In the past, BU Law students have been permitted to schedule early exams in both the fall and spring semesters. Participating students should meet with professors and verify early exam dates during the registration and add/drop period.
We are pleased you are interested in Boston University School of Law’s overseas exchange program with the Faculty of Law, Université Jean Moulin, Lyon III, in Lyon, France. This package gives a general description of the French-language law program as well as details about some of its more important aspects. Carefully review this information before deciding whether to apply.

I. SOME PRELIMINARY – AND IMPORTANT – POINTS

At the outset, we would like to stress several aspects of the program that may be relevant to your decision to apply:

A. Timing: This is a one-semester program that will be offered during the fall and spring semester.

B. Credits: The program is designed to grant participating students 12 semester credits toward their J.D. degree.

C. Academic Focus: The program focuses on international, comparative and French law topics.

D. Eligible Students: The program is open to second- and third-year students only (current 1Ls and 2Ls) who have completed at least one year of studies at BU Law.

E. Language: Because all courses are offered through Lyon’s Diplôme d’Etudes Universitaires Françaises (DEUF program), for which the language of instruction is French. French fluency is required.

F. Number of Participants: Up to four BU Law students can participate in any study abroad program at Jean Moulin during the 2016-2017 academic year. We may select less than four, but under no circumstances can we select more than four.

II. WHY STUDY LAW AT LYON?

A. The Faculty of Law (“Faculté de Droit”)

Lyon III boasts one of the best law faculties in Europe. Its Faculté de Droit is ranked sixth among international (non-American) law schools according to the Gourman Report ranking system. In particular, Lyon III is recognized as having one of the best internationally-oriented law programs with one of the most extensive course offerings in international and comparative law. It also has one of the most highly acclaimed international studies programs in Europe. Many consider its Institut de Droit Comparé Édouard Lambert the birthplace of comparative legal studies. The exchange program is specifically designed to expose students to this tradition of excellence in international and comparative law. Furthermore, the University, through its International Relations Office, and the Faculté de Droit both have considerable experience organizing international study programs and assisting foreign students. If you have a serious interest in international law, few universities match what you can find in Lyon III; spending a semester at the Faculté de Droit will enmesh you in an academic and cultural perspective difficult to obtain in the United States – the perspective of Europeans who have a direct stake in one of the most significant international developments of our time, the formation of the European Union.

The Faculty of Law’s website is http://facedroit.univ-lyon3.fr/la-faculte-de-droit-le-droit-a-l-universite-141213.kjsp?RH=INS-ACCUEIL_EN&RF=DRO-ACCUEIL_FR

B. Université Jean Moulin, Lyon III
Lyon III is one of the major universities in France and one of three university branches in Lyon (the others being Université Claude Bernard - Lyon I and Université Lumière - Lyon II). Lyon III was created in 1973 from the decentralization of the ancient Université de Lyon. Today, over 21,000 students are enrolled in its several degree programs, including approximately 8,400 in its school of law. Lyon III’s buildings include several that are located on the Rhône River in the heart of Lyon, where most of the architecture dates back to the 19th century. Another more modern part of the University is situated close to Lyon's great park, "Parc de la Tête d'Or." (The notion of a campus, as found in the U.S., does not exist in the French university cities. Lyon III's buildings are mostly situated on the two main sites mentioned above, however, and all necessary facilities are in both places.)

C. The City of Lyon

Lyon, with a population of over a million, is France's second largest city; it is a commercial and international crossroads, close to the borders of Italy, Switzerland and Germany. Lyon has a distinctive historical tradition, dating back to the invasion of Gauls by Julius Caesar, when a Roman settlement was founded on the hill at Fourvière. It became the capital of the Gauls, called "Lugdunum." In the middle ages, Lyon became an important trading center as its trade fairs attracted traders and bankers from all over Europe. The Italians eventually brought the ideas of the Renaissance with them to Lyon and built the district known today as "Vieux Lyon" (Old Lyon) – an outstanding example of urban development and fine architecture characteristic of the 15th and 16th centuries. The modern part of the city, built in the 18th and 19th centuries, is situated between the two rivers, the Rhône and the Saône. It has many boutiques and pedestrian shopping areas.

As a major French city, Lyon's attractions are vast; besides its universities, it boasts an opera house and numerous theaters, museums, cinemas, shops, restaurants and cafes. Further, the mingling of northern and southern influences in Lyon has inspired a local cuisine that has made the city France’s culinary capital. It is home to many of France’s greatest gastronomic offerings. Today, excellent rail (the TGV, the "train à grande vitesse") and air transportation also make Lyon a convenient departure point for travel to ski resorts, the southern coast of France (the French Riviera), Paris (2 hours by TGV), and other European cities.

III. THE LYON EXCHANGE PROGRAM

A. What the Program is – and isn't

This program is designed to offer a serious study of international and comparative law in a vibrant international setting – one deeply involved in the formation of Europe’s new economic scheme. This is definitely not the same thing as a college semester abroad. If you want a semester abroad with a light course load and plenty of time to sightsee, eat truffles and mix with the French, this is not the program for you. This is not to say that you will have no time to sightsee and familiarize yourself with French culture. You will. But we do want to emphasize that this program is much more academically rigorous than many overseas programs at the undergraduate level.

B. Number of Students

Since this is part of our overall exchange relation with Lyon 3, the number of BU Law students who can participate in the program in any given year is limited by the number of Lyon 3 students who wish to study here. As noted above, up to four BU Law students can participate in any study abroad program at Jean Moulin during the 2016-2017 academic year.
C. Program Dates and Schedule

We do not yet have the final 2016-2017 academic calendar. The majority of the following schedule is based off of the academic calendar from the 2014-2015 academic year. All these dates are subject to change, pending Lyon’s confirmation later this spring:

Early September, 2016: OPTIONAL Fall 2015 orientation, €200 fee to participate
Late August 2016 – mid-December 2016: Approximate fall semester dates
Mid-December 2016 – January 2017: Fall 2016 exam period
January 2017 – late May 2017: Approximate spring semester dates, including exam periods

NOTES: As fall orientation is optional, students who choose not to participate should plan to arrive in Lyon during the first week of September in order to register for classes, obtain housing, pay their insurance fee, etc.

Lyon has informed us that BU Law students who participate in the fall semester program will be permitted to schedule their exams prior to December 22, 2016. That being stated, it is the responsibility of participating students to contact professors early in the semester, to make sure an agreement on an early exam date can be reached. The Office of Graduate and International Programs at BU Law and the International Relations Department at Lyon cannot guarantee that all professors will agree to early exams, nor can we facilitate exam scheduling on behalf of participating students.

In addition, Lyon has informed us that the spring exam period will end during in late May 2015, which falls close to the scheduled date for BU Law commencement next year. Thus, third-year BU Law students may be able to attend graduation exercises—but they will likely not receive their diplomas until we receive their Lyon grades, which might not be until July. This also means their grades may not be processed in time to meet the deadline requirements of certain states administering a bar examination in the summer following graduation. Lyon will do its best to work within our time constraints for third-year students, but it cannot make any guarantees (Students should make them aware of any constraints immediately upon arrival in Lyon.) Likewise, if a participant is a 2L and has summer work plans that require him/her to return to the U.S. soon after the end of classes, s/he should let both the administration and professors know as soon as possible so they are aware of the time constraint. They will do their best to accommodate all students, but we cannot make guarantees.

D. Course Offerings and Requirements

BU Law students enroll for a single semester in courses offered through Lyon’s Diplôme d’Etudes Universitaires Françaises (DEUF) Program, which is a full-year program for international students who are proficient in French. The students are integrated into Lyon’s regular course offerings. (Lyon also offers some law classes in English, appropriate for U.S. undergraduates, in a program called the SELF Program (Study in English in Lyon, France). SELF courses do not count towards your J.D. degree at BU Law.)

Because BU Law students are not enrolled in the full-year Diploma program – but are only in Lyon for a semester -- they do not need to comply with the DEUF Diploma Program’s academic requirements. Instead, they must complete BU Law’s requirements, as follows:

BU Law Requirements: All BU Law students are required to take:

1. “Introduction to French Law.” This course is given through the Institut de Droit Comparé (the Comparative Law Institute) at Lyon 3, and meets for a total of approximately 24 hours during
the Program’s first two weeks in the fall semester. Student performance in Introduction to French Law will be evaluated by a written exam. For students studying in the spring, BU Law will advise on a comparable class if this Introductory Class is not offered.

2. At least three elective courses chosen from a selection of classes in international and comparative law, including at least one with a travaux dirigés (TD) component (A TD is a small, intensive course that supplements one of the large lecture courses). These include courses offered to third- and fourth-year French law students as well as postgraduate courses (Master 1 level) in Droit Communautaire (European Community Law) and Droit International des Affaires (International Business Law).

Please note the following:

- Students may (but are not required by BU Law) take other classes that are part of Lyon’s DEUF Diploma Program. These include the following two non-credit courses:
  - French as a Foreign Language
  - Tutorat (one-on-one sessions for international students to teach the French approach to studying law)

- Lyon offers an optional two-week orientation for DEUF Diploma students in the fall semester. BU Law students may (but are not required to) participate in the full orientation program. If you choose to participate, the fee is 200 Euros per week—and is not included in your BU Law tuition. The program includes courses on French as a foreign language, French law (courses which are not offered in the program, such as French evidence, French family law, and French culture.)

E. A Note on Class Size

An effort is made to keep seminars at 25 students. However, class sizes can vary from 40 to 200 students. Thus, some and perhaps many classes will be larger than you are accustomed to at BU Law. You will therefore need to be motivated and self-sufficient to get the most out of the program.

IV. HOW TO APPLY

If you decide to apply, you must do three things:

1. Complete an application available online at www.bu.edu/law/jd/studyabroad, and submit all additional materials.
2. Complete an interview with Assistant Dean John Riccardi and Assistant Director Shannon Supitkowsky, scheduled through the Graduate and International Programs Office.
3. Complete an interview in French with a member of Boston University’s faculty or an LL.M. student from France to test for oral language skills.

In screening applicants, we will look for such things as a strong academic record, a favorable faculty recommendation, serious interest in international and comparative law, and experience with different cultures and overseas travel.

The application deadline is February 22, 2016.

* For first-year students applying to participate in their second year, we will be unable to make a final decision until after we have received your second semester grades in mid-summer.
V. FRENCH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

As mentioned above, each participating student must have sufficient fluency in French, both oral and written. French language skills will be an important part of the final selection. We want to be sure you will be able to handle the demands of the Lyon III courses and oral exams before you leave for France. We will evaluate fluency two ways as part of the application process:

1. Each finalist will be interviewed in English here at the law school by Assistant Dean John Riccardi and Assistant Director Shannon Supitkowsky. Each finalist will also be interviewed in French by a member of Boston University’s faculty or an LL.M. student from France to test for oral language skills.

2. The application asks for a one-page essay in French and also for information about your French language background, which will be considered in the final evaluation.

VI. STUDENT EVALUATION AND GRADES

All Lyon 3 courses will be evaluated by written examination (except for the oral exams in the two-week introductory courses). Exams will be graded in the first instance by Lyon 3 faculty in accordance to the Lyon 3 grading system. (In Lyon, students are graded on a scale of 1-20. Usually, the grades range from 10-15, and grades above 15 are rarely given. A perfect exam, paper or presentation may not be given a grade of 20. It is not uncommon for students to fail. Thus, the potential for students receiving an overall grade which reflects a poor performance by American standards is rather great.) Because the different grading standards between BU Law and Lyon 3 makes a direct translation to BU Law's letter grading system extremely difficult, participating BU Law students will, upon successfully completing a course, receive a designation of "credit" for the course on their transcripts. This designation will include an asterisk or footnote indicating that the actual grade is available upon request, and that it will be accompanied by an explanation of the host institution’s different grading system.

ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CREDIT OR GRADE FOR ANY COURSE TAKEN IN THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION BY BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. We expect, however, that all credits earned at Lyon 3 will count towards Boston University School of Law credits.

One final point about grading: Any grades received for this program will not count toward your Boston University School of Law grade point average or towards honors or other awards at BU Law (including the scholarly awards, graduation prizes or cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude degree ranking).

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1 The passing grade is a 10/20, which indicates satisfactory performance. Honors are awarded as follows: average of 10-13 is "Passable," average of 13-14 is "Assez Bien;" 14-16 is "Bien;" 16-20 is "Très Bien." Very few students – no more than 10% - get honors Assez Bien, Bien or Très Bien.
VII. PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND STAFF

The Academic Director of the Lyon III DEUF Program is Jean-Jacques Serret. He is the Vice Dean for International Relations at the Lyon III Faculty of Law. He can be reached via email at jean-jacques.serret@univ-lyon3.fr.

The primary administrative contact for both pre-departure and on-site matters is:

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International Relations Department  
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69008 Lyon FRANCE  
Tel: 33 (0)4 26 31 85 72  
Email laetitia.belot@univ-lyon3.fr

The Lyon website for international exchange students is http://www.univ-lyon3.fr/en/programmes/exchange-students/  
The Faculty of Law’s website is http://www.facultededroit-lyon3.com/.  

VIII. CLASSROOMS, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES AND LIBRARY FACILITIES

The Université Jean Moulin, Lyon 3 is comprised of the Faculté de Droit (the Law School) and the Institut d’Administration des Entreprises (the Business School). The classrooms for courses that BU Law students will take and the administrative offices for the international programs are located in the Lyon 3 facilities in the center of Lyon, adjacent to the Rhône River.

The Law and Business Schools share the following facilities, with a total surface area of 36,000 square meters:

- Amphitheater, which holds 400 students  
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- Four large lecture halls which hold, on average, 180 students  
- Twenty-three classrooms, which hold up to 100 students each  
- Five computer rooms with 12 available units  
- Two large study rooms in the libraries  
- A dissertation/presentation room  
- Law Library  
- Business Library  
- Large entrance hall (Student meeting area)  
- Cafeteria  
- Information Office  
- Post Office  
- First Aid Station  
- Elevator  
- Bathroom Facilities  
- Various administrative offices
In 1993, Lyon 3 renovated a 19th century building, which has given the school 10,000 square meters of additional space. The building, La Manufacture des Tabacs, contains 60 small classrooms, each with a seating capacity of 36; 20 larger classrooms, each with a seating capacity of 100; and nine lecture theatres, with seating capacities from 200 to 400. The classrooms have modern audio-visual equipment, lighting, seating and facilities for the handicapped.

The library resources of Lyon 3 are connected by the Service Commun de la Documentation (SDC), which links six university libraries and approximately 30 research libraries. These libraries have been interconnected since 1994. The SDC’s resources feature:

- Volumes: 200,000
- Periodicals: 2,800
- CD-ROMs: 60
- Maps: 400
- Web Sites: 1,700

The SIBER 3 (Information System of the Study and Research Libraries of Lyon 3) provides integrated access to a wide range of three principal databases: a multimedia bibliographical database, CD-ROMs, and Internet resources. The library website also provides access to the multimedia bibliographical database, selected Internet resources and various high level and quality services.

The Lyon 3 SDC library system consists of:

1. The Bibliothèque Droit et Gestion (Law and Business Library), located at the top of the building on the main street. Lexis resources are available here.
2. The Bibliothèque Centrale Droit et Lettres (Law and Human Sciences library), located in a large building just across the street from the main building.

These two libraries offer direct access to recent books and periodicals and restricted access to old and rare books (a library card must be completed). Many books can be borrowed for a period of two weeks; other books cannot be removed from the reading rooms. Extensive photocopying facilities are available, which are self-operated with copy cards.

Boston University students also have access to several specialized libraries located on the main site:

1. Institut de Droit Comparé (Comparative Law Institute), created in 1922.
2. Centre de Documentation et de Recherche Européene, or CDRE (European Law Institute), created in 1968.
5. Institut des Assurances de Lyon, or IAL (Insurance Law Institute), created in 1973.

Additionally, the Bibliothèque Municipale de Lyon (Lyon city Public Library), the largest municipal library in France, offers extensive library facilities to all law students. Lyon 3’s newly acquired building, La Manufacture des Tabacs, also has a large library, which is frequented mostly by students in the first and second years of the first cycle of study in law and business.
IX. TUITION, FEES, AND ANTICIPATED LIVING COSTS

Participating students will pay Boston University the normal tuition for a semester at BU Law. However, students are required to arrange their own housing in Lyon. Lyon 3 will assist with housing arrangements for a fee of €335. Students interested in housing assistance must register for their housing online as soon as they are accepted. There is a wide range of available housing.

Food costs are generally on par with the United States. A meal at the University cafeteria runs about €6-€7. A meal at one of the local Lyon, student-type restaurants runs about €10. If you rent an apartment with a kitchen, however, you will be able to save on meals by cooking on your own.

Visiting foreign students are required to pay a social security/medical insurance fee of €207 to the French Ministry. This is payable when you arrive in Lyon.

In sum, students participating in the program can be expected to spend approximately the following amounts (conversions based on January 2015 rates):

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In addition, the DEUF orientation program at Lyon is not mandatory; thus, participating in this event costs an additional €200. Please budget appropriately if you plan on participating in orientation.

X. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES ON LOCATION

Université Jean Moulin, Lyon 3 has a number of support services for foreign students. Two student organizations, CORPO and AE2L, organize a number of social events each semester – dinners, concerts, ski trips, tour visits, etc. (AE2L caters more to foreign students, while CORPO is more for French students.) Students pay for the trips. You need not be a member of the organization to participate, but the charge is less if you are.

Université Jean Moulin has also established a tutorial system for foreign students taking part in exchange programs. Each foreign student is assigned a faculty member who meets with the student in a weekly tutorial. The tutor provides advice and support for exchange students throughout their stay, on both academic and practical matters. Prof. Carbon serves as the tutor for the foreign law students, including those from BU Law. In addition, Ms. Florence Gaudry-Perkins, the Program Administrator, is available to help American students.

XI. PROVISIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Unfortunately, Lyon 3 is not fully equipped to serve students with disabilities. There are elevators, and the first floor has handicap-accessible bathrooms. However, the other floors are not so well-equipped, and the buildings do not have wheelchair ramps. If you are interested in the program and will need some special assistance due to a disability, please talk with Assistant Dean John Riccardi, and he will contact Lyon 3 to obtain information on the availability of needed services.
XII. PROGRAM CANCELLATION INFORMATION

We expect the program to go forward as planned and anticipate no obstacles to implementation. However, the ABA requires that we inform you about our contemplated course of action in case of cancellation or change and in case a State Department Advisory is issued for the program area.

A. General Policy

In the highly unlikely event that the entire program has to be canceled, students selected for the program will be informed immediately by telephone and by mail, email, or in person, and notices of cancellation will be posted on the BU Law website. In addition, individual meetings will be arranged with any student who wishes one. If in the even more unlikely event that the Program is canceled after students have arrived in Lyon, Assistant Dean John Riccardi will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email.

B. State Department Advisories

BU Law will supply participating students with State Department Consular Information Sheets for France, which will include any information on "Areas of Instability." We do not anticipate that any State Department Advisory will issue for the Lyon area; nor is there any particular reason to believe that such an eventuality will materialize. However, in case an Advisory does issue, we will take the following steps:

In General – If an Advisory is issued before students are selected for the program, notice will be posted on the BU Law website and all applicants interviewed for the program will be personally informed. If such an advisory is issued after students are selected or during the program term, all participating students will be notified immediately.

Area of Instability – If the State Department declares the site to be an Area of Instability, students will be allowed to withdraw from the program. If such an event takes place while the program term is underway, the student will be permitted to choose either a refund of fees billed by Boston University, in accordance with the University’s refund schedule (this would exclude room, board, and any travel costs associated with getting to the host country prior to the date the site was declared an "Area of Instability"), or completion of the semester's study at Boston University School of Law if such is feasible. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THE OPTION OF COMPLETING THE SEMESTER AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW (AND THUS NOT LOSING A SEMESTER'S PROGRESS TOWARD THE J.D. DEGREE). This option is dependent on resources and the availability of course and independent study opportunities at BU Law. In the event that arrangements at the School of Law are not feasible, or the student elects a refund, the student will be refunded fees as above, in accordance with the University’s refund schedule.

Travel Warning – If the State Department issues a Travel Warning for France, the program will be canceled if the term has not yet begun, or terminated immediately if the term is already underway. If the program is canceled prior to commencement of the term, all students will be refunded in full all fees paid to Boston University (excluding any advance room, board, and travel costs associated with getting to the host country that have been paid). In addition, all students will be integrated into the regular semester at Boston University School of Law. If the program is terminated while underway, a participating student may choose either a refund of fees (except for room, board, and any travel costs associated with getting to the host country prior to the date the Travel Warning was issued), or completion of the semester's study at BU Law if such is feasible. See discussion of declaration of Area of Instability, above.

XIII. VISA INFORMATION
In order to pursue your studies in France, you will need to obtain a student visa. Please visit the French Embassy's website for complete information: [http://www.consulfrance-washington.org](http://www.consulfrance-washington.org). While the Graduate and International Programs Office will assist participating students in obtaining the entry letter needed to obtain a student visa and can assist in communications with the International Relations Office in Lyon, it is ultimately the responsibility of the student to obtain a student visa prior to study in Lyon.

XIV. PROGRAM REPORTS

Please note that all BU Law students selected to participate in a study abroad program will be required to submit to the Office of Graduate and International Programs:

1. A one-page mid-semester written report, assessing their experiences in light of their academic goals
2. A two-page report at the end of their program, evaluating their experiences

Students will not receive academic credit until they submit these reports.