

# THEMIS

The International Legal Network of Excellence



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# Welcome



THEMIS is a network made up of eight top universities: Università Bocconi (Italy), ESADE Law School (Spain), Freie Universität Berlin (Germany), Université Paris- Est Créteil Val de Marne (France), Maastricht University (Netherlands), Singapore Management University (Singapore), Universität St. Gallen (Switzerland) and WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business) (Austria).

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



## 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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## 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



# THEMIS Partners



## 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 welcomes approximately 27,000 students and offers nearly all the major disciplines. The Law Faculty was founded in 1969 and receives some 3000 students each year, out of which a certain percentage come from foreign countries, primarily from Europe. The Law Faculty prepares students for the Licence Diploma (3 years) and the Master Diploma (2 additional years). Students may choose from seven Research Masters and fourteen Professional Masters, dealing mainly with Business Law and European Law. These programs are held in collaboration with legal professionals. Members of the teaching faculty are well-known in France and abroad.

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## Singapore Management University (Singapore)

A premier university in Asia, the Singapore Management University (SMU) is internationally recognized for its world class research and distinguished teaching. Established in 2000, SMU's mission is to generate leading research with global impact and produce creative and entrepreneurial leaders. SMU School of Law

was established in 2007. SMU's undergraduate law program aims to mold students into excellent lawyers who will 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.

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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 Curriculum

## 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

2015-2016	Doing Business and Social/Human Rights, Università Bocconi, Milan
2014-2015	The Role of ECJ in European Integration, FU Berlin
2013-2014	The Economic and Financial Crisis and Consumer Protection, UPEC, Paris
2012-2013	Law and Art, Maastricht Law School, Maastricht
2011-2012	International Litigation, ESADE Law School, Barcelona
2010-2011	International Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution, Università Bocconi, Milan
2009-2010	European Contract Law and Economic Law, FU Berlin
2007-2008	Intellectual Property, UPEC, Paris
2006-2007	Corporate Governance, Mergers and Acquisitions, ESADE Law School, Barcelona



# THEMIS Curriculum

## The International THEMIS Certificate

At the end of the program, upon fulfillment of all the academic requirements, students will receive an International THEMIS Certificate attesting to their unique educational and intercultural experience. This certificate will be awarded to students when all course requirements of their home university have been met, as well as all THEMIS program requirements.



## 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

Bocconi

**“The THEMIS Program is an unparalleled experience in an international context which grows and expands you both culturally and academically and you will never regret your choice.”**

[Luca Gobbi, Bocconi](#)

THEMIS 2013/14

Université Paris-Est Creteil, Val de Marne

**“My THEMIS experience was a life-changing journey; one of those incredible experiences which is hard to say good-bye to. As a THEMIS student, I was given the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to widen my intellectual and academic horizons.”**

[Martina Vucenovich, Bocconi](#)

THEMIS 2013/14

Freie Universität Berlin

# 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.

