

Course Selection Guide



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I. Introduction -



“What’s Inside?”

This packet contains registration deadlines, credit requirements, WebReg instructions and tips for using the system, a guide to useful information on the web, and advice on choosing your courses from Associate Dean David Walker. Please be sure to read all of the information in this packet carefully before you choose your classes. You may contact the Law School Registrar’s Office at (617) 353-3115 or by e-mail to lawreg@bu.edu with any questions. **2015-2016 course descriptions and schedules are available on the BU Law website and through the Student Link.**

The information in this packet and in the PDF descriptions and schedules was correct as of the date it was issued. Inevitably, changes occur and courses are added or must be dropped after these materials are produced. The school regrets any inconvenience this may cause, and we will endeavor to minimize disruption. Students should be certain to pay attention to any announcements the Registrar's Office makes regarding updates to these materials. These updates will be available on the School of Law web pages.



II. University Requirements for Registration

Boston University policy requires all students studying on Massachusetts campuses to provide an emergency alert phone number each semester. In addition, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires all full-time and many part-time university students to provide proof of having completed a series of immunizations. Massachusetts also requires students from out-of-state to complete an acknowledgement of the MA Motor Vehicle Policy. For more details visit the University Registrar’s [website](#). Check the [Student Link](#) to ensure you have met these requirements and that your student account is settled. Students not in compliance will be unable to register.

III. Course Selection and the Lottery

Beginning **Wednesday, April 22** continuing law students will have access to the **Web Registration (WebReg)** options on the Student Link. This system provides a convenient way to access and change course information by simply logging on to the Student Link using your BU Login Name and password. Course Selection is a pre-registration process that allows you to select and prioritize your course preferences for the course registration lottery – it does not enroll you in classes for the 2015-2016 academic year. **Your deadline to select and rank your courses is June 10.** There is no advantage to registering early (course selection is not first come, first served), however you should not wait until the last minute to make your selections. WebReg will close promptly at 11:59 pm on June 10. The lottery is run at the end of the course selection period and is maintained so that third-year students have preference for courses and seminars. Over the summer, you will receive notification of the courses for which you are officially registered.

IV. Credit Requirements

Course selections must meet School of Law degree program requirements and should take into account the Bar admission requirements of any state in which you might seek to practice. Students are reminded that you may not exceed 16 credits of “non-grade point average” coursework without Academic Standards Committee approval. **You are responsible for ensuring that you satisfy the degree requirements and the following credit hour requirements each year.**

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Semester	12 credits	17 credits
Academic Year	26 credits	
Graduation	84 credits (Class of 2016)	
	85 credits (Class of 2017)	

V. Course Selection Procedures and Instructions

General Procedures:

- ▣ You should select courses for both fall and spring semesters. Failure to register for spring will result in the assessment of late fees.
- ▣ You may change your selections as many times as you want prior to the June 10 deadline.
- ▣ You may select up to six preferences for each semester. You must assign a priority ranking to each selection.
- ▣ You may not select more than one section of a course.
- ▣ There can be no time overlap of courses in a student's final schedule.
- ▣ **Dual Degree Students** may not use WebReg to register for non-law courses. Please check with the Law Registrar's Office at (617) 353-3115, or with the Registrar's Office of your secondary program regarding deadlines and procedures for that school's registration.
- ▣ Students interested in a **Supervised Research and Writing Project** (Independent Study) must register for the project through the Law Registrar's Office.
- ▣ Students accepted into a **clinical program** are advised to not list the program course components with high priority numbers. However, if you are required to take Evidence concurrently you should assign a high priority to a section of Evidence. Students must be sure to select all components of their clinical program.
- ▣ Remember, the courses you select are run through the lottery process after **June 10** and that a confirmation of which courses you are officially registered for will be mailed to you in early July. *You may also confirm your official registration through the Student Link after **June 26**.* (The fall course lottery and spring course lottery will be run separately.)

WebReg Instructions:

Boston University Student Link



During the Pre-Registration period, when you click on "Academics" you will find the Registration option among other student services. Please note that the Exam Schedule, GPA Summary, External Credits and Test Scores and Transcript Preview are **NOT** options for Law Students.

- ▣ Click on "Registration."
- ▣ You will be asked for your BU Login Name and password.
- ▣ Your current schedule will appear.
- ▣ Scroll down and click on "Reg Options" which will appear under "Fall 2015 - No Reg activity."

Fall 2015 no reg activity

 [Reg Options](#)

- ▣ You will have a few options to choose from, including "Pre-Reg Worksheet," "Register for Class" and "Drop Class."


Option

[Pre-Reg Worksheet](#)

[Plan](#)

[Register for Class](#)

[Drop Class](#)

- ▣ Click on "Pre-Reg Worksheet". You will be able to add classes to both your Fall and Spring Worksheets – both Worksheets appear under the “Fall 2015” option. Do not confuse “Plan” with the Pre-Reg Worksheet.
- ▣ When you click on a semester to add classes, you will be brought to a search page. You can search by school (and receive a complete listing of what is offered for the Law school) or by course # (if you know the specific class you want).
- ▣ Once you choose a class, you will be brought to the Pre-Reg Worksheet. Here you can continue to add courses and/or update your preference numbers for each course. Click arrow () next to class to change preferred class sequence for lottery.

VI. Lottery Results and Wait Lists

Overview: You select and rank your course preferences for the fall and spring semesters. At the conclusion of the course selection period, the lottery process is run to enroll students in courses giving third-year students priority. The lottery for fall and spring are run separately. Students will be able to view their preliminary schedules on the Student Link no later than June 26. We will mail course confirmations and any updated course information to registered students in early July. All students will have an opportunity to make changes to their schedule during the add/drop period. Detailed information regarding add/drop procedures is included below.

Closed courses: Every effort will be made to honor indicated course preferences. In the event a student cannot be admitted to all the courses initially elected, admission to closed courses will be determined first by preference and then, if necessary, by lot. (See information below regarding wait lists.)

Closed research seminars: Enrollment priority for closed research seminars will be determined by the rule set above concerning closed courses unless circumstances require the use of a different rule to assure adequate opportunities for satisfying the upperclass writing requirement. (See information below regarding wait lists.)

Undersubscribed courses: If a course or seminar is so under-subscribed as to make it nonviable, the course or seminar may be withdrawn. Notice will be given to students who elected such a course or seminar through notices posted on the official bulletin boards and via e-mail. Affected students will be given an opportunity to submit a revised course program election.

Wait List Procedures

The Registrar's Office will maintain wait lists for closed courses and seminars. The Registrar will assign open places in these courses and seminars by lot, with preference to **third year students**. Within these constraints, students closed out of oversubscribed courses during the course selection process will be given first preference on the wait lists for those courses during the add/drop period.

Adding Your Name to a Wait List:

If you have been closed out of a class, you are not automatically placed on a wait list! You must place your name on a wait list for the course or seminar in which you would like to enroll. You may add your name to a wait list through the online form (www.bu.edu/law/central/jd/academic/course/waitlist.html). The Academic Regulations **require** that a student attend the first meeting of a seminar or Trial Advocacy section to be considered for enrollment. Be advised that we **strongly recommend** that you attend the first meeting of any closed class if you are on the wait list – many professors will not advise the Registrar to open enrollment to wait listed students beyond the first class meeting.

Class Attendance and Wait Lists:

It is important for you to attend the first class meeting in order to remain eligible to add the class should a space become available. The Registrar will review the wait lists and attendance sheets every day during the add/drop period to determine if any students can be admitted to a closed class from the wait list. We will post any lists of students admitted from wait lists online and at the Registrar's Office on the fifth floor.

How to Register for Wait Listed Courses and Seminars:

Students who are admitted from a wait list **must complete an add form at our office within 48 hours of that list being posted** -- you will not be able to add a closed course through WebReg.

Note: Students who are enrolled in Trial Advocacy are reminded that you **must** attend the first class meeting or you **will be administratively dropped** from the class. Students who are enrolled in a seminar are reminded that you **must** attend the first class meeting or you **may be administratively dropped** from the class.

VII. Adding and Dropping Courses

Add/Drop Dates:

	Fall 2015
3Ls only	7/7/15– 7/21/15
2Ls only	7/22/15 – 8/5/15
All JD students	8/6/15 – 9/14/15

* Students are reminded that during the Fall Add/Drop period, you may also make adjustments to your spring semester schedule. The start date for the spring add/drop periods will be posted to the web during the fall semester.

Note: Clinical Programs have their own add/drop periods and registration requirements. Students should check with the office of the relevant clinical program for specific add/drop and registration procedures.

Late drops and late adds:

Adding or dropping courses after the dates designated above will be permitted **ONLY** with the approval of the Academic Standards Committee, and only upon showing a compelling personal excuse.

Minimum course requirements:

A course may not be dropped if the program change will result in a program of fewer than 12 credit hours per semester, or less than 26 credit hours per year unless such a program has been given advanced approval by the Academic Standards Committee.

VIII. Program Information on the Web – “Where to Find It.”

The following program information can be found on the BU Law website:

<http://www.bu.edu/law/central/jd>

A.	Audit Option.....	academic/register/auditing.html
B.	General Seminar Info.....	academic/course/seminar.shtml
C.	Degree Requirements Related to Course Selection.....	academic/course/faqs.html
D.	The Upper-class Writing Requirement.....	academic/course/writing/index.html
E.	Bar Admission Requirements Related to Course Election.....	academic/bar/requirements.html
F.	Specialized Tutorial Courses.....	academic/course/specialized.html
G.	Independent Study.....	academic/course/research/index.shtml
H.	Clinical Programs	
	Africa i-Parliaments Clinic	programs/clinics/legislation/africa-iparls/index.shtml
	Affordable Housing Law Externship.....	programs/clinics/externship-programs/affordable-housing/
	American Legislative Practice Program.....	programs/clinics/legislation/alp/index.shtml
	Civil Litigation Program	programs/clinics/civil/index.html
	Criminal Law Clinic	programs/clinics/criminal/index.html
	Entrepreneurship & IP Clinic	programs/clinics/ent-ip.shtml
	Government Lawyering Externship.....	programs/clinics/externship-programs/government-lawyering/
	Health Law Externship	programs/clinics/externship-programs/health-law/
	Human Trafficking Clinic	programs/clinics/human-trafficking/
	International Human Rights Clinic	programs/clinics/international-human-rights/
	Immigrants’ Rights Clinic	programs/clinics/civil/AHR.html
	Judicial Externship	programs/clinics/externship-programs/judicial/
	Legal Externship Program.....	programs/clinics/externship-programs/legal/index.shtml
	Semester-in-Practice Program.....	programs/clinics/externship-programs/semester-in-practice/
I.	Trial Advocacy Program	programs/clinics/trial_advocacy_program/index.html
J.	Concentrations	
	Health Law.....	programs/concentrations/health/index.html
	Intellectual Property.....	programs/concentrations/intellectual/index.html
	International Law.....	programs/concentrations/international/index.html
	Litigation and Dispute Resolution.....	programs/concentrations/litigation/index.html
	Transactional Practice.....	programs/concentrations/transactional/
K.	Legal Writing Fellows Program.....	programs/legal-writing/fellows.shtml
L.	Study Abroad Programs	programs/abroad/index.html
M.	Dual-Degree Programs	
	J.D./M.B.A. Program in Law and Management.....	programs/dual/management/index.html
	J.D./M.S. Program in Law and Mass Communication.....	programs/dual/mass-com/index.html
	J.D./M.A. Program in Law and Preservation Studies.....	programs/dual/historic/index.html
	J.D./M.B.A. Program in Law and Health Sector Management.....	programs/dual/healthcare/index.html
	J.D./M.P.H. Program in Law and Public Health.....	programs/dual/publichealth/index.html
	J.D./M.D. Program in Law and Medicine.....	programs/dual/medicine/
	J.D./M.A. Program in English.....	dualdegree/english.html
	J.D./M.A. Program in History.....	dualdegree/history.html
	J.D./M.A. Program in International Relations.....	dualdegree/international.html
	J.D./M.A. Program in Law and Philosophy.....	programs/dual/philosophy/index.html
	J.D./LL.M in Asian Legal Studies	programs/dual/asian/index.html
	J.D./LL.M in European Law	programs/dual/european/index.html
	J.D./LL.M in Int’l and Euro. Business Law	programs/dual/icade/index.html
	Accelerated LL.M. Degree in Taxation.....	programs/dual/taxation/index.html
	Accelerated LL.M. Degree in Banking and Financial Law.....	programs/dual/banking/index.html
N.	Co-Curricular Competitions	
	Appellate Competitions.....	programs/appellate-advocacy/
	Client Counseling Competition.....	programs/appellateadvocacy/client_counseling_competition.shtml
	Negotiation Competition.....	programs/appellate-advocacy/negotiation_competition.shtml

IX. More Useful Links

Academic Regulations

The current academic regulations are available on the School of Law website at www.bu.edu/law/central/jd/academic/index.html. The regulations will be updated over the summer for the 2015-2016 academic year. Continuing students will be notified by e-mail when the updates are posted to the web.

Class Schedules

Meeting days and times are included in our online and printed course descriptions. Full semester schedules are also available on the School of Law website: www.bu.edu/law/central/jd/academic/schedules/index.shtml.

Closed Course Listing

After the course lottery is run, the Registrar will post a list of closed courses for both the fall and spring semesters. The closed course listing can be found at www.bu.edu/law/central/jd/academic/course/closed.shtml. Students closed out of a particular course or seminar may then add their name to a wait list for the class. A link to the online submission form will be provided.

Course Descriptions

Through the School of Law website: Visit the BU Law website at www.bu.edu/law/central/jd/academic/course/secondthird.shtml and click on the course name.

Through the [Student Link](#): There are two ways to access the course descriptions. Through the Pre-Reg Worksheet you may view descriptions for fall and spring courses by clicking on the course number.

For fall semester only you may click on “University Class Schedule” and enter the search criteria. To see the full list of JD offerings choose Fall 15, select LAW as the College of Registration and JD as the department. A full listing of JD courses by number should result. The listing includes the meeting days and times. Click on any course number for the course description.

Course Selection Updates

Any additions, corrections, or updated information regarding course offerings will be posted to www.bu.edu/law/central/jd/academic/course/updates.shtml.

Course and Teacher Evaluations

Copies of the statistical reports for current faculty are available on the [BU Law website](#). Bound volumes of each semester's results are shelved at the beginning of the Pappas Reserve collection.

Faculty Profiles

To learn about faculty, a set of profiles for both full-time and part-time faculty is available on the web at www.bu.edu/law/faculty/profiles/index.shtml. The profiles describe the background of all current full-time and part-time members of the faculty.

Wait List Form

The online submission form will be available by **June 26**. You will find it on the School of Law website at www.bu.edu/law/central/jd/academic/course/waitlist.html.

X. A Message from the Associate Dean about the Curriculum and Choosing Courses

The Course Selection Guide is designed to help you plan your program of study at the School of Law in your second and third years. The Guide includes schedules and registration instructions. The course and seminar descriptions are provided in a separate document and on the web site. We are likely to add a few offerings as we confirm the schedules of part-time faculty members. While you should consider these publications substantially complete, you should also periodically check the web site and any e-mails you receive from the Registrar's or Dean of Students' Offices for updates. Here I would like to explain a bit about the courses you are required to take and offer some suggestions about how to approach the process of choosing courses. This is an important process that will impact your experience at BU Law and beyond.

In addition to the advice contained in this memo, which is general, the faculty have collaborated on a series of memos that offer detailed course selection guidance in a number of areas of law. We have memos on business law, constitutional law, criminal law, health law, intellectual property, and international law. Those memos can be found, along with a checklist of academic requirements, bar admission requirements, and other useful information here: <http://www.bu.edu/law/central/jd/academic/advising/>.

Graduation Requirements

There are four graduation requirements you must fulfill during your second and third years.

1) You must satisfy the **Professional Responsibility** requirement. The following courses and seminars satisfy both the BU Law and the New York Bar requirements of a course in professional responsibility. Not all of the seminars will necessarily be offered every year. **If you are entering your third year, be sure to have a clear plan to satisfy this requirement.**

- Professional Responsibility (the 3 credit course)
- Effective and Ethical Depositions (seminar)
- Lawyering in the 21st Century (seminar)
- Prosecutorial Ethics (seminar)
- The HEFD or ER section of Pre-trial Advocacy in the Civil Litigation Clinical Program
- Criminal Trial Practice Clinic – Professional Responsibility
- Legal Externship Program- Legal Ethics Class Component (Note that this is the only externship course that satisfies the professional responsibility requirement.)

2) You must satisfy the **upper class writing requirement**, which is described in detail in the Student Handbook and in the Academic Regulations. **By the beginning of your fourth semester of law school**, you should have a clear plan to satisfy this requirement, and ideally the plan should be carried out to completion before starting your last semester of law school. Please note that you must submit to the Registrar's office a form about this—titled “Intention to Complete the Upper Class Writing Requirement”—no later than the last day of the add/drop period of the semester in which you intend to satisfy the requirement and, in any event, no later than the last day of the add/drop period of your fifth semester (fall of the 3L year) so that we know you have a plan to take care of this.

3) You must take one course before graduation that satisfies the American Bar Association's **professional skills requirement**. The menu of eligible courses, not all of which are offered every year, appears at the end of this memo. This is an easy requirement to satisfy, so please don't let yourself get caught short in your final semester.

4) Students graduating with the Class of 2017 and later must complete the online, self-paced **Business Fundamentals** program or opt-out of the requirement by attaining a score of 85% or better on the pre-course exam. You must enroll in the program as a course during the summer, fall, or spring term. Mastery of the material covered in Business Fundamentals will be very useful to you as you tackle upper level courses such as Corporations. Thus, we strongly encourage students to complete this program the summer following the 1L year.

NOTE: In addition, to comply with ABA, New York, and some other state bar requirements, you must complete 64 credits of in-class work while at BU Law. The following **do not** count toward the 64 credit minimum: credits for journal work, moot court direction, courses taken outside of the law school, externship program fieldwork, independent studies, and semesters in practice.

Recommended Course Selections

Students sometimes ask us to provide a list of recommended courses in addition to those that are required. It is unlikely that the faculty or practicing attorneys would agree about what courses should be on such a list. A program of courses should reflect a balance between your interests in particular courses or professors, the areas where you expect to practice and the skills you will need, and topics that are foundational or the subject of the bar examination. You should therefore consult your faculty adviser (assigned in your first year at BU), other faculty members, attorneys, and your peers to obtain a range of perspectives that can inform your decisions.

The next few pages nevertheless contain some general advice about course selection. Afterwards you will find additional advice from the Office of Career Development. My personal list of courses that almost every law student should take is short:

- Administrative Law
- Evidence
- Corporations
- Intro. to Federal Income Taxation

These courses all involve issues and terminology that are useful to lawyers in almost every practice area. Not every student needs to take them all, but these courses will contribute to the breadth of your legal education and may lead you to pursue areas of law that are more interesting than you had expected. Complete ignorance of any of them can become a source of professional discomfort to you later on. Even if you have no intention of ever being a tax lawyer, for example, a basic knowledge of that area will at least allow you to participate in conversations about the tax implications of decisions that your clients may face. Being the only one in the room who does not know what "basis" refers to (or what "hearsay" means) is an awkward prospect that you should be eager to avoid.

There are many other courses and seminars that will enrich your experience here. If you do not have a strong view about what practice area you hope to pursue, consider taking some of the foundational courses from this list:

- Bankruptcy
- Criminal Procedure
- Employment Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property
- International Law
- Secured Transactions
- Trusts, Wills & Estate Planning

This list of courses offers a broad foundation in the largest fields of practice. They are all offered every year, as are most of our large survey courses. Many courses with smaller enrollments are offered every other year, depending on staffing considerations. Keep this in mind in planning your course selections over a two year cycle.

Also, keep in mind that after the first year you may take up to eight total credits of work on an ungraded basis. You either receive credit (CR), or honors (H), or if you do not receive credit for a class (NC), it will be removed from your transcript. Not every course can be taken on these terms, but many can. Our hope is that this rule will encourage you to take coursework that will be valuable to your professional development but that you might have avoided if the result would be a grade on your transcript.

Fields with Formal Concentrations

We offer concentrations in five areas:

1. Health Law
2. Intellectual Property
3. International Law (includes commercial law as well as public international law)
4. Litigation and Dispute Resolution
5. Transactional Practice

Some students complete the requirements of one of these concentrations; others don't. In either case, though, you may find that the lists of courses in the concentrations (available on the law school website) help you to think about your course selection choices.

Note that the International and Litigation concentrations are quite broad. Students interested in these fields may want to seek further advice from the concentration advisor or concentration faculty on how to tailor course choices to a more narrow focus within the list.

Experiential Learning Opportunities

The law school offers a wealth of experiential learning opportunities. In these programs or courses you learn by doing and you gain practical skills that allow you to hit the ground running when you enter practice. You should strongly consider participating in one or more of these programs or courses during your second or third year, but it is important to balance and

integrate experiential learning with traditional, substantive coursework. Our experiential learning opportunities are fully described on our website, but include:

- “Live client” clinics: civil, criminal, legislative, and transactional clinical opportunities lasting a semester or year involving a broad array of subject matters.
- The Transactional Law Program: a largely simulation-based approach to transactional skills training.
- Externships: a 12 to 20 hour per week experience working in judicial, government, public interest, in house or private law firm pro bono service.
- Semester in Practice: a full-time experience working in government or other sectors inside or outside of Boston.
- Courses or seminars, often taught by part-time faculty who are skilled practitioners, that are predominantly experiential. These offerings are identified on a list of courses and seminars meeting the professional skills requirement, which appears at the end of this memo.

NOTE: Anyone seeking admission to practice in New York after January 1, 2015, must demonstrate that they have performed 50 hours of pro bono service. Work done in our civil, criminal, and legislative clinical programs qualifies as does participation in certain externships. Students planning to take the NY Bar should verify if any particular experience would qualify. <http://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/probono/FAQsBarAdmission.pdf>

Seminars

In a typical year, you can choose from among more than 50 seminars at the law school taught by both full-time and part-time faculty on an extremely broad expanse of subjects, ranging from critical race theory to private equity and venture capital. Depending on the seminar, participation may provide you with an opportunity to hone your writing skills, to gain practice skills, or to delve into an area of interest in greater than depth than one would in a traditional course. By all means, take a seminar or two while you are at BU Law, but don't overdo it. Some employers will look askance at a transcript with more than a handful of seminars.

Courses in the BU Law Graduate Programs or Elsewhere at BU

You may wish to take courses not listed in the course selection booklet. These include graduate courses in other departments of the University, subject to the limits in the Academic Regulations, but also courses offered by our graduate programs in Taxation and Banking and Financial Law. Most J.D. students are well qualified to take most of these courses, and those programs are eager to have you in their classes. Registration for classes in the graduate programs is not done by the Registrar's Office but by the staff of those programs themselves. See the appropriate sections of this Guide for more details. Students with a clear career path in banking or tax law may wish to consider enrolling in BU Law's six or seven semester combined JD/LLM programs in these subjects.

Study Abroad Programs

BU Law offers several study abroad programs. In most of these programs, students spend a semester at a foreign school. Some programs have a language requirement, though most offer classes in English. Students earn 12 credits, which meets our minimum semester credit requirements. We also offer three year-long, dual-degree study abroad programs, which you can learn more about from the Office of Graduate and International Programs.

Depending on your professional interests, a study abroad program can provide a strong complement to your course of study at the law school. As with all of your course selection decisions, however, you should make ensure that the program fits into your area of substantive interest and leaves you room to take other courses that will prepare you for practice.

Balance, Balance, Balance

One of the great strengths of BU Law is the breadth and flexibility of our curriculum, but students must take care in making their selections from this expansive menu. It is fine to specialize in a particular practice area, but balance this with a number of foundational courses in other areas. You never know where your career path will take you. Take interesting seminars and participate in experiential learning opportunities, but not to the exclusion of traditional, substantive courses. Few students should devote more than half of their upper level credits to seminars, experiential learning, and courses from outside of the JD curriculum. We want you to leave BU Law as a well-rounded and capable practitioner with strong skills *and* substantive legal knowledge.

David I. Walker
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

The Professional Skills Requirement

The courses listed below will satisfy the Law School's requirement that each student take at least one course that offers substantial instruction in professional skills. Please remember that not every one of these courses focuses primarily on skills instruction. Some do, but some do not.

Clinical Programs:

Africa i-Parliaments Clinic
American Legislative Practice Program
Civil Litigation Program
Criminal Clinical Program
Entrepreneurship & IP Clinic
Human Trafficking Clinic
Immigrants' Rights Clinic
International Human Rights Clinic
Wrongful Convictions Clinic

Courses and Seminars:

The following courses and seminars are predominantly experiential.

Administrative Law Research *
Advanced Legal Research *
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Anatomy of a Mass Tort (S)
Banking and Financial Law Research
Client Counseling (S)
Contract Drafting
Criminal Motions and Advocacy
E-discovery Law & Practice *
Effective & Ethical Depositions (S)
Federal Civil Practice (S) *
Health Care Transactions (S)
Health Law Research
Intellectual Property Law Research *
International Business Agreements (S)
International and Comparative Law Research
Judicial Writing (S)
Legal Writing for Civil Litigation (S)
Licensing Law & Practice Workshop (S)
Mediation: Theory and Practice (S)

Negotiated M&A (S)
Negotiation
Persuasive Writing (S)
Representing Clients in Civil Actions (S) *
Securities Law Research
Tax Law Research *
Transaction Simulation: Sale of a Family Business and Related Real Estate
Transaction Simulation: Auction and Sale of a Private Company
Transaction Simulation: Transfer of a Shopping Center *
Transaction Simulation: Structuring and Negotiating an International Business Collaboration
Transaction Simulation: Forming & Financing a Start-Up Business
Trial Advocacy
Trial Advocacy (Advanced)
Writing Supplement to Family Law
Writing Supplement to Trusts, Wills & Basic Estate Planning

The following courses include at least one component that focuses on skills instruction, and each of these courses satisfies the school's professional skills requirement.

Administrative Rule Making in Health Law (S) *
Adv. Legal Writing and Editing (S)
Advanced Trial Practice (S)
Appellate Advocacy Program Director
Bankruptcy Practice (S)
Constitutional Health Care Litigation (S) *
Discovery: Theory and Practice (S)
Health Insurance, Health Reform & the Law (S) *
Homicide Investigations & Trials (S)
International Development & Project Finance (S)
Juvenile Delinquency (S)
Law and Ethics of Medical Research (S) *
Patent Prosecution (S)
Private Equity & Venture Capital Transactions (S)
Refugee and Asylum Law (S) *
Representing Life Sciences Companies (S) *
Securitization
Trade Secrets & Restrictive Covenants
Transnational Criminal Law (Sloane only) *

** Not offered 2015-2016*

XII. Graduate Programs Information

Courses in the Graduate Program in Banking and Financial Law

Students who are interested in financial services law may wish to enroll in courses in the Graduate Program in Banking and Financial Law. Each course meets once a week and carries two credits. Registration for the courses is not available through WebReg. Students may register for the courses during the drop/add period for each semester by contacting the Graduate Program in Banking and Financial Law at 617-353-3023 or banklaw@bu.edu. Some courses are not offered every year – be sure to check with their program for the 2015/2016 schedule.

Course descriptions are available online at:

www.bu.edu/law/central/llm/graduate/banking/program/courses.shtml

Fall

Banking Structure and Regulation
Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
Central Banks, Commercial Banks and Financial Markets
Commercial Lending
Compliance Programs
Government Regulation of Insurance
Securities Regulation

Spring

Consumer Financial Services
Hedge Funds
Introduction to Project Finance
Lessons from the Financial Crisis
Mergers and Acquisitions
Microfinance and Development
Pooled Funds and Investor Protection
Securitization
Thesis Seminar
Transnational Lending

The Graduate Program also sponsors a seminar which takes place over three half-days in Financial Services Basics for LL.M. and J.D. students. The seminar provides an overview of the banking, securities and insurance industries and gives students a useful introduction to basic concepts relevant to financial products and services. Additional information is available at: <http://www.bu.edu/law/prospective/llm/banking/financial-services.shtml>. The 2015 seminar is scheduled to take place August 25-27. Admission is free but registration by 8/1/2015 is required.

Course Offerings in the Graduate Tax Program

Students who are interested in tax law have the unique opportunity to enroll in courses in the Graduate Tax Program (GTP). The GTP's faculty primarily consists of leading tax professionals drawn from law firms, accounting firms and tax consulting firms throughout New England and from federal and state government revenue departments. These courses are offered Monday through Thursday during the late afternoon and early evening hours. Students interested in learning more about the GTP's tax offerings are encouraged to contact the GTP office at 617.353.3105 or via [email](#). Registration for GTP courses is not available through WebReg; however, the GTP is happy to speak with you about course selection and registration.

Please note that this curriculum is subject to change, for the most up to date information contact the [GTP](#) or visit their [website](#).

[Course descriptions](#) and a list of pre and [co-requisites](#) are also available on the GTP website.

Fall 2015

ERISA Regulation of Retirement Plans
Estate and Gift Taxation
Estate Planning
Executive Compensation
Exempt Organizations
Federal Income Tax I
Federal Income Tax II
International Tax I
International Tax II
Introduction to Corporate Tax
Partnership Tax I
State and Local Taxation
Standards and Responsibilities
 in Tax Practice
Tax Accounting
Tax Practice & Procedure
Taxation of Financial Products: Principles & Application
Taxation of Intellectual Property

XIII. Registering for Non-Law Classes

Upper-class students may take classes at other colleges within the University. The registration procedure varies – WebReg is not always available – so students are advised to review the information below and to consult the Registrar’s Office with any questions.

Registration is a two-step process for students who want law credit for a graduate-level course (level 500 or greater). Once you have registered for a graduate course, you must complete an add/drop form in the Registrar’s Office in order to add the class to your law transcript. Graduate courses and the grade will appear on your transcript, however the grade is not factored into your law g.p.a. Be advised that the number of credits we may award for a graduate course is dependent on the number of contact hours over the course of the semester. The ABA requires 700 minutes per credit, therefore you may receive fewer law credits for the class than the University awards. Tuition charges are based on the credits awarded at the University level. Students who exceed 18 credits in a semester will be responsible for the additional tuition charges.

Please note that non-law classes do not count toward the 64 credit in-class work at BU Law.

Questrom School of Business

The Graduate School of Management is now the Questrom School of Business. Students who would like to enroll in management courses should go to the Graduate Programs Office at the Questrom School of Business, 595 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 104. The Fall 2015 schedule is available on the [Student Link](#). QST course descriptions are also available on the [website](#). Non-degree candidates may register two weeks before the start of classes. For more information on business and management courses you may call (617) 353-2673.

School of Public Health

To enroll in SPH courses students may file an SPH registration form in the Law Registrar's Office or stop by the SPH Registrar's Office at 715 Albany Street, Talbot Building, Room 210. The Fall 2015 SPH schedule is available on the [Student Link](#) and course descriptions are available on the [SPH website](#). For more information on SPH courses you may call (617) 638-4640.

Physical Education

Students who would like to take PE courses can register at the University Registrar's Office, 881 Commonwealth Avenue, second floor. You may not take a physical education course for LAW credit. Copies of the Fall 2015 PDP schedule are available through the [Student Link](#). Information is also available on the University's [website](#).

College of Communication

To enroll in communications courses students should go to the appropriate department at the College of Communication, 640 Commonwealth Avenue (e.g., see the Mass Communication department for courses in Mass Communication, Advertising and Public Relations.) Copies of the Fall 2015 COM schedule are available solely via the [Student Link](#). Course descriptions are available on the University [website](#). For more information you may also call (617) 353-3450.

Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

Students who would like to register for graduate-level CAS or GRS courses may pick up a registration form at the Law Registrar's Office. A list of courses that welcome law students is posted to the BU Law site at <http://www.bu.edu/law/central/jd/academic/register/non-law.html>. Schedule information is available via the [Student Link](#). Students who would like to register for Preservation Studies, International Relations, or Philosophy courses must obtain signed approval from the appropriate department and may submit the signed registration form to the Law Registrar's Office.

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
CALENDAR FOR 2015/2016 ACADEMIC YEAR**

FALL SEMESTER

First-Year Registration & Orientation	Thursday, August 27, 2015 through Friday, August 28, 2015
All Classes Begin	Monday, August 31, 2015
Fall Add/Drop	Monday, August 31, 2015 through Monday, September 14, 2015
1L Moving Day: First-Year Classes Suspended	Tuesday, September 1, 2015
Labor Day: Classes Suspended	Monday, September 7, 2015
Columbus Day: Classes Suspended	Monday, October 12, 2015
Substitute Monday Schedule of Classes	Tuesday, October 13, 2015
Substitute Friday Schedule of Classes	Wednesday, November 25, 2015
Thanksgiving Recess	Thursday, November 26, 2015 through Sunday, November 29, 2015
Last Day of Upper-class Courses	Thursday, December 3, 2015
Substitute Tuesday Schedule of First-Year Classes	Friday, December 4, 2015
Last Day of First-Year Classes	Friday, December 4, 2015
Reading Period: Upper-Class Students	Friday, December 4, 2015 through Monday, December 7, 2015
Upper-class Exam Period	Tuesday, December 8, 2015 through Monday, December 21, 2015
Reading Period: First-Year Students	Saturday, December 5, 2015 through Wednesday, December 9, 2015
First-Year Exam Period	Thursday, December 10, 2015 through Monday, December 21, 2015

SPRING SEMESTER

First-Year Lawyering Lab	Monday, January 4, 2016 through Friday, January 8, 2016
All Spring Semester Classes Begin	Monday, January 11, 2016
Spring Drop/Add	Monday, January 11, 2016 through Monday, January 25, 2016
Martin Luther King Day: Classes Suspended	Monday, January 18, 2016
Presidents' Day: Classes Suspended	Monday, February 15, 2016
Substitute Monday Schedule of Classes	Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Spring Recess	Saturday, March 5, 2016 through Sunday, March 13, 2016
Patriots' Day: Classes Suspended	Monday, April 18, 2016
Substitute Monday Schedule of Classes	Wednesday, April 20, 2016
Last Day of Classes	Wednesday, April 20, 2016
Reserve Make-up Day (Snow/Weather Closing)	Thursday, April 21, 2016
Reading Period: Upper-Class Students	Friday, April 22, 2016 through Sunday, April 24, 2016
Upper-class Exam Period	Monday, April 25, 2016 through Friday, May 6, 2016
Reading Period: First-Year Students	Friday, April 22, 2016 through Monday, April 25, 2016
First-Year Exam Period	Tuesday, April 26, 2016 through Friday, May 6, 2016
First-Year Journal Writing Competition	Friday, May 6, 2016 through Friday, May 13, 2016
Commencement Weekend	Friday, May 13, 2016 through Sunday, May 15, 2016

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**TENTATIVE UPPERCLASS EXAMINATION SCHEDULE
FALL 2015**

Tuesday, December 8	Evidence (Pettit) Health Law: Business, Org. & Fin. (Zeiler) International Law (Glennon)
Wednesday, December 9	Corporations (Marks) Criminal Procedure (Maclin) International Intellectual Property (Gibson)
Thursday, December 10	Intro to Federal Income Taxation (Feld) Trademark & Unfair Competition (Dogan)
Friday, December 11	Admiralty (Hooper) Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights (Tung) Copyright (Gordon) Evidence (Lawson) Family Law (McClain)
Monday, December 14	Corporate Finance (Sims) Corporations (Outterson) Intellectual Property (Meurer)
Tuesday, December 15	Adv. Con Law: 14th Amendment (Bridges) Gov't Regulation of Financial Services (Roiter) Insurance Law (M. Hylton) Professional Responsibility (Donweber)
Wednesday, December 16	First Amendment (Lahav) Trusts, Estates & Basic Will Planning (Tritt)
Thursday, December 17	Civil Rights Litigation (Beermann/Merritt) Financial Reporting for Lawyers (R. Wilson)
Friday, December 18	Construction Law (Rubinstein) Environmental Law (Wexler)

Take-Home Exams

Administrative Law (Moncrieff) (*single day pick-up - 12/11*)
Criminal Trial Practice: Professional Responsibility (Hurowitz) (*single day pick-up 12/17*)
Federal Courts (Yackle)
Health Care Fraud & Abuse (S) Thomas
Health Law: Medicine & Ethics (Moncrieff)
Immigration Law (McHaffey)
Local Government Law (DiAdamo)
Mutual Funds (Frankel)

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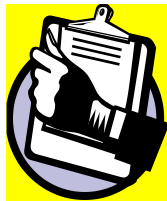
**SCHOOL OF LAW
WITHDRAWAL TUITION REFUND SCHEDULE
SEMESTER I, 2015/2016**

Prior to First Day of Classes (before August 31, 2015)	100%
August 31, 2015 - September 14, 2015	80%
September 15 - September 21, 2015	60%
September 22 - September 28, 2015	40%
September 29 - October 5, 2015	20%
As of October 6, 2015	0%

Notes:

- ◆ Registration and other fees are non-refundable as of the first day of classes.
- ◆ Deposits toward Tuition and/or Room and Board are Non-Refundable

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Boston University School of Law
Graduation Requirements Worksheet: Class of 2016



PLEASE NOTE: This worksheet is meant to facilitate your 3L course selection to fulfill all graduation requirements. *Use of this worksheet is not a substitute for thoroughly reviewing the Academic Regulations in the JD Handbook or confirming compliance with the graduation requirements with Student Affairs or the Law Registrar's Office.* Each state Bar also has its own requirements, which can include coursework, experiential learning, and pro bono work. You are responsible for researching these requirements for the state(s) in which you plan to practice.

There are essentially seven (7) requirements for a JD degree:

- 1) Successfully complete all 1L required courses, including the first-year moot court program;
 - 2) Successfully complete legal study at an ABA-accredited institution for at least three academic years or the equivalent, with at least two years of study in residence at Boston University School of Law (hereinafter "BU Law");
 - 3) Enroll in at least 26 credits in each year, with a minimum of 12 credits in any one semester, except as otherwise permitted by the Academic Standards Committee ("ASC");
 - 4) Successfully complete the upper-class writing requirement;
 - 5) Successfully complete the professional responsibility requirement;
 - 6) Successfully complete the professional skills requirement; and
 - 7) Earn at least 84 passing credits within five-years of starting your law school degree program.
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Documenting Degree Requirement Compliance

- Professional Skills** (See the **Course Selection Guide** for a list of courses that fulfill this requirement)

Course Name: _____ Term Completed: _____

- Professional Responsibility** (See the **Course Selection Guide** for a list of courses that fulfill this requirement)

Course, Clinic or Externship Name: _____ Term Completed: _____

- Upper-class Writing Requirement**

Submission of the *Intention to Complete the Upper-class Writing Requirement* form (Date): _____

**Submitted no later than the last day of add/drop in your 5th semester; See the Academic Regulations, Art. III, Sec. 6 for requirements)*

Faculty Advisor (Name): _____ First Draft Submitted (Date): _____

Revisions completed (Date): _____ Certification Received (Date): _____

Summer Externships and Full-Year Study Abroad:

Summer externships approved and overseen by Associate Dean Muir and the Student Affairs Office are awarded up to two credits and listed on the transcript; but these credits do not apply to degree requirements, do not count for the 85 required credits for graduation, and do not count against the limited number of non-GPA/non-classroom courses allowed. Externships overseen by clinical and other faculty are applicable to degree requirements.

The 3L full-year study-abroad program awards 24 non-GPA, classroom credits, and is supplemented by a 2 credit independent study. The 3L study-abroad programs are the only faculty-approved exception to the Academic Regulation addressing non-GPA credit limits. Students who plan to take a full-year study abroad program must be approved by the Graduate and International Programs Office.

JD Degree Requirements – Planning Grid

DIRECTIONS: Add the values related to your enrollment for each relevant column or row. Be sure to meet the minimum or maximum noted.

	Course Offerings Not Subject to the 16-credit non-GPA limit. (All of these courses become part of the BU LAW GPA.)	Course offerings subject to the 12-credit non-BU LAW limit and to 16-credit non-GPA limit.	Course offerings subject to the 16-credit non-GPA limit. (Starred courses become part of the BU LAW GPA if taken for a grade. The others do not.)	
BU LAW and BU LAW-approved Law Classes and Other Faculty-Supervised Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Socratic/Lecture and Classroom Seminar courses, if taken for a grade -- Clinical seminars, including fieldwork, and simulation courses, if taken for a grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- BU LAW-approved law classroom courses at other law schools -- Single-semester BU-approved study abroad law classroom courses (except HEC Paris) 	-- Any BU LAW classroom course with C/NC/H (8 cr. max)	Minimum 64 Credits
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --HEC Paris Study Abroad Program (12 cr.) --BU courses outside of BU LAW -- BU LAW-approved non-law courses taken at other law schools (visiting students) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Non-graded Journal work (4 cr. max) --Externship fieldwork --Semester-in-Practice fieldwork (10 cr. max) --Independent study or externship or semester-in-practice faculty-supervised writing component (2 cr. max/3cr. w/ ASC)* --Appellate Advocacy Director (3 cr. max)* --Clinical fieldwork supervised by adjunct faculty (5 cr. max)* 	
		Maximum 12 credits		Minimum 84 Credits
		Maximum 16 credits (20 w/ ASC approval)		

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 - 2) Successfully complete legal study at an ABA-accredited institution for at least three academic years or the equivalent, with at least two years of study in residence at Boston University School of Law (hereinafter “BU Law”);
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 - 4) Successfully complete the upper-class writing requirement;
 - 5) Successfully complete the professional responsibility requirement;
 - 6) Successfully complete the professional skills requirement;
 - 7) Successfully complete *Introduction to Business Fundamentals*; and
 - 8) Earn at least 85 passing credits within five-years of starting your law school degree program.
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Documenting Degree Requirement Compliance

- Introduction to Business Fundamentals** Term Completed: _____
 - Professional Skills** (See the **Course Selection Guide** for a list of courses that fulfill this requirement)
Course Name: _____ Term Completed: _____
 - Professional Responsibility** (See the **Course Selection Guide** for a list of courses that fulfill this requirement)
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Course Selection Checklist

-  **Mark** your calendar - Pre-Registration ends June 10.
- Read** the instructions and the advice for choosing courses and check out the [Academic Advising](#) pages.
- Check** your compliance status on the [Student Link](#).

-  **Check** the web for program information, course descriptions, class and exam schedules, and updates. 
- Select** courses for fall 2015. 
- Select** courses for spring 2016. 
- Remember** to use the Fall 2015 Pre-Reg Worksheet for both semesters and not to use the planner!
- Rank** your selections. Click arrow (↑) next to class to change preferred class sequence for lottery.