

ALLIANCE4TECH

Dear student,

The following prospect is supposed to provide a small guide on the Alliance4tech (A4T) Programme, to understand the functioning and the main characteristics of the programme.

First, you will find below a small presentation of the programme and what it consists of.

Alliance4Tech is a strategic alliance, formally established in 2015, between 4 prestigious European technical universities: Centrale Supélec in Paris, Politecnico di Milano, TU-Berlin, University College London. The alliance aims to create a real European Campus, providing students with the opportunity to spend exchange experiences at partner universities (UCL does not currently offer courses suitable for Management Engineering students). The programme offers an innovative educational track, based on two-semester exchanges at partner universities. At the end of their studies, students will receive the regular Master's degree from their home university, plus a Joint Program Certificate from the Alliance4Tech partners. For further information and insights, please refer to the [Alliance4Tech](#) website.

1. APPLICATION

To participate in the programme you must apply through the International Mobility Call, published every year on the Politecnico di Milano [website](#). Only students enrolled in the third year of the Bachelor of Science or the first year of the Master of Science can apply and select A4T among the 6 preferences that can be expressed. The exchange destination will be defined at a later stage with the professor in charge of the programme and the International Mobility Unit.

2. SELECTIONS AND ALLOCATIONS

The allocation at the university partner is carried out following the procedures, timing and deadlines of the International Mobility Call. Once the Call will be closed, the final ranking of the students selected for the program will be published¹. The mobility will be carried out only after completing the enrollment in the Master's Degree. Selected students will be able to choose to spend one semester in Berlin and one semester in Paris. In any case, the duration of the mobility may not be less than 3 months or more than 12 months, in compliance with the rules provided for by the Mobility Call. The first mobility must also necessarily be carried out in the academic year in which the student is selected by the Call: if you are selected in the Mobility Call related to exchanges for the academic year 22-23, you must complete your exchange in the Fall semester of 2022 or the Spring semester of 2023. Furthermore, students must follow the rule of the first semester of the Master's degree, according to students who at the time of application are enrolled in the third year of a three-year degree or individual courses will only be able to start their exchange in the Spring semester of the first year of the Master. For further information on this matter, please refer to the International Mobility Call.

Students will be given information about partner universities, mainly related to teaching programmes and organizational aspects². Students can also refer to the A4T website at the following [link](#), and look at the information provided by the partner universities, including the list of available [courses](#) and academic [calendars](#).

¹ Please, refer to the 2022/2023 International Mobility Call for further details about the available spots

² After selections, an informative event will be organized with the professor in charge of the Programme (professor Terzi, for Management Engineering students) and the International Mobility Unit.

3. POST-SELECTIONS

After defining the exchange destinations, the next stage will follow the rules as per specified in the Mobility Call. Therefore, the International Mobility Unit (exchange-bovisa@polimi.it) will be the qualified office in charge of the administrative aspects related to international exchanges, and will follow students throughout the nomination process at the university partner.

Students will also be asked to choose the courses they will take at the partner university. They will then define the Learning Agreement together with the professor in charge of the programme. Students selected for the Alliance4Tech programme are entitled to take up to 60 credits (ECTS) from the other two institutions³. More specifically, Central Supelec requires exchange students to attend at least 24 ECTS courses as well as a French language course for at least 2-3 ECTS.

Students are encouraged to do also thesis work, for which are required to have Master thesis supervisors from two universities. The thesis has to be written in English and has to follow the examination regulations of the home university; in any case, Management Engineering students will still have to attend the courses and take the related exams.

4. END OF THE PROGRAMME

After completing the two exchanges, students must have a Transcript of Records issued by the partner institution through which the professor in charge of the programme will proceed to validate the exams.

After graduating from the Politecnico di Milano, the "Alliance4Tech Certificate" will be issued to students participating in the programme who have met the following requirements:

- They have spent an exchange semester in 2 partner institutions of the A4Tech programme
- They have obtained at least 30 ECTS abroad
- They have obtained at least 5 ECTS in each exchange university abroad

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³ Polimi regulations require each student to obtain at least 60 ECTS at Polimi to be able to graduate, excluding the thesis.