

Universidad Pontificia Comillas (ICADE) Madrid, Spain



Study Abroad Program Information Package Full-Year LLM Program for Third Year Students



Important Dates (all dates are subject to change):

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| ▪ February 5, 2018
BU Law application deadline | Participants should secure their visa to
study in Spain |
| ▪ Mid-March 2018
Selections made | ▪ September 1, 2018 – Mid-December, 2018
Approximate fall 2018 semester dates |
| ▪ April 1, 2018
ICADE application deadline | ▪ January 11, 2019 – May 20, 2019
Approximate spring 2019 semester dates |

BU Law students must earn 26 BU Law credits during their full-year at ICADE. To receive 26 BU Law credits, students must (1) complete all compulsory courses offered in the MIEBL program and (2) complete a 2-credit independent paper under the supervision of a BU Law faculty member. To receive the ICADE MIEBL degree, they must also complete the MIEBL program's required master's thesis. We expect that all students will complete and successfully defend their theses -- and thus satisfy ICADE's LL.M. degree requirements -- by the end of their spring term at ICADE.

Prior to their departures, all students must have completed BU Law's professional responsibility and practical skills requirements. Students must also have completed -- or have a specific, approved plan to complete -- the upper-class writing requirement.

The awarding of the ICADE MIEBL degree is at the discretion of ICADE based on the student's satisfactory completion of ICADE's LL.M. degree requirements.

None of the grades for the ICADE LL.M. program will count toward your BU Law GPA or towards academic honors and awards (such as the scholarly awards, graduation prizes or degree rankings, such as *cum laude*, *magna cum laude* and *summa cum laude*).

BU Law J.D. students have a unique opportunity to spend their entire third-year enrolled as LL.M. students in ICADE's English-language Master in International and European Business Law Program (MIEBL). Upon completing their ICADE studies, BU Law students would receive the LL.M. in International and European Business Law from ICADE and the J.D. degree from BU Law. This package gives a general description of the program as well as details about some of its more important aspects. Carefully review this information before deciding whether to apply.

I. Some Preliminary – and Important – Points

At the outset, we would like to stress several aspects of the program which may be relevant to your decision to apply.

- A. Timing: This program lasts one full academic year (from August to April), and includes a winter break around the Christmas holidays.
- B. Credits: BU Law students will receive 26 credits towards the BU Law J.D. degree. They will receive 12 credits for each semester—the same as all our programs—for a total of 24. In addition, all students will be required to pursue a two-credit independent study with a BU Law faculty member, to commence in June - August prior to the student's departure. The independent paper must be completed by the end of the academic year. It may (but need not) be on a topic related to international or European business law. This independent paper is in addition to the LL.M. dissertation that all ICADE MIEBL students must complete under the supervision of an ICADE faculty member, as requirement of the MIEBL program. Participating students need to take a minimum of 28 credits during their second year.
- C. Academic Focus: The objective of the program is to educate and prepare highly-skilled legal professionals to fully understand the rules governing international business and the EU market, so that they can make a substantial contribution to companies based in the EU or conduct international business in the EU-area.
- D. Eligible Students: To be eligible for the program, BU Law students will need to complete four semesters of residency, as well as complete all the school's upper class requirements (writing requirement and professional responsibility) prior to departure. While there are no formal prerequisites for the program, students are advised to take corporations and Federal Taxation during their second years.
- E. Language: The language of instruction is English.
- F. Number of Participants: Two students at most can participate. We may select fewer than two, but under no circumstances can we select more.

II. Why Study Law at ICADE?

- A. Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid – one of Spain's Leading Universities

Universidad Pontificia Comillas is a Roman Catholic (Jesuit) university dating back to the early 20th century. It began as a seminary founded in the town of Comillas (in the province of Santander) by Pope Leo XIII in 1890. In 1904, the Universidad Pontificia was established when Pope Pius X granted "Comillas" the power to confer academic degrees in theology, philosophy and canon law. Years later, the Roman Catholic Church founded two new faculties in Madrid: an engineering school (*Instituto Catolico de Artes e Industrias* (ICAI) in 1908) and a faculty to confer degrees in law, economics and business administration (*Instituto Catolico de Administration y Direccion de Empresas* (ICADE) in 1956). In 1979, ICAI and ICADE joined the *Universidad Comillas*, which had relocated from Santander to Madrid in the 1960s.

Today, *Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid* has 7,700 undergraduate and 4,300 graduate students, with 1,882 full-time and part-time teachers. In addition to the Faculty of Law at ICADE, the university has faculties in Theology and Canon Law, Human and Social Sciences, Economic Science and Business Administration (at ICADE), Engineering (ICAI), and Nursing and Physiotherapy. It is most well known for its business, law and engineering programs. It welcomes over 1,000 foreign students each year, mostly through the European ERASMUS exchange program.

For more information on ICADE, please visit: <http://www.upcomillas.es/>. Helpful and important for foreign students visiting ICADE is available at the university's official guide for international students: http://www.upcomillas.es/images/Documentos_K2/SRI/Guia_Estudiantes_Intercambio.pdf

B. The Faculty of Law, ICADE

Since ICADE's founding in 1956, the teaching of law at Comillas has been closely tied to the teaching of business and economics. Today, the Faculty of Law (*Facultad de Derecho*) at ICADE is still known for its focus on commercial law. The school confers the first degree in law (a four-year program) in addition to several Master of Laws programs and a Ph.D. in law. It also offers a number of five year dual degree programs. With a total student body of about 1,800, the law faculty confers approximately 315 degrees each year. The faculty consists of roughly 70 full-time instructors and 60 adjuncts. All full-time instructors have a Ph.D.

ICADE is a highly selective school, admitting fewer than 25 percent of its applicants. All students must pass an English proficiency exam to gain entrance. Over 60 percent of the students come from outside Madrid – attesting to the school's national reputation. Despite its Jesuit history and tradition, the school welcomes students and faculty from all religious backgrounds. The ICADE community is mixed and diverse; classroom instruction has no connection with or orientation towards the church.

The teaching style at ICADE is a combination of lecture and discussion; the classroom dynamic is certainly more interactive than the one-way lecturing that takes place at Spain's public law faculties. Regular class sizes are similar to BU Law's, with roughly 40-60 students per class, but will likely be much smaller in the MIEBL program. Classrooms are well-equipped with the latest technologies (wireless web access, etc.). The expansive library, which holds nearly 500,000 volumes, is modern and welcoming, with plenty of study space.

Because of ICADE's selective admissions policy and the school's academic reputation, ICADE's graduates are among the most heavily recruited by Spanish and international law firms. Each year, the school runs an on-campus recruiting program similar to BU Law's, with hundreds of firms coming to campus to interview graduating students for summer or permanent jobs. BU Law students may participate in these recruiting events for summer internships.

One of the most attractive features of ICADE is its student-centered approach. The school's philosophy is reminiscent of BU Law's: the faculty is accessible and the administration is supportive.

C. The City of Madrid

Madrid is an ideal study abroad venue – and not just because of the tapas bars, bullfights and 2,800 hours of annual sunshine. As Spain's capital, Madrid is at the heart of the country's economic, political and communications systems, home to the Parliament, Senate and Royal Family. It is also Spain's business and financial center. As Europe's fourth largest city, with a population of roughly three million, the city is characterized by its vibrant cultural and artistic scene. Several of the world's finest art museums, including the Prado, Reina Sofia and Thyssen-Bornemisza, line Madrid's famed "Museum Mile" or *Triángulo de Arte* (which reputedly has more masterpieces per yard than any place on earth!). Native residents (*Madriños*) are known for their passion to "*vivir a tope*" ("live life to the fullest") – hence, Madrid's reputation as the "city that

never sleeps.” The nightlife offers the full range of diversions that any hard-working law student would seek. And these diversions will be close at hand: ICADE is conveniently located in the city center, in an attractive, safe neighborhood, easily accessible by public transportation.



For more information on Madrid, the following websites may be useful:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/spain/madrid>

<http://www.aboutmadrid.com/>

III. The ICADE MIEBL Program

ICADE's MIEBL Program is a full-time two-semester LL.M. program whose objective is to "educate and prepare highly-skilled legal professionals to fully understand the rules governing international business and the internal [EU] market, so that they can make a substantial contribution to companies based in the EU or conducting international business in the EU-area." ICADE launched the program in 2011 in response to many of the same forces that are impacting legal education in the US: law firms increasingly demand more "business-savvy" lawyers who can serve clients with business interests in the EU. The program is especially suited for lawyers who seek advanced, practical training in the business and commercial law issues that companies face when doing business in the EU.

We anticipate the academic demands of the program will be intense -- definitely not the same thing as junior year abroad. If you are mainly looking to hang out at the Prada and sip sangria all afternoon, you probably should not apply. You will certainly have lots of opportunities to sightsee and integrate yourself with the Madrid lifestyle, but we do want to emphasize that this program will be much more academically rigorous than any undergraduate experience, particularly since it confers an advanced degree. Further, the twin demands of an LL.M. dissertation, on top of a BU Law two credit independent paper, means that you will have a significant amount of writing to do on top of your classes.

To prepare students for cross-border work, ICADE has structured the MIEBL program around four modules: (1) the institutional framework for EU business affairs, (2) EU and international business regulation, (3) EU market regulation and (4) international and EU legal practice and enforcement. These four modules are supplemented with practical skills development seminars and lectures on current topics related to business law. Detailed information is at http://www.upcomillas.es/estudios/estu_mast_iebl.aspx

A. Course Offerings and Selections.

The specific compulsory classes within four main modules are listed below. Detailed course descriptions are available at <http://www.icafe.upcomillas.es/es/postgrado/juridica/master-universitario-en-derecho-internacional-y-europeo-de-los-negocios-master-in-international-and-european-business-law>. Teaching is based on the case method, requiring advanced preparation; the classroom dynamic is interactive, not passive (lecture-style).

Module 1: Institutional Framework for EU Business Affairs:

- International Affairs and Geo-Strategy from the EU Perspective (2 ECTS) ¹
- International and EU Economic Institutions (3 ECTS)
- International and EU Trade Law (3 ECTS)

Module 2: International & EU Business Regulation:

- EU Corporate Law and Corporate Engineering (4 ECTS)
- EU Tax Law and International Tax Planning (4 ECTS)
- International Contracts in the EU (3 ECTS)
- EU Insolvency Law, Credit Protection and Recovery in the EU (2 ECTS)
- Tort, Liability and EU Insurance Law (2 ECTS)
- EU Labor Law (2 ECTS)
- EU Cross-Border Corporate and Financial Crime (1 ECTS)

Module 3: EU Market Regulation:

- EU Competition, IP and Trademark Law (3 ECTS)
- EU Capital Markets and Securities Law (3 ECTS)
- EU Industry Regulation (Energy, Telecoms, Media, Transport) and EU Public Procurement Law (3 ECTS)
- EU Consumer Protection Law (1 ECTS)

Module 4: International & EU Legal Practice and Enforcement:

- Commercial Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution (3 ECTS)
- Procedures before the European Commission and the European Court of Justice (2 ECTS)
- Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Legal Documents in the EU (2 ECTS)

¹ The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a standard for comparing the studies, learning outcomes and performance of students enrolled in higher education programs across the European. ECTS credits are awarded upon the successful completion of studies and are used to facilitate educational mobility and progression within the EU and collaborating countries. One academic year of full-time studies corresponds to 60 ECTS-credits, which is equivalent to 1500–1800 hours of study. In Spain, 1 ECTS is 26 hours of study. The MIEBL program is a 60-ECTS-credit program. ECTS credits measure “workloads” (total estimated study hours) associated with achieving specific learning outcomes – not only contact hours -- so a direct comparison to ABA credit hours is inapt.

- Accounting and Finance for Lawyers (2 ECTS)
- Advanced Legal Writing: Drafting Business Transactions (2 ECTS)
- Legal Ethics and Legal Privilege in an International Context (1 ECTS)

The program's practice-oriented seminars and clinics include:

- Hot Topics Seminars (2 ECTS)
- Negotiation and Legal Strategy Clinic (1 ECTS)
- Due Diligence Clinic (1 ECTS)

NOTE: While there are no formal prerequisites for the program, students are advised to take corporations and Federal Taxation during their second years.

- B. Thesis: In addition to the above listed classes, the MIEBL program also requires a master's thesis, described as "a tutored research paper of a theoretical nature conducted under the direct supervision of a member of the Master's Faculty on any of the legal topics covered in the curriculum." ICADE states that "The thesis should be developed on issues that go beyond the specific content of the regular curriculum . . . allow[ing] the candidate to prove mastery of the chosen field of international business law."²
- C. Faculty: The MIEBL faculty consists of academics, practitioners and public officials specializing in international and EU business Law. In addition to regular ICADE law school faculty, instructors consist of professors from foreign universities, including occasional U.S. law professors under the auspices of the Fulbright Program.
- D. Exams: The primary form of evaluation at ICADE is written examination, and written exams are typically three hours long, administered at the end of each term. Students may also write papers in certain classes.. The LL.M. dissertation will require an oral defense. ICADE uses a letter grading system. Grades are typically based on a combination of a final exam, research papers, assignments, class participation and other factors, depending on the course requirements.

IV. Other Details

A. Number of Students:

As noted above, we will be selecting up to two BU Law students to attend the MIEBL program during the 2018-2019 academic year.

B. Program Dates

BU Law students will begin their ICADE studies in August and are expected to complete their degree requirements by the end of the following April. Classes finish in March; April is devoted to the thesis defence. ICADE has given assurances that BU Law students will be able to complete their ICADE degree requirements in time for BU Law commencement and bar certification deadlines.

Please note that the following dates are subject to change:

Fall Orientation:	Late August 2018
Fall Semester Dates:	September – December 18, 2018
Spring Semester Dates:	January – May 2019

² Id. A complete on-line description of the program is at:
http://www.upcomillas.es/eng/estudios/estu_mast_iebl.aspx?IdIdioma=ENG

All students start the LL.M. program with a two-week orientation in mid-August, which includes (1) a basic EU Law seminar; (2) a legal research class, to prepare students for their master thesis; and (3) a case method workshop. You will likely want to arrive considerably before orientation to secure housing.

C. Student Advising

All students will be required to meet with a CDO advisor to receive counseling about how spending an entire third year abroad would impact their job searches and otherwise fit in with their career plans.

D. Grades

BU Law students are evaluated in the first instance by the ICADE faculty. Upon successfully completing a course, they will receive a designation of "credit" for the course on their BU Law transcripts. The designation would include an asterisk or a footnote indicating that actual grade is available upon request but that it will be accompanied by an explanation of the different grading system of the host institution. As with all our foreign programs, under ABA regulations the acceptance of any credit or grade for any course taken in the program is subject to determination by BU Law. We expect, however, that all credits earned at ICADE will count towards Boston University School of Law's J.D. degree.

One other point about grading. None of the grades earned at ICADE will count toward your BU Law GPA or towards School of Law honors and awards (such as the scholarly awards, graduation prizes or degree rankings, such as *cum laude*, *magna cum laude* and *summa cum laude*).

V. How to Apply

If you decide to apply, you must do two things:

1. Complete an application available online at www.bu.edu/law/jd/studyabroad, and submit all additional materials.
2. Complete an interview with Assistant Dean John Riccardi and Associate Director, Maureen Tracy Leo scheduled through the Graduate and International Programs Office.

In screening applicants, we will look for such things as a strong academic record, a favorable faculty recommendation, serious interest in European and international business law, and experience with different cultures and overseas travel.

The BU application deadline is February 5, 2018 at noon. Up to two nominated second-year students will then complete an ICADE application, due April 1, 2018. The Graduate and International Programs Office will provide nominated students with a copy of the ICADE application.

VI. ICADE Program Director and Staff

The MIEBL Program Director is Adam Dubin. He can be reached at adubin@cid.upcomillas.es or miebl@der.upcomillas.es. ICADE's Faculty of Law has an International and Institutional Relations Office which is dedicated to assisting exchange student with course selection, registration & other matters. The contact information for this office is:

Decanato de la facultad de Derecho
C/ Alberto Aguilera, 23

28015 Madrid
España
Telephone: 0034 91 542 28 00 (Ext. 2138)
Fax: 0034 91 559 65 69
http://www.upcomillas.es/centros/cent_dere_Relacion_Inter.aspx.

The primary administrative contact for BU Law students is Ms. Mónica González Rodríguez. She is in charge of international relations and exchange program coordination, responsible for incoming MIEBL and exchange students. She can be reached at mgrodriguez@der.upcomillas.es.

Other ICADE staff members who are available to assist BU Law exchange students are:

- Mrs. Maria del Carmen Isidro Martinez, the staff coordinator of the Faculty of Law International and Institutional Relations Office. She can be reached via email, at mcisidro@der.upcomillas.es.
- Carmen González Cupeiro, the coordinator for the International Relations Service which provides services to all exchange students at ICADE. She is very knowledgeable in regards to visas and other pre-departure matters. She can be reached via email, at cgonzalez@sri.upcomillas.es.

VII. Academic and Library Facilities

The academic facilities at ICADE include both old and new buildings. The campus is fully wired for access to the latest technologies available. This includes 2,122 personal computers for student use, 728 of which are in computer classrooms and wireless access points in three campuses: Cantoblanco, Rey Francisco and Alberto Aguilera. The main library ("Biblioteca") at ICADE contains over 500,000 volumes and 2,100 journals. The law faculty is located on the Alberto Aguilera campus, which, noted above, is fully wireless.

VIII. Provisions for Students with Disabilities

The ICADE facilities are not necessarily all accessible to students with disabilities. If you are interested in the program and will need some special assistance due to a disability, please speak with the Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Programs, John Riccardi. He will then contact ICADE to obtain information about the availability of needed services.

IX. Student Housing and Living Arrangements

ICADE does not have its own student housing facilities, but it tries to help students find housing through the "Information, Housing & Welcome Office." ICADE strongly recommends that students seek housing prior to their arrival, by contacting the above office and completing the application form "Solicitud de información sobre alojamientos." Students should contact the office for the appropriate materials:

Information, Housing & Welcome Office
Alberto Aguilera, 21
28015 Madrid
Phone: +34 1 91-540-6120
Fax: +34 1 91-559-65-69
Email: aloja@oia.upco.es or info_oia@oia.upcomillas.es
Website: http://www.upcomillas.es/eng/servicios/serv_oia.aspx?idIdioma=ENG

If students decide to rent apartments individually, it is the direct responsibility of the student to visit the apartments and sign contracts with the landlord. ICADE can provide suggestions but does not take responsibility for looking at apartments for students. Suggested sites for searching for individual housing, similar to Craigslist, are listed below:

<http://www.idealista.com/>

<http://www.pisocompartido.com/>

X. Anticipated Tuition, Fees and Living Costs

Participating BU Law students will pay Boston University the normal tuition for a year at BU Law. Housing in Madrid is generally the same as in Boston. ICADE informs us that rents generally range from €435 - €600 per month for student residences, and €750-€1030 per month for independent apartments. Additional living costs, including transportation, food and personal expenses will come to about €900 per month. Eating out, entertainment and transportation are approximately the same as in Boston, if not slightly more expensive. Students should therefore budget at least €1625 per month for rent and living expenses, taking into account the fact that they are abroad and will therefore potentially spend more money than during a typical semester at BU Law. Furthermore, if you plan to travel during your year abroad, you should budget substantially more than €1625 per month.

XI. Program Cancellation Information

We expect the program to go forward as planned and anticipate no obstacles to implementation. However, the ABA requires that we inform you about our contemplated course of action in case of cancellation or change and in case a State Department Advisory is issued for the program area.

A. General Policy

In the highly unlikely event that the entire program has to be canceled, students selected for the program will be informed immediately by telephone and by mail, email, or in person, and notices of cancellation will be posted on the BU Law website. In addition, individual meetings will be arranged with any student who wishes one. If in the even more unlikely event that the Program is canceled after students have arrived in Hamburg, Assistant Dean John Riccardi will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email.

Should particular courses be canceled or rescheduled, students selected for the program will be informed by email, telephone, or in person.

B. State Department Advisories

The most current Consular Information Sheet on is available on the internet at <http://travel.state.gov/>. If an Advisory is issued before you are selected for the program, notice will be posted on the BU Law website and all applicants interviewed for the program will be personally informed via email and phone. If, based upon the information conveyed to you, you wish to cancel your enrollment in the program, you will have an opportunity to do so. If such an advisory is issued after students are selected or during the program term, all participating students will be notified immediately by phone and email and given an opportunity to withdraw.

C. Specific Program Cancellation Information

- This study abroad program may be subject to cancellation by the host school in the event that conditions in and around its location may endanger the health, safety or security of its participants or others.

- In addition, addition, Boston University reserves the right to issue an instruction that all University faculty, staff, or students evacuate or not travel to a given location when, in its sole judgment, conditions have changed to the extent that continued participation in an activity at that location endangers the health, safety or security of participants. Were this to occur, this program will be cancelled.
- BU Law will notify participants by email immediately of the program's cancellation and will post an appropriate announcement on the program's current student web page.
- If the program is cancelled prior to commencement of the term, all students will be refunded in full any fees paid to Boston University related to the program (excluding any advance room, board and travel costs associated with getting to the host country that have been paid). In addition, all students will be integrated into the regular semester at Boston University School of Law.
- If cancellation takes place while the program term is underway, students will be permitted to choose either a refund of fees billed by Boston University, in accordance with the University's refund schedule (this would exclude room, board, and any travel costs associated with getting to the host country prior to the date of cancellation), or completion of the semester's study at BU Law if such is feasible. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THE OPTION OF COMPLETING THE SEMESTER AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW (AND THUS NOT LOSING A SEMESTER'S PROGRESS TOWARD THE J.D. DEGREE). This option is dependent on resources and the availability of course and independent study opportunities at BU Law. In the event that arrangements at the School of Law are not feasible, or the student elects a refund, the student will be refunded fees as above, in accordance with the University's refund schedule.
- If a faculty, staff member or student does not heed a University instruction to evacuate, that individual does so at his or her own risk, may forfeit insurance coverage, academic credit, tuition payments or expense reimbursement, and may be held responsible for additional expenses incurred by the University due to the individual's refusal to follow this policy.

XII. Visa Information

A student visa is required for any student who will study in Spain for three months or longer. Instructions on the student visa procedure is outlined at the Spanish Consulate's website: <http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/BOSTON/es/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Paginas/inicio.aspx>

Students must contact the consulate that has jurisdiction over their state of residence. The consulate general in Boston has jurisdiction over Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Maine. If you have a primary residence in Massachusetts, you can obtain your visa at the Boston consulate by following the guidelines on the above website.

It is the student's responsibility to secure his or her visa. Visa applications are accepted no earlier than 90 days prior to the program's start date and no later than 28 days prior.

XIII. Program Reports

Please note that all BU Law students selected to participate in a study abroad program will be required to submit to the Graduate and International Programs Office:

1. Completion of a one-page mid-semester written report or survey, assessing their experiences in light of their academic goals and objectives

2. Completion of an end of program survey assessing a student's academic progress and attainment of educational goals.
3. A two-page report at the end of their program, evaluating their experiences.

Students will not receive academic credit until they submit these reports.