if the student maintains a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher.

Teaching Fellowship: offers up to 1.815.000 FCFA annually in exchange for a given amount of hours (depends on each case) of student employment as a lecturer. This fellowship is only offered to second year and above Ph.D. students.

ASE Graduate Programs Overview

The African School of Economics will launch three new graduate programs in the Academic Year 2016-17. In addition to our Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master in Mathematics, Economics and Statistics (MMES), ASE will start offering a Master of Public Administration (MPA), a Master of Development Studies (MDS) and a Ph.D. in Economics in September 2016. These new programs are designed to meet the growing demand for qualified professionals working in management and administration related occupations, international development institutions and research centers. Our Master programs seek candidates with strong academic performance in prior university studies, proven creative and analytical aptitude and exceptional communication skills.

Starting this year, ASE will accept applications throughout the year and programs will start in January and in September to accommodate students who come from outside Benin and whose academic calendars differ from the Beninese. Thus, there is no deadline for submitting applications to ASE.

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

First Year - Mandatory Courses	Second year - Mandatory Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Econometrics • Economics History • Finance I • Macroeconomics • Marketing • Mathematics • Microeconomics • Operations Research • Qualitative Data Analysis • Software • Statistics & Applied Econometrics • Strategic Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting • Business Ethics • Business Law • Entrepreneurship and Private Sector Development • Organizational Behavior • Thesis Seminar <p>Elective courses in "Marketing and Management"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising • Human Resources Management • Logistics and Supply Chain Management • Marketing Research/Quantitative Applications in Marketing <p>Elective courses in "Finance"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Finance • Finance II (Corporate Finance) • Portfolio Theory and Risk Management • Derivatives

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

First Year - Mandatory Courses	Second year - Mandatory Courses
Finance for Int. and Public Affairs HR and Organizational Behavior International Organization Management Introduction to African Economic History Introduction to Macro-economics Introduction to Micro-economics Managing Public Service Organizations Mathematics Public Economics Statistics/Econometrics	Human Rights International Economics International Security Research Methods Statistics Methods for Policy Evaluation Thesis Seminar <p>Elective courses in "Public Management"</p> Education and Health Environmental Policy Leadership Non-Profits Management <p>Elective courses in "International Relations"</p> Civil War and Peace Keeping Operations Diplomacy and International Mediation Energy and Environment Development Topics in Development Policies in Africa

ASE Graduate Programs Overview

Master in Mathematics, Economics and Statistics (MMES)

First Year - Mandatory Courses	Second year - Mandatory Courses
Econometrics Economics History International Development Economics Labor Economics Macroeconomics I Macroeconomics II Mathematics Microeconomics I Microeconomics II Qualitative Data Analysis Software Statistics	International Trade Political Economy Research Design & Methodology Seminar in Development Economics Thesis Seminar Elective courses in "Economic Theory" Advanced Game Theory Financial Economics Seminar in Macroeconomics Theory Seminar in Microeconomics Theory Elective courses in "Econometrics" Machine Learning and Neural Network Causal Inference and Field Experiments Topics in Econometric Theory Elective courses in "Applied Economics" Introduction to Survey Research Industrial Organization Seminar in Macroeconomics Seminar in Microeconomics

Master of Development Studies (MDS)

First Year - Mandatory Courses	Second year - Mandatory Courses
African Art History Comparative Politics Ethics Introduction to African Economic History Introduction to Macroeconomics Introduction to Microeconomics Mathematics Political Economy Quantitative Economic History Sociology I Statistics for Social Sciences	African Economic Development in Historical Perspective Impact Evaluation for Development Project Political Institutions Research Topics in Economic History Sociology II Thesis Seminar Elective courses in "Economic History" Economic Development in Post-Colonial Africa International Economic Institutions since World War II European Economic History Latin American Economic History History of Japan, China and India Elective courses in "Sociology and Political Science" Clientelism and Redistributive Politics Conflict Management Research Topics in Political Economy States and Governance in Africa Topics in Democratic Theory and Practice

Testimonials

ASE Summer Institute for Economic Research was an opportunity to discover one of the largest economic and statistic research platforms in Africa. ASE's students are really motivated, I was totally impressed by the high quality of their research. The outstanding and creative research environment fostered at ASE made it a great place to do science.

Marie Christelle Mabeu (PhD Candidate, University of Ottawa - Canada)

ASE is poised to be the continental epicentre of world-class innovative economic research and training of the brightest African economists, the next generation of leading scholars and transformational policy leaders. The cutting-edge skills of ASE students are astonishing, having nothing to envy to many world-leading universities. After listening to many ASE students' insightful presentations and reading their outstanding papers, I extended collaboration opportunities to some of them and anticipate hiring more. ASE is definitively the place to be for anyone studying Economics in Africa.

Landry Signé (University of Alaska Anchorage; Distinguished Fellow, Stanford University's Center for African Studies - USA)

The African School of Economics is a vibrant international and intellectual community. Students are exposed to cutting-edge methods in economics and public policy and are connected to a wide network of top scholars and institutions around the world. Not only do the ASE programs prepare students for a scientific research career, they also train them for a brilliant career in the public or private spheres.

Pierre Ngumkeu (Georgia State University - USA)

I have the privilege to participate fully in well thought out program in research design, research presentations and policy forum of ASE in December 2015. ASE is one of the leading economic institutions in West Africa with a vision of becoming a world-class center of excellence in Economics, Mathematics, Statistics and Finance. Through the provision of high quality programs and services, caring faculty and the cultivation of a participant-centered learning environment, ASE has been able to maintain a vigilant focus on human capacity development and institutional contribution to the national development efforts of across the West Coast.

Kingsley Agomor (Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration - Ghana)

No nation can grow without good education programs because having strong economic policies requires trained leaders. ASE is a school that seeks to train young students to solve problems in Africa by giving them a solid understanding of the African economic context. ASE is a leader and champion among economics schools both across West Africa and the entire continent.

Alex Attekou (MMES Class of 2016)

After spending more than a year and half at ASE in Benin, I truly believe in the school and its future. I know that ASE will produce strong leaders that will contribute to Africa's economic emergence. What makes ASE's programs so strong is that they offer the same level of teaching as programs in North America but courses are tailored to the African context. Though challenging at times, ASE has taught me that I can be the force of change in both my country and my continent.

Narcisse Nkwetchou (MMES Class of 2016)

I like the high quality of training ASE offers to students. In fact, almost all the teachers at ASE come from abroad so students receive the same lectures as students in European and North American universities. Furthermore, the fact that all instruction is in English despite the university being in a Francophone country has allowed me to improve my English skills tremendously. ASE also organizes professional and academic research seminars on a weekly basis, I have met and learned from professionals and academics from around the world. Lastly, ASE's work-study program, not only makes attending the university more financially feasible, but it also gives students research experience that will make them more competitive when applying for jobs.

Simplice Sossou Adjisse (MMES Class of 2016)

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