

# THEMIS

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# Welcome



THEMIS is a network made up of twelve top universities in Milan, Berlin, Maastricht, Barcelona, Paris, Vienna, St. Gallen, Lisbon, Singapore, Wellington, Hong Kong and Taipei.

These schools have come together to create a new standard in business law education in response to an ever-increasing demand for legal professionals with international know-how and expertise.

Graduate-level law students who are selected to participate in this program will be given the opportunity to widen their intellectual and academic horizons by going on international exchanges, attending specialized THEMIS seminars, and participating in international internships.

Students who are selected to participate in the THEMIS network will obtain not only their local law degree but also the International THEMIS Certificate.

# THEMIS Partners



## City University of Hong Kong (China)

The City University of Hong Kong School of Law is a premier law school with a history of excellence and the vision to become one of the great law schools in the Asia-Pacific region. The mission of the school is to provide students with an excellent education and to contribute to the advancement of knowledge. Through

cooperation with other law schools and professional organizations, the school aims to foster an environment in which both students and staff develop and use their legal knowledge, professional skills, and expertise for the benefit of Hong Kong and the region.

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## ESADE Law School (Spain)

ESADE is a modern, outward looking academic institution, that contributes to the development of competent, critically-minded individuals. The ESADE Law School was established in 1992 in response to demand

from the professional world for soundly trained jurists. ESADE's key mission is to train individuals to become highly-competent professionals fully aware of their social responsibility. We promote education and research through our Law School and Business School with a firm commitment to intellectual rigour, critical analysis and academic excellence. ESADE's global prestige stems from its quality education, its international focus and its holistic approach towards professional and personal skills development.

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### Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)

The international network university Freie Universität Berlin occupies an excellent position in national and international rankings. The university's future development strategy was chosen in the national Excellence Competition, making it one of eleven universities of excellence

in Germany. Freie Universität Berlin operates liaison offices in Brussels, Cairo, Beijing, Moscow, New Delhi, New York, and São Paulo. An international outlook defines teaching programs, research activities and the academic life. The university is a drawing card for both international students and researchers.

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### Maastricht University (Netherlands)

The Faculty of Law at Maastricht University aims to provide excellent education and research that meet international standards. Education and research provisions focus on demands from the national, European

and international labor markets: one faculty for Dutch, European and international lawyers. Lawyers must possess all of the relevant skills: they can competently handle matters pertaining to national, European and international law, as well as comparative law and all of its myriad interactions. Research also focuses on these interactions as well as on the Europeanization and internationalization of the legal profession.

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### National Taiwan University (Taiwan)

NTU Law was established in 1945 after WW2 and has been the best law school in Taiwan for over 70 years. The law school is home to a total of 1,764 students and 46 faculty members and offers its students 7 programs (LL.B., LL.M., and PhD programs, GIILS, Joint Degree Program, Exchange Student Program, Visiting

Student Program, International Student Degree Program, and Summer Program). With a strong reputation and presence in the global community, NTU Law has formed collaborations with 88 partner schools worldwide, each with active academic exchange programs.

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### Nova School of Law (Portugal)

NOVA Law School was founded in 1996 as part of the newest public university in Portugal. Located in Campolide, one of the central neighborhoods of Lisbon, it promotes an international approach to higher education, drawing

faculty and students from all over the world. It promotes excellence in research and teaching, and it has developed expertise in emerging areas of law such as law and technology, international dispute resolution, sustainable development and business, and human rights.

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### Singapore Management University (Singapore)

SMU's law program aims to mold students into excellent lawyers with a heart for service to contribute significantly to society. The objective is to produce law graduates who have contextualized legal expertise and the ability to think across disciplines and geographical borders. With the rise of artificial intelligence, block-

chain, and autonomous vehicles leading to new complexities in legal issues, the school continues to be at the forefront of modernizing the curriculum to ensure future-ready law graduates. SMU's seminar-style learning results in students who are confident, articulate, and analytically agile.

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### Università Bocconi (Italy)

The Bocconi School of Law was established to provide students with appropriate means to face the growing complexity of the legal field. To fully comprehend today's continuously evolving landscape, it is essential for a law student

to acquire a solid understanding of the fundamentals of law. For this reason, the Bocconi School of Law aims to provide students with the legal knowledge and models of thinking required to undertake traditional legal practice. Exchange programs with other countries, along with an international outlook in terms of faculty and course content, place an emphasis on training students to become highly-skilled legal experts.

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Università Commerciale  
Luigi Bocconi





### Universität St. Gallen (Switzerland)

The Law School is part of the internationally renowned University of St. Gallen, a School of Management, Economics, Law, Social Sciences and International Affairs.

Apart from a Bachelor and Master degree in law, the Law School also offers a combined Bachelor and Master in Law and Economics and a

Master in International Law in English. All law programs reflect the overall HSG strategy, which is characterized by an interdisciplinary, international and practise-oriented approach. Research carried out at the Law School is characterised in particular by its practical focus and trans-disciplinary approach.

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### Université Paris-Est Créteil Val de Marne (France)

UPEC has a student population of about 36,000 and covers nearly all major disciplines. The Law Faculty is home to around 3,500 students, many of them from abroad. UPEC's teachers and researchers

have an excellent international reputation. In its undergraduate (3 years) and master's (2 additional years) programs, designed together with legal professionals, the Law Faculty trains students to become highly-skilled legal experts and critically-minded citizens. Themis students can choose courses from several master's programs in business law, European and international law.

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### Victoria University Wellington (New Zealand)

Our world-class Faculty of Law offers a stimulating and supportive learning environment. Frequently ranked among the top 50 law schools in the world, home to scholars of international standing, and based in the nation's vibrant legal and political heart, there is no better place to

advance your knowledge of the law. Located in the heart of Wellington's legal and political district, next to the courts, Executive Government, and Parliament, we are in a privileged position to inform thinking and lead debate on legal, policy, and governance issues that affect all New Zealanders and global citizens.

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### WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business) (Austria)

WU is one of Europe's leading institutions of higher education in the fields of economics, business, law, and social sciences. WU's academic strengths are based on its broad research and

teaching portfolio. WU's high standards have consistently been confirmed by international accreditations. The Master's degree program in Business Law provides a theoretical and practical education in Austrian, European and international business law. Particular emphasis is placed on an interdisciplinary and international approach. Which is precisely what lawyers need in today's globalized world of Business Law.

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# THEMIS Curriculum

The THEMIS experience contains three core elements:

- › a semester abroad
- › an international internship
- › the THEMIS seminar

## Semester Abroad

The semester abroad offers students the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills in an international context. The actual duration of the student exchange is one academic semester (fall/winter semester).

Students choose courses from among a specific list of courses approved by the THEMIS network; students may choose to register for courses offered in English or in the local language of the partner institution.

During the semester abroad, **students are required to take courses for at least 30 ECTS (or equivalent for non EU partner universities) and to pass at least 24 ECTS (or equivalent for non EU partner universities) of business law classes and/or international law classes in order to validate the semester for the joint certificate.** Students are allowed to enroll in one course (up to six ECTS) offered at the partner institution which is not a THEMIS-accredited course. The 30 ECTS required for the THEMIS program may not include credits for language classes.

## Internship

An internship is considered to be an integral part of the THEMIS educational path. Internships give students the chance to put their academic knowledge into practice and begin developing their professional career. Students selected for the THEMIS program are required to participate in an international law internship. In order for the internship to be considered valid for the joint certificate it, **must have an international focus, and, if full-time, it must last for a minimum of six consecutive weeks (minimum eight weeks if part-time).**

If the student is unable to participate in an internship in a foreign country, then the internship must be conducted at an international law firm, the law department of an international company, an NGO with an international focus or an international organization. Students' home and host universities are available to assist participants in the internship search; however they cannot guarantee a place to all participating students.



### THEMIS Seminar

The THEMIS seminar provides students with a chance to delve deeper into an area of international law relevant to their academic career. It will focus on a different subject each year and will be conducted in English. The seminar is usually held in the spring and is taught by professors of the host and partner schools, as well as relevant local notables. The seminar is hosted by partners on a rotating basis. **Students are required to attend one THEMIS seminar during their participation in the THEMIS program.** Travel, board and lodging expenses are the responsibility of each individual student.



### Past THEMIS Seminars

2020	Artificial Intelligence: the biggest challenge of the lawyer of the XXI century, ESADE Law School, Barcelona
2019	Competition Law and the Digital Economy, NOVA, Lisbon
2018	Law and Corruption, Universität St. Gallen
2017	Europe – A Union of the People, WU, Vienna
2016	Doing Business and Social/Human Rights, Università Bocconi, Milan
2015	The Role of ECJ in European Integration, FU Berlin
2014	The Economic and Financial Crisis and Consumer Protection, UPEC, Paris
2013	Law and Art, Maastricht Law School, Maastricht
2012	International Litigation, ESADE Law School, Barcelona
2011	International Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution, Università Bocconi, Milan
2010	European Contract Law and Economic Law, FU Berlin
2008	Intellectual Property, UPEC, Paris
2007	Corporate Governance, Mergers and Acquisitions, ESADE Law School, Barcelona

### **The International THEMIS Certificate**

At the end of the program, upon fulfillment of all the academic requirements of the home university and the THEMIS program, students will be awarded an International THEMIS Certificate attesting to their unique educational and intercultural experience.

### **Student Testimonials**

**"The THEMIS experience was truly rewarding and I am confident that I am well prepared for my future as an international lawyer."**

**Jessica Hugas, ESADE Law School**

THEMIS 2015/16, Università Bocconi

**"I have found the THEMIS program rewarding and I was very fortunate to be able to complete my semester abroad at WU. It has given me the opportunity to grow not only academically but also personally and culturally."**

**Zi Rui Megan Low, Singapore Management University**

THEMIS 2019/20, WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

**"As part of the THEMIS Law Network, I'm sure I'll benefit from this program because I have no doubt that studying in such an inspiring environment not only represents an important step for my future professional career but also broadens my horizons, allowing me to share such an enriching experience with a network of talented individuals."**

**Vittoria Villa, Università Bocconi**

THEMIS 2019/20, WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business)



# Useful Information



## Selection

Each partner institution will select its own students to participate in the THEMIS program, in accordance with the guidelines jointly defined by the partners. Students must demonstrate a superior level of academic performance, strong linguistic ability as well as a desire and motivation for an international experience.

## Costs

During participation in the program, students continue to pay regular tuition and fees to their home university. Partner institutions may require students to pay administrative fees for program participation. Interested students should consult the relevant office at their home institution regarding these fees.

## Erasmus+ Scholarship

### (THEMIS partners within the Erasmus+ framework)

Students selected for the THEMIS program may apply for Erasmus+ grants through their home institution if they meet the Erasmus+ requirements. The Erasmus+ program offers students the opportunity to receive a monthly grant for one semester abroad and for undertaking a curricular internship at enterprises, research centers, and training centers.





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