



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (ISEP)

Factsheet AY2025–2026

## OVERVIEW

Established in 2000, Singapore Management University (SMU) is internationally recognised for its highly interactive, collaborative and project-based approach to learning. This unique pedagogy creates the opportunity for students to immerse themselves in an array of multi-disciplinary courses that address Asian issues of global relevance.

Home to some 13,000 students, SMU comprises six schools specialising in Accountancy, Business, Computing and Information Systems, Economics, Law and Social Sciences, offering a wide range of bachelor's, master's and PhD degree programmes. SMU has added two colleges – College of Integrative Studies and College of Graduate Research Studies to its academic suite in 2022.

SMU's city campus enjoys strategic linkages with business, government and the wider community through its institutes, centres and labs.

## IMPORTANT DATES

	Term 1 (Fall)	Term 2 (Spring)
Nomination Deadline	15 April	15 September
Application Deadline	25 April	25 September
Issuance of Acceptance Letter	Mid-End May	Mid-End Oct
Expected Arrival in Singapore	11 August	4 January
Orientation Week (Mandatory)	11 – 17 August	5 – 11 January
Classes	18 August – 23 November	12 January – 19 April
Recess Week	6 – 12 October	2 – 8 March
Final Exams*	24 November – 7 December	20 April – 3 May
Expiry of Digital Student's Pass**	14 December	10 May
Issuance of Digital Transcript	Mid March	Mid July

\*All students are required to take the final examinations in-person on campus as scheduled by the University.

\*\*Students are required to leave Singapore before the expiration of the digital Student's Pass. Overstaying is a legal offence in Singapore.

Please refer to the detailed academic calendar [here](#).

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have completed at least one academic year of undergraduate studies and must be a registered undergraduate in their home university throughout the study term.

### English Language Proficiency:

The language of instruction at SMU is English. Students from non-English-speaking countries or from institutions whereby the language of instruction is not English, must fulfil at least one of the following English language proficiency certifications.

English Proficiency Test	Minimum Score
<b>TOEFL PBT (paper-based test)</b> Min. of 5.5 (Test of Written) & 50 (Reading)	583
<b>TOEFL iBT (internet-based test)</b> Min. of 22 (Reading) & 22 (Writing)	93
<b>International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS)</b> Min. of 7.0 (Reading) 6.5 (Writing)	7.0
<b>C1 Advanced</b> Min. of 185 (Reading) and 176 (Writing)	185

### NOTES:

- IELTS/ TOEFL/ C1 Advanced scores are valid for 2 years. Scores from tests taken must be within the validity period of two years at the point of application.
- Due to COVID-19 testing restrictions, scores from the TOEFL iBT® Special Home Edition and IELTS Indicator will also be accepted.
- \* Students who do not have the above certification may submit a supporting letter from their home university confirming they meet the university's overseas exchange selection criteria, including the required English proficiency for SMU. Partner universities may contact [isep.inbound@smu.edu.sg](mailto:isep.inbound@smu.edu.sg) for a letter template.



## NOMINATION

Partner universities shall receive information on nomination instructions via email and are required to complete a nomination form to nominate their students to SMU, for each term.

## APPLICATION

SMU shall send the application instructions to the nominated students. Submission of application and supporting documents are to be completed electronically via the online application system, together with the required supporting documents listed below. Only valid documents in English will be accepted. Each file attachment should be less than **500KB**.

<b>Passport</b>	<p>Photo identification page of the passport with a validity period of no less than six months beyond the end date of the study term.</p> <p>If your new passport is being renewed and not ready at the point of application, please submit your existing passport and email the renewed one to us once completed. However, please take note that this may delay the subsequent procedures.</p>
<b>Academic Transcript</b>	<p>Latest academic transcript bearing the University's official letterhead or seal – please include the corresponding GPA legend of your university.</p>
<b>Passport Photograph</b>	<p>Photo taken within the last three months.</p>
<b>English Language Proficiency Certificate</b> (if applicable)	<p>Students from non-English-speaking countries or from institutions where the language of instruction is not English must provide a relevant certificate.</p>



## STUDENT'S PASS (VISA)

All international exchange and visiting students are required to hold a valid Student's Pass (STP) during their study term in Singapore. The Student's Pass is a legal document that enables the student to live and study in Singapore, as well as serves as a multiple-entry visa into Singapore (subject to terms and conditions). The cost for the STP ranges between S\$105 and S\$135 and includes the application fee, issuance fee and multiple-entry visa fee (if applicable).

SMU will initiate the application of the Student's Pass. Nevertheless, students bear the responsibility to complete and fulfil the application requirements for the STP before their arrival in Singapore. More information on the STP application process will be provided two months before the start of the study term.

### **IMPORTANT:**

*By regulation, STP holders (exchange and visiting students) are strictly not permitted to undertake any form of internship or work (paid or unpaid), including virtual engagements, during their study term in Singapore.*

## ENTERING SINGAPORE

There are no longer any COVID-19 measures for travellers arriving in Singapore from 13 Feb 2023, regardless of vaccination status or traveller profile, even if their In-principle Approval (IPA) letter has stated so. Travellers must ensure that they fulfil all other general entry requirements as stated on the ICA website.



## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### Course Offerings

Only **Bachelor/undergraduate-level courses** are available for exchange students, except for those on Themis programme.

### Class Format & Size

Interactive seminar-style comprising 35 – 45 students.

### Course Load

Full course load per term: 4.0 SMU credits. Minimum course load per term: 2.0 SMU credits.

Students may be permitted to enrol for a maximum course load of 5.0 SMU credits per term, subject to approval by the home university and SMU.

### Credit Weightage

Each full-credit course is equivalent to 1.0 SMU credit, and consists of 39 contact hours per term. Each half-credit course is equivalent to 0.5 SMU credit, and consists of at least 18 contact hours per term.

### Course Assessment

Assessments can include, but not limited to (i) class attendance; (ii) class participation; (iii) individual project; (iv) group project; (v) presentation (individual/group); (vi) mid-term test; (vii) final examination.

### Class Attendance & Participation

Attendance and participation form part of the course assessment, hence attendance is mandatory for all classes. Absence from classes due to health/medical reasons must be validated by medical certification. Absence due to other reasons require prior approval by the course instructor.

### Mode of Delivery

Classes will be conducted in-person without any virtual alternative option.

### Final Examinations

All exams are in-person. Students are required to sit for the final exams as scheduled by SMU. No rescheduling of exams will be allowed.



## COURSE ENROLMENT

Course enrolments are conducted via a bidding exercise in July (Term 1) and December (Term 2) each year. Only **undergraduate** courses from a prescribed list will be offered to exchange and visiting students (**Course Codes 001-499, 1200-4038**).

Students will be allocated 100 e-dollars (e\$100) each term (**one-time only**), for bidding of all their required courses. This empowers them to draw up their own timetable based on their recommended study plan (subject to constraints of curriculum requirements and the supply and demand of classes). Details and instructions related to course bidding together with the list of courses offered, shall be made available to students two to four weeks before the course bidding exercise. It is important that students understand the information, policies and procedures to ensure a smooth bidding process.

Demand could be high for some courses, e.g. fundamental freshmen courses. Students are encouraged to be pro-active and flexible in their study plans to optimise their bidding opportunities.

### Course Catalogue:

For planning purposes, students may refer to the [Course Catalogue](#) for **undergraduate** course offerings from previous terms (**Course Codes 001-499, 1200-4038**). This catalogue serves as a reference only as not all courses listed will be offered to exchange and visiting students.

### IMPORTANT:

- *Course enrolment strictly adheres to the SMU academic policies and guidelines. It is subject to the vacancies available, fulfilment of course pre-requisites (if applicable) and bidding outcome of the student.*
- *Course enrolment is not guaranteed. It is strongly advised that students should not be completing their final term of studies during their study abroad at SMU. Their graduation may be at risk should they fail to secure their required courses.*

## How to Prepare for Course Bidding & Enrolment?

### 1 Read the Course-Bidding Guide

and review the prescribed list of course offerings for the intended study term.

### 2 Obtain pre-approvals

from students' home university to enrol for their desired courses at SMU. Students are encouraged to obtain pre-approval for more courses than necessary as contingency, in case their desired courses are fully subscribed.

### 3 Ensure you fulfilled the necessary pre-requisites

for the desired courses. Students are required to consult and seek approval from the respective SMU course instructors on the fulfilment of pre-requisites (if any), before bidding for their courses.

Students will not be allowed to enrol for, nor to continue with the course if the pre-requisites have not been met.

## EXAMINATIONS & GRADING SYSTEM

Final examinations are held at the end of every term. Students are required to sit for the examinations on the date and time scheduled by the University. Rescheduling of exam dates or special/early examination arrangements will not be permitted.

All SMU courses are graded in accordance to a 4-point grading system, as tabled below.

Grade	Grade Point	Mark Range
A+	4.3	86 and above
A	4.0	83 to 85
A-	3.7	80 to 82
B+	3.3	77 to 79
B	3.0	74 to 76
B-	2.7	70 to 73
C+	2.3	66 to 69
C	2.0	63 to 65
C-	1.7	60 to 62
D+	1.3	53 to 59
D	1.0	50 to 59
F	0.0	49 and below

## TRANSCRIPT

A digital transcript will be emailed to the student's SMU campus email, within three months after the release of the final examination results, i.e. **mid-March (Term 1)** and **mid-July (Term 2)**. The transcript will include the course title, course code and grade of the respective courses enrolled. No hardcopy of the transcript will be issued.

SMU does not send the digital transcript to any third party including the student's home university. Therefore, students are responsible for providing the transcript to their home university for credit transfer.

SMU is unable to accommodate requests for early release of the official digital transcript under any circumstances including students' graduation and higher education plan. Therefore, students are responsible to communicate and make their own arrangements with their home university based on the timeline stated above.

It is important for students to maintain their access to the SMU email account after they finish the programme. This is to ensure that they can retrieve the digital transcript before the email account expires. Charges are applicable if students need their digital transcript to be re-issued.

## ENHANCE YOUR EXCHANGE

Discover programmes that go beyond the classroom to enrich your exchange journey. Develop leadership skills in dynamic workshops or experience the culture of an ASEAN city during an exciting week-long adventure. These opportunities are crafted to help you grow, connect, and create lasting memories.

### Exchange Student Ambassador Training

Curated and sponsored by Centre for Global Education and Opportunities (GEO). This training includes a series of workshops designed to equip students with key skills to become effective leaders and ambassadors for both SMU and Singapore upon their return home.



The workshops cover topics such as networking in multicultural settings, public speaking, using AI tools in creative projects, sustainability, and more.

Currently offered free of charge, the training has limited capacity each term. Students who complete the full programme will receive a certificate. Beyond skill development, the training offers opportunities to build lasting friendships and networks that will extend well beyond their time at SMU. All students are welcome to register, but only selected individuals will be invited to attend.



### SMU EdVenture



Organised by the Centre for Global Education and Opportunities (GEO), the SMU EdVenture is an 8-day, non-credit bearing programme that takes place during recess week. Students will have the chance to spend a week in one of the ASEAN cities, with the programme delivered by one of SMU's esteemed ASEAN partner universities.

Upon completion, students will earn a certificate from the host university. The programme offers an in-depth exploration of the history, culture, economic development, and ecosystem of the selected country. Participants will also visit iconic attractions and enjoy activities around the city.



This is a fee-paying programme, open to all students. The highlight of this experience is the opportunity to benefit from the teaching excellence of both SMU and another leading university in ASEAN, all while enjoying enriching experiences in both Singapore and the host city.

## ACCOMMODATION

Nestled in the bustling city center, the SMU campus benefits from excellent connectivity through Singapore's efficient transportation systems. Positioned within walking distance of key subway stations like Bras Basah Station (Circle Line), Bencoolen Station (Downtown Line), City Hall Station (Interchange), and Dhoby Ghaut Station (Interchange), SMU provides seamless access to cultural attractions and amenities. As a result, there is an abundance of private housing options available, catering to a wide range of budgets and preferences.



Upon successful enrollment at SMU, students will be provided with a list of alternative private housing options. This resource will also include a comprehensive housing guide with tips and advice. Students have the flexibility to source and arrange for their own accommodation based on their needs and preferences. Arrangements are at the sole responsibility and discretion of the student.

For those considering the rental of private apartments/condominiums, it is important that you read and understand Singapore's governing policies on rental/leasing of accommodation, from the Singapore Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) [website](#).

Students are also strongly advised to read and understand all terms and conditions of the leasing agreement before committing to the lease. Once the lease has been accepted and signed, the signatories have a legal obligation to fulfil all the terms stated in the agreement. Please note that residential properties in Singapore are not allowed to be used for short-term accommodation.

SMU does not act as a representative for either party in the event of disputes arising from the rental/lease of the property.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

It is mandatory for all students to purchase the [SMU Medical Insurance](#) for coverage during their study term in Singapore. It is included as part of the miscellaneous fee\*, which is applicable to all students. Students are strongly advised to purchase additional travel insurance at their own cost and discretion as necessary, for personal travel or leisure trips overseas. The SMU Student Travel Insurance only applies to students on official travels approved/sanctioned by SMU.

SMU has engaged the services of International SOS (ISOS) to provide 24-hour assistance for students. Students are encouraged to download the ISOS mobile app. In case of an emergency, students may seek assistance via the app or contact the ISOS 24-hour hotline at +65 6337 6517, or the SMU Campus Security at +65 6828 0343.

### NOTE:

*The miscellaneous fee\* is approximately S\$280 per term or S\$400 per year and covers registration, matriculation, medical insurance, IT services and student activities. This fee is mandatory and nonrefundable under any circumstances, regardless of the outcome of the Student's Pass and other border entry applications.*

## CAMPUS LIFE & FACILITIES

SMU has a vibrant campus life with many activities for students to complement their formal studies as well as to help build lasting friendships and global networks. SMU is also equipped with the following on-campus facilities that are available to students.

Food Court/Eateries

Student Locker

Gymnasium & Fitness Centre

Swimming Pool

Sports Hall

Student Services Hub

IT Help Centre

Learning Spaces

Libraries

Bank

Clinic & Dental Clinic

Student Wellness Centre

Find out more about SMU's campus life and facilities [here](#). View our [Campus Map](#) and its surroundings.



## SPECIAL NEEDS & SUPPORT SERVICES

SMU provides facilities, care and services for students with special needs/disabilities to support their wellbeing while studying at SMU. The support services available at SMU may differ from those received at the home university/country. Hence, students are encouraged to declare information on any special needs/assistance they may require, in the SMU online application form.

Alternatively, students may write to us at [isep.inbound@smu.edu.sg](mailto:isep.inbound@smu.edu.sg) or to their home university's Study Abroad Office or equivalent, for further enquiries. Visit SMU's website on our [Student Accessibility Support](#) and [Student Wellness Centre](#), to find out more about the care and support services available on campus.

## LIVING EXPENSES

The estimated monthly living expenses for an exchange/visiting student in Singapore is approximately S\$2,000–S\$3,500. Listed below are some expected monthly expense items.

Item	Amount / month
Accommodation (subjected to the type of accommodation)	S\$1,000 – S\$2,000
Food	S\$700 – S\$900
Transportation	S\$150 – S\$200
Telecommunications	S\$30 – S\$50
Book and Stationery	S\$20 – S\$50
Personal expenses (entertainment etc.)	S\$100 – S\$300

Actual expenses will differ depending on the choice of accommodation and lifestyle of each individual.

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### **THEMIS curriculum components: one-year-format**

- **Selection**

Students will be selected by their home university and they will exchange on the fall term of the following academic year.

All students must demonstrate a superior level of academic performance, strong linguistic ability, as well as the desire and motivation for an international experience.

- **Study abroad term**

It offers the opportunity to acquire core knowledge and skills in an international context. While on the exchange, students will have the chance to create their own study plan by choosing their courses out of those offered by the partner school and approved by the network.

- **Joint Seminar**

The THEMIS seminar provides students with a chance to delve deeper into an area of international law relevant to their academic career. The seminar will focus on different subject each year and will be conducted in English. The program will develop by professors from the partner schools, local experts, and international faculty members. It will also provide the students with the opportunity to meet and share information with fellow network participants.

- **International Internship**

The internship is considered to be an integral part of the THEMIS educational experience. The internship gives the student a chance to put their academic knowledge into practice and begin developing their professional career. The THEMIS partners strongly recommend international internship or internships conducted abroad in an international environment (law studios, European organizations, multinationals...) and for 6 weeks. Students develop their ability to work in an international setting through their professional internships, creating a profile well-appreciated by international organizations.

# THEMIS

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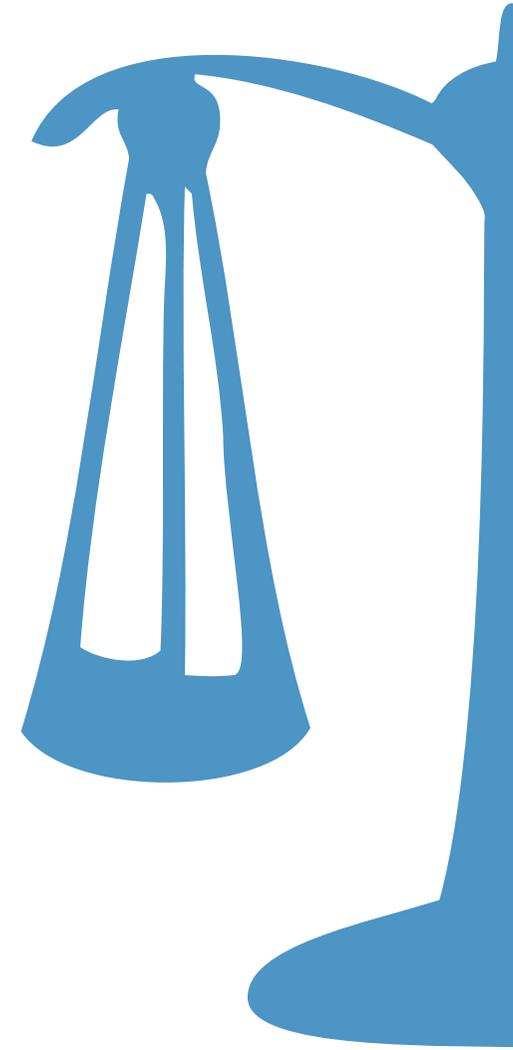


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# Welcome



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 Teipei.

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, GILS, 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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### 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

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| 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

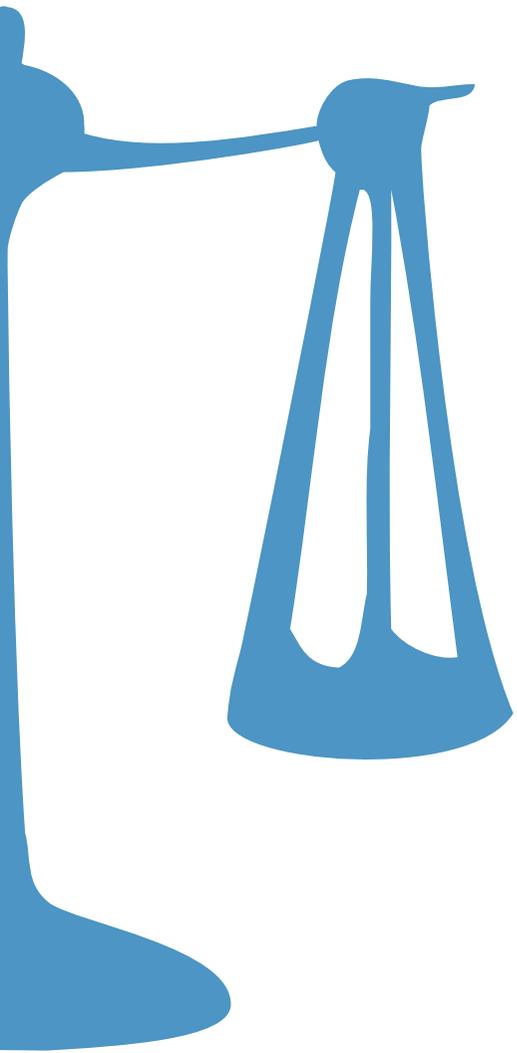
Each partner institution will select its own students to participate in the THEMIS program, in accordance with the guidelines jointly defined by the partners. Students must demonstrate a superior level of academic performance, strong linguistic ability as well as a desire and motivation for an international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