

2023-2024 Single Semester Study Abroad Fact Sheet



Program Distinction: The English language program focuses exclusively on international and European business law. The Spanish language program focuses on international, foreign (EU and Spanish) and comparative law.

<p>Study Options</p>	<p>The overwhelming majority of courses at ICADE are taught in Spanish, the school’s language of instruction. Students who lack fluency in Spanish may participate in the single-semester program by taking a semester of English–taught LL.M. classes through ICADE’s Masters in International and European Business Law Program (MIEBL). Students cannot combine Spanish law classes with MIEBL classes.</p>
<p>Program Dates</p>	<p>English Language Law Courses Through MIEBL: Fall Semester Only: Classes begin mid-August</p> <p>Spanish Language Law Courses: Fall Semester: September – mid-December, with August orientation. Students can take their exams before the holidays. Spring Semester January – May (including exams), with January orientation</p>
<p>Important Web Sites</p>	<p>MIEBL Web Site: https://www.comillas.edu/postgrados/master-universitario-en-derecho-internacional-y-europeo-de-los-negocios-official-masters-degree-in-international-and-european-business-law/</p> <p>ICADE Incoming Exchange Students Page: https://www.comillas.edu/icade/facultad-de-derecho/incoming-derecho/</p> <p>City of Madrid’s Guide: https://turismomadrid.es/es/</p> <p>ICADE Fact Sheet for International Exchange Students: https://sp.upcomillas.es/centros/facultades/derecho/DocumentosDerecho/RELACIONES%20OINTERNACIONALES%20(GRADO)/Incoming%20Students/Fact%20sheets%20-%20GENERAL%20INFORMATION%20FOR%20INCOMING%20EXCHANGE%20STUDENTS/Comillas%20Fact%20sheet%202023-24%20Law_Derecho.v4.pdf</p>
<p>Participation Cap</p>	<p>Up to four BU Law students may participate each year, whether through the single semester option or full-year dual degree.</p>
<p>ICADE Credit Load and Grades</p>	<p>Students studying in the fall semester through MIEBL must take a minimum of 29 ECTS credits. Students taking Spanish-taught classes take a minimum of four courses. This is the approximate equivalent of 12 ABA credits. ICADE’s grading scale is on a 1-10 scale. Anything below a 5.0 is a failing grade.</p>
<p>BU Law Academic Requirements</p>	<p>To receive 12 BU Law academic credits, participating students must meet the equivalent of 12 BU Law/ABA credits, whether they are taking MIEBL classes or Spanish-taught classes.</p>

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Timing Considerations	The spring semester for the regular Spanish curriculum runs into late May, so students who take some or all of their classes in Spanish should take that into consideration when applying, as it is not likely they will be back in time for graduation or bar preparation courses. Therefore, 3Ls who want to study at ICADE in Spanish should study in the fall.
Course Offerings	Course offerings are available on the MIEBL Web Site: https://www.comillas.edu/postgrados/master-universitario-en-derecho-internacional-y-europeo-de-los-negocios-official-masters-degree-in-international-and-european-business-law/#estudios ICADE offers several masters programs, visit: https://www.comillas.edu/estudios/postgrado .
MIEBL Schedule	Academic Timetable for MIEBL: https://www.comillas.edu/postgrados/master-universitario-en-derecho-internacional-y-europeo-de-los-negocios-official-masters-degree-in-international-and-european-business-law/#admission
Program Contacts	The main administrative contact for the exchange program is: International Relations Coordinator: Esther de Santos edesantos@comillas.edu Office ED-239. Main Campus Alberto Aguilera, 23 Tel.: 0034 91 542 28 00 (Ext. 2220). Universidad Pontificia Comillas (ICADE) C/ Alberto Aguilera, 23 28015, Madrid, Spain MIEBL Program Director: Professor Adam Dubin adubin@comillas.edu The main contact for students studying in Spanish is: Vice-Dean of International and Institutional Relations: Francisco Javier Alonso Madrigal fjalonso@comillas.edu Location: Dean's Office Another ICADE staff member who can assist is Carmen González Cupeiro, the Mobility Coordinator for incoming and outgoing students. cgonzalez@sri.upcomillas.es .

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Housing	<p>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 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 & 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: https://www.comillas.edu/icade/facultad-de-derecho/incoming-derecho/</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: http://www.upcomillas.es/servicios/sri/serv_sri_inte_comi.aspx#5.</p>
Visas	<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: http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/BOSTON/en/ServiciosConsulares/ConsularServiceSBoston/Pages/Visas.aspx</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 cgonzalez@sri.upcomillas.es.</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>
Living Expenses	<p>ICADE 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>

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Staggered Class Blocks and Scheduling Issues	<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: https://www.comillas.edu/postgrados/master-universitario-en-derecho-internacional-y-europeo-de-los-negocios-official-masters-degree-in-international-and-european-business-law/#estudios</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 are 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>
Brussels and Luxembourg Trip	<p>ICADE organizes a trip to Brussels and Luxembourg for the LLM students enrolled in MIEBL for the full academic year. The trip, which the Director, Adam Dubin, chaperones, includes meetings at several EU institutions. Students complete two reflection pieces and a short paper for 3 ECTS credits. The trip is optional for the non-degree, single-semester visiting exchange students.</p> <p>ICADE picks up the travel and room/board costs for the degree students, but only covers the travel costs for the single semester non-degree visiting exchange students. Visiting exchange students have the option to stay in Madrid and write a 25 page paper for 3 ECTS credits, instead of taking the trip. Most all our prior single semester visiting students have taken the trip and have paid for their hotels and food on their own. (Please know that BU does not cover these costs.) Students who are interested in taking the trip should plan to spend about \$550 for the hotel and \$200 for food for the week. The trip has been a highlight of students' experiences.</p>