

BOSTON, MASSCHUSETTS: AMERICA'S BEST CITY FOR STUDENTS

Boston is often called a European city on American shores. This vibrant urban hot spot features hundreds of restaurants offering global cuisines, a world-renowned music and cultural scene, a legendary enthusiasm for sports, and a rich quality of life. With one of the most diverse and educated populations on earth, Boston is an exhilarating setting for anyone.



LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

BOSTON IS BU LAW'S OWN BACKYARD. WE ARE STEPS FROM THE CHARLES RIVER'S SPLENDID ESPLANADE, WHICH INCLUDES THE RIVER'S PICTURESQUE WALKWAY, IDEAL FOR STROLLING OR RUNNING. FENWAY PARK IS 10 MINUTES BY FOOT, AND THE START OF DOWNTOWN IS ANOTHER TEN BEYOND THAT. KEEP WALKING OR HOP ON THE "T" AND YOU ARE AT BOSTON'S GLORIOUS PUBLIC GARDENS AND SOON AT THE SHORELINE OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN. THE ARCHITECTURE AND POINTS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST ALONG THE WAY ARE EXQUISITE AND CANNOT BE MATCHED BY ANY OTHER CITY.

FINANCING YOUR STUDIES: LL.M. SCHOLARS PROGRAM

All LL.M. candidates are eligible to receive a limited number of merit-based scholarship awards in the form of partial tuition waivers through BU Law's LL.M. Scholars Program. All applicants are automatically considered, with no additional forms required. (Executive LL.M. Program candidates and Graduate Tax Program online option candidates are currently not eligible for LL.M. Scholar awards.)

SHORT-TERM, NON-DEGREE OPPORTUNITIES

BU Law is a leader in short-term programming designed to prepare foreign-trained lawyers for global practice:

- **CELOP's Legal English Programs.** CELOP offers a range of programs to build communication skills for attorneys who speak English as a second language. (www.bu.edu/celop)
- **BU Law's Summer Legal Institute in London.** BU Law's Summer Legal Institute Program in London — Legal English and Global Business Transactions — trains foreign lawyers in international business agreements while developing their legal English communication skills. (www.bu.edu/law/londonlaw/)
- **Short-term programs and special workshops.** BU Law's Executive LL.M. office runs customized programs and workshops for visiting groups and delegations. Recent programs have included a workshop on U.S. bankruptcy law for Thai judges and an overview of American law for Korean law students.

THREE-SEMESTER OPTION: EXTENDED LL.M.

Prospective students with impressive qualifications who need extended, intensive English language training before commencing full-time law studies are encouraged to consider BU Law's three-semester "Extended LL.M." option, the first semester of which includes intensive English language courses at the University's Center for English Language and Orientation Programs (CELOP), as well as introductory courses at BU Law. Students then complete the LL.M. degree requirements over the following two semesters.

NEW: LEGAL ENGLISH CERTIFICATE AND TWO-YEAR LL.M. PROGRAM OPTION

BU Law is now offering a Legal English Certificate program ("LECP"), a two-semester, 25-credit program of study designed for international lawyers and professionals who need to improve their general English skills and legal English. Offered in collaboration with CELOP, LECP is available through two tracks: (1) the Two Year LL.M. track is open to international LL.M. candidates whose admission to a BU Law LL.M. program is conditioned on their successful completion of the one year LECP; and (2) the Legal English Certificate track is open to foreign professionals — including non-lawyers — who seek only a legal English training credential, with no plans to pursue LL.M. studies. Students who successfully complete the 25-credit LECP, through either track, will receive BU Law's Legal English Certificate.

**Subject to final approval by the University*

APPLICATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

LL.M. candidates may apply to BU Law through the school's online application form, available at www.bu.edu, or the Law School Admission Council. (Executive LL.M. program candidates may only apply through BU Law's online application form.) We encourage you to visit the site for more comprehensive information on our programs and detailed application instructions. To schedule a campus visit or speak with an admissions officer, please contact us at the address below:

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LL.M. PROGRAMS AT BOSTON
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW



Boston University School of Law

- ▶ AMERICAN LAW
- ▶ BANKING AND FINANCIAL LAW
- ▶ INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
- ▶ INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW
- ▶ TAXATION

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT DEAN

BU Law's graduate programs have a long and distinguished history of enhancing the careers of lawyers throughout the world. Our goal remains as clear today as ever: to deliver a superior educational experience designed to transform one's standing in the legal profession, whether in the U.S. or abroad. I take significant pride in our school's legacy for excellence in advanced studies. And I take even more pride in knowing that we earn our reputation every day, one LL.M. student at a time.

What's behind our success? Simply put, it's our unwavering commitment to student success. This begins inside the classroom: *The Princeton Review* ranks BU Law #3 in the nation for "Best Professors." These accolades are a strong indication of just how inspiring our students find their instructors, both our full-time faculty and our accomplished, highly experienced adjuncts.

Employers throughout the world recognize this distinction — that a BU Law LL.M. degree stands for intellectual rigor, superior instruction, real-world preparation and professional achievement.

Our LL.M. graduates regularly tell us that the BU Law experience was one of the best of their lives. The academic and professional development support they receive is legend. Our campus is their gateway to one of the world's greatest cities: Boston, MA. All this helps explain why 95% of graduating students last year



reported that their experience met or surpassed their expectations. Ninety-eight percent indicated they would recommend BU Law to a colleague.

Ultimately, no statistic speaks more powerfully about the BU Law difference than our LL.M. alumni — a global network of highly accomplished attorneys. We're happy to put you in touch with them. Just let us know.

To learn more about our outstanding LL.M. programs, I invite you to visit our website or, better yet, to visit us in person. We look forward to hearing from you.

JOHN N. RICCARDI
ASSISTANT DEAN, GRADUATE AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

AMERICA'S FINEST TEACHING

BU Law's commitment to a superior classroom experience is second to none. Our professors are both preeminent scholars and accomplished practitioners who teach practical skills for real-world settings. They hail from the upper echelons of the profession — from positions as law firm partners, in-house counsel, judges, advisors, consultants and government officials at both the state and federal level. Expert at blending theory with practice and committed to helping students develop professional competencies, our professors are also accessible and approachable, serving as valuable sources of counsel for LL.M. students, during school and beyond.

BU LAW'S GRADUATE PORTFOLIO

Our LL.M. portfolio meets the needs of a range of U.S.- and internationally trained lawyers:

- The **LL.M. in American Law Program** prepares foreign-trained lawyers for the challenges of global practice and cross-border work by immersing them in BU Law's J.D. curriculum.
- The **Graduate Program in Banking and Financial Law**, the nation's oldest financial services LL.M. program and the only program of its kind designed exclusively for graduate study, trains lawyers for careers in the global banking and financial services industry.
- The **LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law Program** provides fundamental and advanced training in this all-important field of practice, including exposure to cutting-edge topics in the rapidly evolving areas of digital networks and biotechnology.

- The **Executive LL.M. in International Business Law Program**, ideal for the working professional, blends interactive, Web-based learning with intensive two-week residency sessions in Boston and Budapest, Hungary.
- The **Graduate Tax Program**, available through residential studies or a fully online option, is consistently regarded as one of the nation's best programs for advanced, specialized studies in taxation.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

- #4 largest independent university in the U.S.
- 17 schools and colleges
- 33,000+ students enrolled
- 339,000 living Boston University alumni
- 139 countries of origin represented among BU students
- 6,500+ international students

THE LL.M. STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The BU Law Community: High Energy, High Connectivity

LL.M. students are active participants in BU Law's high-energy, positive and dynamic learning environment. There is never a dull moment, either in the law tower or elsewhere on the university's bustling, urban Charles River campus. While each graduate program fosters its own tightly knit community, LL.M. students regularly partake in the School's myriad extracurricular events, join any of the 25+ student organizations, and attend a full range of "all-LL.M." social events, from Red Sox and Bruins games to international potluck dinners.

BU's award-winning distance learning technology creates an interactive "virtual" community for online Graduate Tax Program students. Likewise, Executive LL.M. students form bonds through their pre- and post-residency, Internet-based exchanges, as well as during the program's live sessions in Boston and Budapest. In all our programs, we are committed to fostering communities that lead to lasting professional relations and meaningful friendships between students.



▲ Maryam Naghavi (LL.M. in American Law, '12) participating in an intellectual property law class.

Our Focus on Your Career

We gauge our success by your success in the professional job market. LL.M. students have access to a full-time professional development advisor who, together with her staff, works exclusively with the School's graduate population. Students meet individually with advisors to devise self-marketing campaigns aimed at securing permanent positions or limited-term, post-graduation, practical-training opportunities, in the U.S. or abroad. An extensive array of career panels and workshops on résumé drafting, networking and interviewing skills helps prepare students to target their best opportunities. All LL.M. students have access to Symplicity, BU Law's internal job-posting site, and receive bi-weekly professional development emails with job postings. Our professional development team also orchestrates student participation in specialty job fairs and in post-graduation internship programs. Foreign-trained students may participate in the annual International Student Interview Program (ISIP) in New York, which draws over 200 global employers each year.

Advising and Support

The BU Law LL.M. experience is highly personalized. Each program has its own dedicated staff, enabling students to receive support that suits their individual needs. Academic advising takes place in one-on-one sessions with the program directors or assistant directors, either in-person or by phone, depending on the student's preferences. This personalized approach helps ensure that a student's study plan supports his or her professional path. International students interested in taking a state bar exam receive extensive counseling on eligibility requirements and the availability of bar preparation classes; they also receive guidance on how to prepare applications to transfer to the J.D. program, if this is of interest.

BU LAW'S DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NETWORK: 20,000 STRONG

Since BU Law's founding in 1872, our graduates have established careers of consequence. They make their mark in nearly every practice setting — in law firms of all sizes; federal, state and local government agencies; the business world; nonprofit organizations; and courts — throughout the nation and the world. Immediately upon matriculation, LL.M. students gain access to the BU Law Connection, our online database which facilitates connections between current students and alumni (and alumni with each other). One of the many achievements our LL.M. students look forward to is joining the ranks of this stellar network of outstanding professionals.

BU LAW: RECOGNIZED FAR AND WIDE

- #2, Graduate Program in Banking and Financial Law, *National Law Journal*
- #2, Graduate Program in Taxation, *National Law Journal*
- #2, Health Law, *U.S. News & World Report*
- #3, Best Professors, *The Princeton Review*
- #7, Tax Law, *U.S. News & World Report*
- #10, Intellectual Property Law, *U.S. News & World Report*
- #12 in the nation for "Where Big Firm Partners Went to Law School," *Journal of Legal Education*
- Ranked in the top 15% of all ABA-approved law schools, *U.S. News & World Report*

