BPES FAQ

What is BPES?
BPES stands for Business for Professionals of Engineering and Science. In 2016/17, our offering comprised 8 subjects delivered in different formats over a period of 10 weeks.

The BPES modules will introduce you to a range of ideas, concepts and models relevant to working successfully in organisations. The faculty have designed modules that will stimulate your thinking and demonstrate to you how theory and practice interact. By working hard and engaging with the materials and the faculty, you will develop knowledge and skills that will stand you in good stead in your future endeavours.

When does BPES run?
Autumn Term: 9 October 2017 – 15 December 2017
Spring Term: 15 January 2018 – 23 March 2018

Are all BPES modules optional?
This is dependent on your home department. Some students will need to take BPES modules as a core part of their degree – this will be made clear to you and you will be enrolled onto the relevant modules automatically.

Can I take BPES as a non-credit option?
No, students are only able to register for BPES as credit options. Please ask your home department if you are unsure as to whether you can take the module.

Do you offer any online BPES modules?
Yes, 4 of the BPES 2017/18 modules are delivered online, giving students the freedom to learn in their own time. These online modules have been re-developed from our Global MBA and delivered via our online learning environment, the Hub, as part of a successful pilot project.

When do lectures take place?
We try to schedule BPES lectures around lunchtimes wherever possible. There are no lectures on Wednesdays.

Some BPES modules are streamed, offering greater flexibility.

Are there any restrictions on who can take BPES modules?
Your home department usually decides which modules you can take, dependent on the programme you are studying. If in doubt, please check with your home department prior to signing up.

Students who are planning to take the Joint Honours year in Management degree programme are not permitted to register for BPES.

Please note in addition that BPES is not part of Imperial Horizons.

When can I sign up for BPES modules?
BPES 2017/18 registration for Autumn Term will open at 9am on Thursday 18 May and Spring Term will open at 9am on Thursday 25 May. Registration will be via DSS.

Registration will remain open until 5pm on Friday 9 June but students are advised to sign up at the earliest opportunity as places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Once modules are at capacity, students who attempt to register thereafter will be added to a waiting list.

When will I know if I have secured a place on my chosen BPES module?

Please keep checking DSS, as this is updated each day. Confirmation emails will be sent out once the online registration period has closed.

Will attendance be monitored?

Attendance will be monitored for the first two lectures of face-to-face BPES modules - any students who fail to attend both lectures will be withdrawn from the module.

Any students undertaking online BPES modules will be monitored to ensure that they are making steady progress through the materials.

Does BPES use Blackboard?

BPES, like the rest of Imperial College Business School, uses the Hub rather than Blackboard to deliver all module content. All module information such as materials, live lectures, module outlines, grades etc. can be found on the Hub.

The Hub is very intuitive and you will receive a demo on how to use it closer to the start of session.

Will the lectures be available online for revision purposes?

Yes, live lectures are recorded by Panopto and available online via the Hub. Please note technical difficulties can sometimes occur and that Panopto recordings are designed to supplement and not replace your BPES studies.

When do BPES exams usually take place?

Autumn exams usually fall in mid-January and Spring exams at the end of April / beginning of May but this is subject to change year on year. Detailed information will be made available on the Hub early in the term.

If you need to undertake a field-trip / work placement as part of your main programme of study and believe that this will clash with your exam, please ensure that you flag this up to the BPES Team at the earliest opportunity.

When will my BPES exam marks be released?

Exam marks for BPES modules are usually released at the end of June/July by your home department.