



LLM in **American Law** Program.

BU Law's LLM in American Law Program is for global practitioners seeking to learn how US lawyers think, approach legal problems, and handle client matters. Each year, distinguished lawyers from over 25 countries transform their careers through the program. Integrated into the school's JD curriculum, they obtain a US legal education at its finest:

BU Law is consistently ranked as one of America's top law faculty, according to the Princeton Review. You'll complete a year of rigorous academic training to obtain one of the most coveted degrees in the profession, valued by legal employers throughout the world.

A flexible program: **prepare for the future you want.**

The LLM in American Law Program is BU Law's most flexible graduate program. When you arrive, you'll design a study plan with academic advisors built around the JD program's 200+ courses, including fundamental and upper-level offerings and LLM-only, practice-focused courses. Pursue an optional concentration in International Business Practice, Intellectual Property, or Taxation. Or, cross-register

for classes in BU Law's Graduate Program in Banking & Financial Law and Graduate Tax Program, and at other BU graduate schools.

Personalized attention and one-on-one consultation prepare you for the future you want, and accessible law faculty impart key skills and knowledge you'll need for your chosen specialty.

COURSES ARE OFFERED IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT AREAS:

- Antitrust
- Banking & Financial Law
- Business & Trade Regulation
- Civil & Human Rights
- Commercial Law & Consumer Transactions
- Constitutional Law
- Corporate & Transactional Law
- Criminal Law & Procedure
- Environmental Law
- Health Law & Human Services
- Intellectual Property Law & Technology
- International & Comparative Law
- Labor Law & Employment Relations
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Public Law: Administrative Law & Legislation
- Taxation



Bar Exam Preparation.

The American Law Program enables qualified students to take the bar exam in New York, Massachusetts, California, and Washington, D.C. The spring semester “Fundamentals Track” offers special courses to LLM students designed for bar preparation. You’ll also receive comprehensive counseling on all aspects of taking the bar—from course selection and preparation strategies to the mechanics of qualifying, applying, and interacting with state bar authorities.

Personal Attention & Immersive Experiences.

The Graduate & International Programs Office is your home away from home, with a staff devoted to supporting you from the moment you arrive. This personal attention makes a difference. Ask any graduate.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

BU Law is committed to your professional success and helping you secure postgraduation opportunities in the US or abroad. Professional development staff work exclusively with LLM students, delivering one-on-one advice to help them achieve their career goals. A fall semester Professional Skills Lab is one of dozens of programs that will prepare you for success in the workplace.

INTERNSHIPS

To gain practical training after you graduate—an important goal for many students—you can pursue the American Law Internship Program. You’ll work with the Academic Internship Council to secure a short-term, law-related internship during your period of Optional Practical Training.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

During the spring, our Discovery Series will introduce you to a range of legal practice settings—private firms, corporate law departments, and the judiciary—through field trips and presentations by local alumni, expanding your network of connections.

Admissions.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All applicants to the American Law Program are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships through one of BU Law’s LLM Scholars programs. No additional forms or documents are required. Scholarships come in the form of partial tuition waivers. Recipients are notified of their awards at the time of admission.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The American Law Program is open to candidates who hold a first degree in law or its equivalent from a law school or law faculty outside the US. Candidates who lack a law degree but are licensed lawyers in their home country are also eligible to apply. Work experience is highly valued but not required.

Degree Requirements.

Twenty-four credits, with only two required courses: Introduction to American Law and the Legal Research & Writing Seminar.

Transfer to JD.

In the spring semester of your LLM year, you may apply to the JD program as a transfer student to complete the program with only two additional years of study.

Learn More.

To learn more about the LLM in American Law Program, including the application process, tuition, and financial information, visit bu.edu/law. You can also contact us directly at bullm@bu.edu.

Is it for *you*?

This program is designed for:

- lawyers trained outside the United States

Applicants to this program often want to:

- learn the law from the US perspective
- qualify to take a US bar exam
- gain practical experience
- explore new practice areas
- enhance their standing as a cross-border practitioner

“Class sizes are small and BU Law’s faculty members are excellent lawyers and teachers. I felt like I learned so much during the year. It was amazing.”

**KATHARINA
KRAATZ-DUNKEL ('20)**

Country of Origin: Germany
Area of Focus at BU Law:
Commercial Law

118 *from* **25**
students **countries**

were enrolled in the American Law Program in 2019.

“You will not only have the opportunity to learn on a beautiful campus with excellent professors, you will also have a staff that will help personalize your program to your needs. They will be concerned with helping you build your LLM.”



95% of American Law students say the program met or surpassed their expectations.



JUAN PABLO RODRIQUEZ ('19)

Country of Origin: Guatemala
Area of Focus at BU Law: Corporate Law

200+

courses to choose from, including

- *Alternative Dispute Resolution*
- *Compliance & Risk Management in Global Commerce*
- *Cybersecurity Law*
- *Environmental Justice & Civil Rights*
- *Information Privacy Law*
- *International Mergers & Acquisitions*
- *Jurisprudence: Contemporary Controversies Over Law & Morality*
- *Law for Algorithms*

An aerial photograph of Boston, Massachusetts, showing the city skyline with several prominent skyscrapers, including the Prudential Center. The Charles River flows through the city, with a bridge crossing it in the foreground. The area is lush with green trees, and a Citigo sign is visible on a building in the mid-ground.

Learn from the city, *in the city.*

Boston serves as a major hub for business, education, healthcare, government, technology, and, of course, law. The city is home to nearly 250,000 students who attend some of the country's most prestigious colleges and universities. BU Law's central location puts you in the middle of it all.

You will learn from currently practicing attorneys, visit major firms and courts through the Discovery Series, and access practical learning opportunities through the American Law Internship Program. Meanwhile, when it's time to put down the books, you can enjoy the city's outstanding restaurants and theaters, world-class museums, and numerous historical sites. If you're a sports fan, take in a Red Sox game at famed Fenway Park or a Celtics or Bruins game at TD Garden. Boston has something for everyone. No wonder it's been named America's #1 Student City by QS World University Rankings.

Find your place in the city.

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