Building on excellence

At the BU School of Law, students can select from more than 200 different courses, concentrate in any of five focus areas, and cross-register for hundreds of other classes in BU’s other schools and graduate programs. They can pursue one of 15 dual degrees, earning a JD and master’s degree by combining law with other graduate programs; take part in one of 17 foreign study opportunities in 14 locations around the world; and work on a professional journal. Of key importance, they can engage every day with some of America’s most acclaimed legal scholars.

Our graduates are governors, U.S. senators, state and federal judges, corporate leaders, diplomats, writers, distinguished teachers, and leading practitioners in nearly all legal specialties. In 2012, BU Law faculty were ranked third best in the nation in the Princeton Review’s The Best 168 Law Schools. Our School also got high praise for a “breadth of curricula that is matched by few other schools anywhere in the country.”
CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES
SCHOOL OF LAW

- A reimagined School of Law campus, including construction of the new Sumner Redstone Building adjacent to the existing Law Tower, plus a comprehensive multi-million-dollar refurbishment of the Tower
- Support for scholarships & financial aid
- Further enhancement of its superb faculty
- Support for academic programs
- Support for the BU Law Fund

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS
JD/LLM
ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES WITH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE
BANKING & FINANCIAL LAW
EUROPEAN LAW WITH UNIVERSITÉ PANTHÉON-ASSAS (PARIS II)
INTERNATIONAL & EUROPEAN BUSINESS LAW WITH ICADE (MADRID)
LAW & TAXATION

JD/MA
LAW & ENGLISH
LAW & HISTORY
LAW & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

JD/MBA
LAW & HEALTH SECTOR MANAGEMENT
LAW & MANAGEMENT

JD/MS
LAW & MASS COMMUNICATION

JD/MA
LAW & PHILOSOPHY
PRESERVATION STUDIES

JD/MPH
LAW & PUBLIC HEALTH

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI
- Martha Coakley, JD 1979
  Massachusetts Attorney General
- William Cohen, LLB 1965
  U.S. Secretary of Defense, U.S. Senator from Maine
- Judd A. Gregg, JD 1972, LLM 1975
  U.S. Senator, Governor of New Hampshire
- Barbara C. Jordan, LLB 1959, LLD 1969
  Presidential Medal of Freedom
- Gary F. Locke, JD 1975
  U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Governor of Washington
- Edward Brooke III, LLB 1948, LLM 1950
  Attorney General of Massachusetts, U.S. Senator, Presidential Medal of Freedom
- Jeff Jacoby, JD 1983
  Boston Globe opinion/editorial columnist
- Niki Tsongas, JD 1988
  Congresswoman, Massachusetts 5th Congressional District
- David E. Kelley, JD 1983
  Emmy-winning television producer

LEGAL EXTERNSHIP EXAMPLES
- U.S. Attorney’s Office (Civil and Criminal Division)
- Trial Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office
- Clerkships on Federal Court, Massachusetts Superior Court, Probate and Family Court
- Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights

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PRIVATE PRACTICE: 43%
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