

The Joint Certificate in International and Business Law



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Esade, Barcelona



Founded almost 50 years ago, ESADE Law School is today one of the most prestigious university-level academic institutions in the world. It is recognised for its high educational standards, its international character and its marked orientation towards the integral development of professional and human abilities.

The Law School was created in 1992 in response to demand from the professional world for soundly trained jurists capable of rising to the new challenges of the legal profession. It also set out to become a centre where important legal issues could be examined and debated.

Since its beginnings, the Law School has been especially concerned with developing connections with members of the legal profession. It is the only Law School in Spain to have a Professional Council made up of representatives from all of the legal branches and from more than 30 internationally recognised legal firms.

The Law School's faculty is made up of prominent researchers and recognised professionals from the legal world who provide training adapted to the demanding needs of the profession: a rigorous and practical programme, with a marked international outlook.

Freie Universität Berlin

The Freie Universität Berlin is one of the leading universities in the world and distinguishes itself through its modern and international character. It is also one of the largest universities in Germany, offering degree courses in more than a hundred subjects for 35.500 students out of which 15 percent come from other countries. For many foreign scientists, such as fellows of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the Freie Universität is the university of preference while they are staying in Germany. Without including Medicine the Freie Universität is currently lead university for eight collaborative research centres of the German Research Foundation DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) and also has four DFG research units. Because of the wide variety of subjects it offers, the Freie Universität also has two collaborative research centres in the humanities - for the first time in Berlin. Thirteen scientists of the Freie Universität have to date been awarded a Leibniz Prize of the DFG, the most important German prize for scientific achievements. The level of external funding acquired rose to more than EUR 55 million. This means that the Freie Universität canvasses a significant proportion of its income from third party funds.

A strategic alliance has been concluded with the Ludwig-Maximilians Universität in Munich and the Federal Foreign Office of Germany. In addition, the Freie Universität cooperates closely with international companies such as BMW, Schering, Siemens, Deutsche Telekom and Pfizer.



Università Bocconi

Founded in 1902, Università Bocconi is one of Italy's most prestigious universities for economic, business, and law studies. Attention to cultural change, an international outlook, the courage to innovate, academic rigor and strong ties to Italy's entrepreneurial community were the bases on which Bocconi was built. For over a century now, it has played an important cultural role in Milan and Italy as an open, pluralistic institution that cherishes its academic and financial independence.

The University promotes both economic advancement and civic values, by providing students with solid intellectual and professional training, so that they can contribute to the innovation and development of Italian and European businesses. Accordingly, Bocconi is committed to nurture both an analytical and an ethical mindset in its graduates. Bocconi views culture and science as the cornerstones for the moral and economic renewal of Italy.

Bocconi increasingly interacts with Europe and the world in a continuous process of international exchange and comparison that sustains the vitality of all its initiatives. In keeping with the ideals of its founders, Bocconi University seeks to address the research and education needs of the national, European, and global economic system, by assiduously favouring cultural progress, international exchange, and economic integration.



Université de Paris 12 Val de Marne

Université de Paris 12 Val de Marne welcomes approximately 27,000 thousand students and offers nearly all the major disciplines. The Law Faculty is one of the most important of the University Faculties. Founded in 1969, it was known as "Faculté de Droit de Paris- Saint-Maur". Upon



moving to new premises not far from University headquarters, it adopted its current name of "Faculté de Droit de Paris 12".

The Law Faculty welcomes some 3000 students each year, out of which a certain percentage come from foreign countries, primarily European (Erasmus students and students taking part in double diploma programs organised with Great-Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain).

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 formations are given in collaboration with Law professionals (such as judges, barristers, and notaries...). Members of the teaching staff are well known in France and abroad.

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The Network: THEMIS is a network currently made up of four top European Universities: Esade (Barcelona, Spain), Freie Universität Berlin (Berlin, Germany), Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi (Milan, Italy), and Université de Paris 12 (Val de Marne - Paris, France). These schools have come together to create a new approach to business law education in response to an ever-increasing demand for law professionals with international know-how and expertise.

Through knowledge-sharing and the development of a joint educational program, the THEMIS network is primed to be the new benchmark in European Law Education.

The Certificate: The THEMIS program, offering a joint international certificate, was launched in September 2006. 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. At the end of the program, upon fulfillment of all the academic requirements, the students will receive an international THEMIS certificate attesting to their unique educational and intercultural experience.

The Curriculum:

Semester Abroad: The semester abroad offers students the opportunity to acquire core knowledge and skills in an international context. Students will be selected in the spring and will spend the first semester of their following year abroad. 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.

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 a different subject each year and will be conducted in English. The program will be developed 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. The seminar participation fee for the THEMIS students is approximately €250.

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 internships or internships conducted at home in an international environment (law studios, European organizations, multinationals). Students develop their ability to work in an international setting through their professional internships, creating a profile well-appreciated by international organizations.

Admission Policies:

Selection: All students must demonstrate a superior level of academic performance, strong linguistic ability, as well as the desire and motivation for an international experience. Each Partner school has different requirements and deadlines, so please contact the local THEMIS coordinator for school-specific details.

Fees and Scholarships: There is no additional admission fee required to participate in the program, however, an administrative fee may be requested by your school.

Students may apply for international scholarships such as Erasmus or Socrates. In addition, individual Partner schools may offer scholarships to students participating in the program. For example, Bocconi offers scholarships both to incoming and outgoing students.