

Dual Degree in International and European Business Law Fact Sheet



**Program Distinction:** Full-year LLM program focused exclusively on international and European business law topics, taught entirely in English.

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| <b>Curricular Focus</b>         | <p>The MIEBL program is structured 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 modules are supplemented with practical skills development seminars and lectures on current topics related to business law. Detailed course information is available at <a href="http://www.upcomillas.es/estudios/estu_mast_iebl.aspx">http://www.upcomillas.es/estudios/estu_mast_iebl.aspx</a>.</p> <p>Teaching is based on the case method, requiring advanced preparation; the classroom dynamic is interactive, not passive (lecture-style).</p>  |
| <b>Program Dates</b>            | <p>This program lasts one full academic year (from August to April), and includes a winter break around the December holidays.</p>   |
| <b>Important Web Sites</b>      | <p>MIEBL Web Site: <a href="https://www.comillas.edu/en/masters/official-master-degree-in-international-and-european-business-law">https://www.comillas.edu/en/masters/official-master-degree-in-international-and-european-business-law</a></p> <p>ICADE Faculty of Law Fact Sheet for Exchange Students: <a href="https://sp.upcomillas.es/centros/facultades/derecho/DocumentosDerecho/RELACIONES%20INTERNACIONALES/Incoming%20Students/INFO%20ALUMNO%20INCOMING%202019-2020/Fact%20sheet%2019-20%20Facultad%20de%20Derecho.pdf">https://sp.upcomillas.es/centros/facultades/derecho/DocumentosDerecho/RELACIONES%20INTERNACIONALES/Incoming%20Students/INFO%20ALUMNO%20INCOMING%202019-2020/Fact%20sheet%2019-20%20Facultad%20de%20Derecho.pdf</a></p> <p>ICADE Law School's Welcome to Madrid Guide: <a href="https://sp.upcomillas.es/centros/facultades/derecho/DocumentosDerecho/RELACIONES%20INTERNACIONALES/Incoming%20Students/Welcome%20to%20Madrid%20EN%20%20LAW.pdf">https://sp.upcomillas.es/centros/facultades/derecho/DocumentosDerecho/RELACIONES%20INTERNACIONALES/Incoming%20Students/Welcome%20to%20Madrid%20EN%20%20LAW.pdf</a></p> <p>Support for Students with Disabilities: <a href="https://www.comillas.edu/en/social-work-unit/services/support-program-for-students-with-disabilities">https://www.comillas.edu/en/social-work-unit/services/support-program-for-students-with-disabilities</a></p> |
| <b>Participation Cap</b>        | <p>Up to four BU Law students may participate each year, whether through the single semester option or full-year dual degree.</p>  |
| <b>ICADE Credit Requirement</b> | <p>The MIEBL degree requires 60 ECTS credits: 29 in the fall and 31 in the spring. This is the approximate equivalent of 12 ABA credits each semester. ICADE's grading scale is on a 1-10 scale. Anything below a 5.0 is a failing grade.</p>  |

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| <b>BU Academic Requirements</b>                     | 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.   |
| <b>Independent Paper</b>                            | 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. Journal or other credits may not be substituted for the independent paper.  |
| <b>Staggered Class Blocks and Scheduling Issues</b> | <p>Students should expect instruction for each topic to take place in short-form classes, each meeting perhaps eight times during the term for 2.5 ECTS credits.</p> <p>Academic Timetable for MIEBL:<br/><a href="https://www.comillas.edu/documentos/Estudios/Postgrado/miebl/Horario_MIEBL_Fall.pdf">https://www.comillas.edu/documentos/Estudios/Postgrado/miebl/Horario_MIEBL_Fall.pdf</a></p> <p>Students should expect an occasional re-scheduling of class meetings due to the professional demands of the practitioner faculty. As a result, scheduling can sometimes be hectic and when a professor cancels, this may cause a cascade of other scheduling changes in order to make up the class. While ICADE tries its best to avoid having to make other changes, it's not always that easy to find a time that works for the MIEBL and the professor.</p> <p>ICADE designates two Fridays per semester for make-up days in case other times a not available. These days have to be available for class. Some students decide to gamble and book trips those days, only to find out that ICADE is going to use that Friday for class. Other times, those days are not used, which can frustrate students because they're lost opportunities to travel. Students are warned of this from the very first day (and usually a few months in advance when they receive the schedule) that those days are "holy."</p> |
| <b>Timing Considerations</b>                        | 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.  |

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| <b>Housing</b>         | <p>ICADE does not have its own student housing facilities, but it tries to help students find housing through the “Information, Housing &amp; Welcome Office.” ICADE strongly recommends that students seek housing in advance of their arrival, by contacting the above office and completing the application form “Solicitud de información sobre alojamientos.”</p> <p>Students should contact the office for the appropriate materials:</p> <p>Information, Housing &amp; Welcome Office<br/>Alberto Aguilera, 21 28015 Madrid<br/>Phone: +34 1 91-540-6120 Fax: +34 1 91-559-65-69<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:aloja@oia.upco.es">aloja@oia.upco.es</a> or <a href="mailto:info_oia@oia.upcomillas.es">info_oia@oia.upcomillas.es</a><br/>Website: <a href="http://www.upcomillas.es/servicios/serv_oia.ac.aspx">www.upcomillas.es/servicios/serv_oia.ac.aspx</a></p> <p>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. Students can also complete the housing application along with their general application to the program:<br/><a href="http://www.upcomillas.es/servicios/sri/serv_sri_inte_comi.aspx#5">http://www.upcomillas.es/servicios/sri/serv_sri_inte_comi.aspx#5</a></p> |
| <b>Visas</b>           | <p>A student visa is required for any student who will study in Spain for three months or longer. The full student visa procedure is outlined at the Spanish Consulate’s website:<br/><a href="http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/BOSTON/en/ServiciosConsulares/ConsularServiceSBoston/Pages/Visas.aspx">http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/BOSTON/en/ServiciosConsulares/ConsularServiceSBoston/Pages/Visas.aspx</a></p> <p>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. Students can also contact Carmen González at ICADE with any general questions at <a href="mailto:cgonzalez@sri.upcomillas.es">cgonzalez@sri.upcomillas.es</a>.</p> <p>It is the student’s responsibility to secure his or her visa. Visa applications are accepted no sooner than 90 days prior to the program’s start date and no later than 4 weeks prior.</p>   |
| <b>Living Expenses</b> | <p>CADE informs us that rents will generally range from €425-€575 per month for student residences, and €725-€1.000 per month for independent apartments. Additional living costs, including transportation, food and personal expenses will come to about €850 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 €1550 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 semester abroad, you should budget substantially more than €1550 per month.</p>  |

**Program  
Contacts**

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Another ICADE staff member who can assist is Carmen González Cupeiro, the Mobility Coordinator for incoming and outgoing students: [cgonzalez@sri.upcomillas.es](mailto:cgonzalez@sri.upcomillas.es).