

School of Law

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Application

Level of Study	Undergraduate or Postgraduate level
Duration of study	One or two semesters, subject to the study exchange agreement between the home institution and CityUHK SLW. Please check with the unit concerned of your home institution
Eligibility	Student must be in good standing and must be nominated by the partner institutions.
Application Procedure	<u>Undergraduate incoming exchange study</u> To apply for exchange study with the School of Law under the department exchange study, please complete an online application form during the specified application period . For details, please contact: lwllb@cityu.edu.hk <u>Postgraduate incoming exchange study</u>

For the applicants who wish to join the postgraduate exchange study, please complete the application form and send the completed form with your academic transcript and English result (if applicable) to email (p.yan@cityu.edu.hk) by 15 May (for application in Semester A / Fall) / 15 October (for application in Semester B / Spring). Subject to School's approval, an admission letter will be issued to the student. The Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies will create a student account and subsequently do the online course enrollment for student subject to their course selection.

Student must be nominated by the partner institutions.

Academic Calendar

Welcome Orientation for incoming exchange students

Semester A/B
Before or in first week of semester

Semester A

	Start Date	End Date
Teaching Period Student	1 September 2025	29 November 2025
Revision Period	1 December 2025	6 December 2025
Examination Period	8 December 2025	20 December 2025

Semester Break

22 December 2025 10 January 2026

Semester B

Teaching Period Student	12 January 2026	18 April 2026
Revision Period	20 April 2026	25 April 2026
Examination Period	27 April 2026	11 May 2026

Semester Break

12 May 2026 6 June 2026

* Lunar New Year Holidays: 17 - 19 January 2026

Course Information

Language of Instruction

English

Courses to be offered

Postgraduate incoming exchange study

Please check out the [list](#) for courses to be offered by our School in Fall and Spring. The offering of the courses is subject to review and amendment from time to time. This is the tentative course list for 2025/26. The updated one will be available soon.

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Course Registration

Course pre-registration will be arranged for the students as far as possible. Students can also add or drop a course during the add/drop period prescribed by the University. After the add/drop deadline, requests for late drop of courses will only be approved under exceptional circumstances, and such late requests must be submitted no later than the end of the teaching period for the relevant semester/term for approval by the Head of the course-offering

academic unit.

Credit Unit	Each course is assigned a number of credit units. A credit unit is earned for about forty-to-fifty hours of student work. Most of the courses carry 3 credits.
Maximum and Minimum Study Load	In each semester, full-time students must register for at least 12 but not more than 18 credit units.
Assessment	The tests, coursework, examinations and other activities used to assess students' progress through courses and to assign final grades. Details of the assessment are stated in each course syllabus.
Examination	The examination timetable will be released to all students by Week 10 of each semester. All inbound exchange students should arrange their flight after receiving the examination timetable. Request for rescheduling the examination is not normally approved. Student is required to attend the examination for the course enrolled.
Academic Transcript	The Academic Regulations and Records Office (ARRO) and Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies (SGS) will send the academic transcript to the home university directly at the end of February (for Semester A) and at the end of July (for Semester B) tentatively.

Grading of Courses

For Undergraduate Programme

Grade	Grade Point	Grade Definitions
A+	4.3	Excellent
A	4.0	
A-	3.7	
B+	3.3	Good
B	3.0	
B-	2.7	
C+	2.3	Fair
C	2.0	
C-	1.7	
D	1.0	Marginal
F	0.0	Failure
P (Pass-fail courses only)		Pass
For details, please refer to AR 14 of Academic Regulations for Undergraduate Degrees		

For Postgraduate Programme		
Grade	Grade Point	Grade Definitions
A+	4.3	Excellent
A	4.0	
A-	3.7	
B+	3.3	Good
B	3.0	
B-	2.7	
C+	2.3	Fair
C	2.0	
C-	1.7	
D	1.0	Marginal
F	0.0	Failure
P (Pass-fail courses only)		Pass
For details, please refer to AR 9 of Academic Regulations for Master's Degrees		

Orientation

The School will arrange an orientation talk for inbound exchange students before or after the first week of each semester starts. Students are strongly encouraged to attend the orientation.

Topics include academic regulations, course registration, coursework and assessment, student life, and sharing among the students.

Visa application

As it can take 8 weeks or more for a student visa/entry permit to be processed, students are advised to submit their applications according to the dates listed below:

Admission Route / Student Type	Semester A (September Intake)	Semester B (January Intake)
Inbound Exchange Students / Visiting Students	1st June	1st November
Undergraduate Programmes	Example: Acceptance fee payment deadline: 17th May Student visa application should reach GEO by 24th May	N/A
Taught Postgraduate Programmes, Research Degree Programmes and Others	As soon as possible	As soon as possible

For details of the application procedure, required documents, application fee and other details, please click [here](#).

Exchange students must take full-time credit-unit load, i.e. at least 12 credits per semester in order to meet the visa requirements set by the Hong Kong SAR Immigration. At CityUHK, the full-time credit-unit loading are 12-18 credit units per semester.

A credit unit is earned by approximately forty to fifty hours of student work.

You may also contact the Global Engagement Office (GEO) for any enquiries at geovisa@cityu.edu.hk for visa application.

Global Engagement Office
Room 3210, 3/F, Cheng Yick-chi Building, City University of Hong Kong
Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon, Hong Kong SAR

For details, please visit: <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/contact-us>

Accommodation

Among the wide variety of housing options in Hong Kong, you will definitely find one that suits your living style and needs. You may choose to stay in commercially operated accommodations recommended by CityUHK, or rent your own flat on the market.

Please visit the Off-campus Accommodation page or contact the Student Residence Office (SRO) for assistance in seeking off-campus accommodation.

Email: sro.offcampus@cityu.edu.hk

Website: <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/StudentHousing/oca.htm>

If you need to find a place to stay temporarily, click here to browse through [the list of licensed hotels, guesthouses and youth hostels in Hong Kong](#). Note that Hong Kong law requires that guesthouses and youth hostels obtain a license issued by the Office of Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department before opening for business. It is always in your best interest to stay exclusively at guesthouses and youth hostels that are licensed and monitored by the government. To identify licensed guesthouses, look for the OLA logo.

Cost of Living

CityUHK waives the tuition fee for exchange students, but they are required to pay all tuition and study-related fees levied by their home institutions. Exchange students are also responsible for financing their travel, accommodation and other living expenses as well as visa, insurance, books and other study-related expenses.

Expenses	Estimated cost per month
Rental for Off-campus Accommodations ¹	HK\$50,000-60,000 (~US\$6,400-7,700) per 2 semesters
Living costs (meals, transport, laundry, and education expenses for books, stationery, etc.) ²	HK\$50,000 (~US\$6,400) per 2 semesters

¹ *Estimated cost for private renting. The rental could vary depending on the size, location, age of the building, etc.*

² *Actual costs will vary depending on individual lifestyle choices. Students may also need to budget for outbound exchanges, summer study tours and emergency medical expenses, etc.*

Health and Insurance

Non-local students must have adequate insurance for the entire study period at CityUHK.

The insurance should, at minimum, cover travel, personal accidents, medical expenses (accident and non-accident), hospitalisation, and emergency evacuation/repatriation.

It is recommended that students also discuss with their insurer whether their policy provides coverage to strikes, riots, civil commotion, and diseases, including but not limited to epidemic and pandemic diseases.

Students are advised to take out a travel and medical insurance policy before departing for Hong Kong.

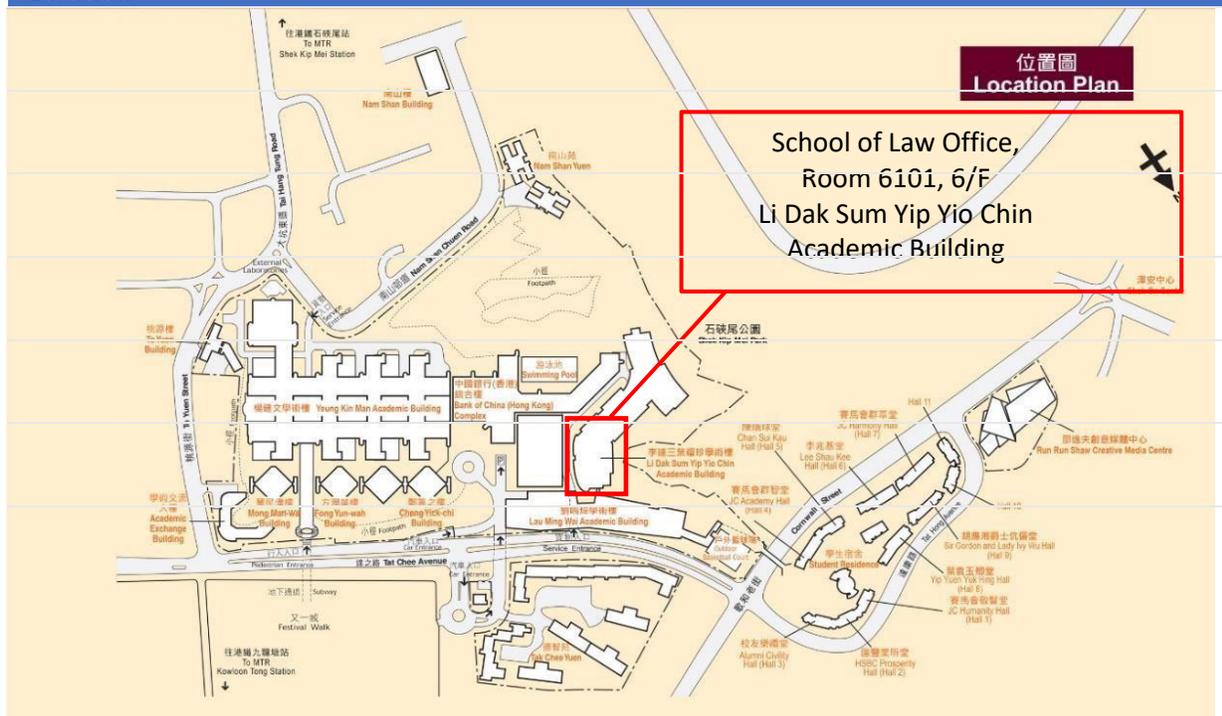
For details of the health and insurance requirement for non-local students, please visit the [website](#).

Academic Supporting Offices

University Offices

- Academic Regulations and Records Office (ARRO)
<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/arro>
- Admissions Office (ADMO)
<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/admo/admissions/exchange-students>
- Global Engagement Office (GEO)
<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/geo/>
- Student Residence Office (SRO)
Undergraduate exchange study
<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/StudentHousing/oca.htm>
Postgraduate exchange study (Off-campus Accommodation)
<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sro/StudentHousing/oca.htm>
- Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies (SGS)
<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/>

Location



CityUHK is conveniently located. If you are coming to CityUHK by MTR from the direction of Central, get off at Kowloon Tong station and follow the signs to City University (Exit C). Exit C2 will lead you to the Festival Walk Shopping Centre. Go up to Level LG1 and find the escalator next to Shop LG1-10, which will take you to an underpass to CityUHK. When you emerge from this underpass, CityUHK's main entrance is right in front of you. If you are coming from the direction of Lo Wu, cross the bridge that takes you to the Festival Walk Shopping Centre. The escalator facing you when you enter the Festival Walk Shopping Centre leads to the aforementioned underpass and directly to CityUHK.

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.

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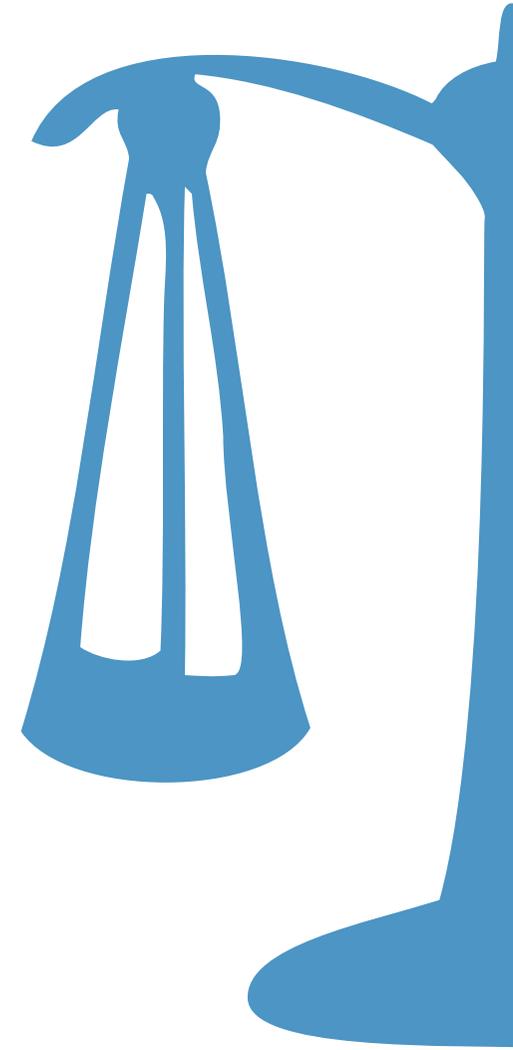


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Welcome



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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www.cityu.edu.hk/slw/index



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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www.esade.edu/en/about-us/academic-units/law-school





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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www.jura.fu-berlin.de/en/international/studierendenaustausch/outgoings/themis/index.html



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.

Contact: Ms. Miranda Gubbels
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www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/faculties/faculty-law





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.

Contact: Mr. Yi Kuo (ntulawintex@ntu.edu.tw)
www.law.ntu.edu.tw/index.php/eng



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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www.fd.unl.pt/english/Default.asp





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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law.smu.edu.sg



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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www.en.u-pec.fr





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.

Contact: Ms. Lisa McCarthy (lisa.mccarthy@vuw.ac.nz)
www.victoria.ac.nz/law



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

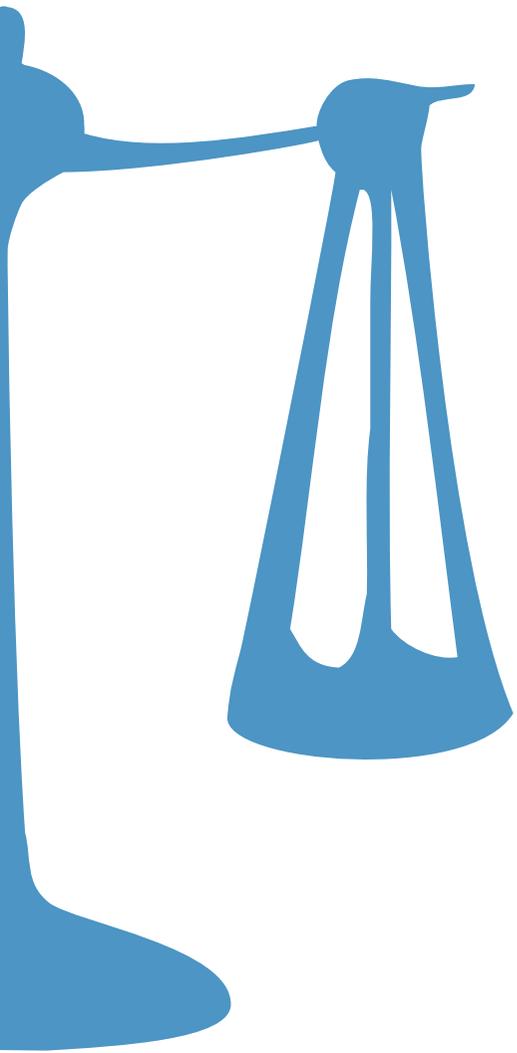
Each partner institution will select its own students to participate in the THEMIS program, in accordance with the guidelines jointly defined by the partners. Students must demonstrate a superior level of academic performance, strong linguistic ability as well as a desire and motivation for an international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



Contact