Important Dates (all program dates are approximate/subject to change):

- **February 21, 2017**
  Bu Law application deadline
- **Mid-March, 2017**
  Selections made
- **March 28, 2017 (approx.)**
  Paris II application deadline
- **June 2017**
  Selected students must obtain a student visa to study in Paris
- **End of September, 2017**
  Orientation (*exact dates to be determined)
- **October – December, 2017**
  First semester classes
- **Late Dec. 2017 – Early Jan. 2018**
  Winter Break
- **February – May 2018**
  Second semester classes
- **Late March – Early April 2018**
  Spring Break
- **Mid-May 2018**
  Graduation Ceremony

The Paris II LL.M. in European Law Program consists of 12 seminars of 24 hours each (288 hours of teaching in total), focusing on EU law. The program is only available on a full-time, two semester basis.

To receive 26 academic credits from BU Law, participating students must enroll in all 12 seminars and complete a 2-credit independent paper under the supervision of a BU Law faculty member.

The awarding of the Paris II LL.M. degree is at the discretion of Paris II based on the student’s satisfactory completion of Paris II’s LL.M. degree requirements.

Prior to their departures, all students must have completed BU Law’s professional responsibility and practical skills requirements. Students must also have completed – or have a specific, approved plan to complete – the upper-class writing requirement.

None of the grades for the Paris II LL.M. program will count toward your BU Law GPA or towards academic honors and awards (such as the scholarly awards, graduation prizes or degree rankings, such as *cum laude, magna cum laude* and *summa cum laude*).
BU Law J.D. students have a unique opportunity to spend their entire third-year enrolled as LL.M. students at The European College of Paris—a school within Paris II, established to confer an English-language LL.M. in European Law. At the completion of the year in Paris, students will receive the BU J.D. and the Paris II LL.M.

The program commenced in the 2008-2009 academic year, with the President of the European Court of Justice presiding over opening ceremonies. The LL.M. instructors consist of Paris II professors, as well as some professors from other European law faculties and experienced practitioners one or two U.S. law professors (such as Eleanor Fox and Joseph Weiler from NYU – highly regarded international law scholars). Professors coming from other European countries are carefully selected and are prominent specialists in their fields. This LL.M. program is highly selective and is limited to 20 students – and no more than three BU students may participate in any given year.

I. Some Preliminary – and Important – Points

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

A. Timing

This program lasts one full academic year (from October to May), and includes a winter break around the Christmas holidays and a spring break around March or April.

B. Credits

BU Law students will receive 26 credits for the program. In addition to the 12 courses that comprise the LL.M. in European Law program (for 24 credits), all students will be required to pursue a two-credit independent study/tutorial with a BU Law faculty member, to commence in June - September prior to the student’s departure. The independent paper/tutorial must be completed by the end of the academic year. It may, but need not be on a topic related to international or EU law. Participating students need to take a minimum of 28 credits during their second year.

C. Academic Focus

The subject areas taught in the LL.M. in European Law give student the opportunity to acquire a comprehensive understanding of European Law in most areas falling within the competence of the European Union. Courses are also taught with a comparative and international perspective.

D. Eligible Students

To be eligible for the program, BU Law students will need to complete four semesters of residency, as well as complete all the school’s upper class requirements (writing requirement and professional responsibility) prior to departure. There are no prerequisites for the program (i.e., European Union law).

E. Language

The language of instruction is English. Students fluent in French may, with the permission of the Paris Director, take one comparable course in French. Students who have no or little French may take French language classes (not for credit).
F. Number of Participants

Three students at most can participate each year. We may select fewer than three, but under no circumstances can we select more than three.

II. Why Study Law at Paris II?

A. The Faculty of Law at Paris II

The European College of Paris, part of the University Pantheon-Assas, consists of a team of highly qualified Professors and has a reputation of excellence, as much for the quality of its teaching as for its research projects and its strong link with French, European and International institutions, the business world and the legal profession.

The University is located in the Latin Quarter, at the heart of the seats of power and culture that make Paris a unique place in which to study. Paris is 1 hour and 20 minutes from Brussels, 2 hours and 20 minutes from Strasbourg, and 2 hours and 10 minutes from Luxemburg (the 3 main centers of the institutions of the European Union).

B. The City of Paris

What can one say that hasn't already been said about the "City of Light?" Proud, cosmopolitan and, well, forever chic, it is renowned as one of the world's most beautiful and intriguing cities. Its 10,000+ restaurants and cafes, 220 art galleries, 90 theatres and nearly 50 concert halls, make it a dreamed-of destination for travelers and scholars worldwide.

Geographically, Paris is divided into 20 arrondissements, or districts, which spiral outward clockwise from its center in the Seine River – the Ile de la Cité, the island birthplace of Paris. Along the Right Bank ("rive droite") lie grand boulevards (such as the Champs Elysées), stately façades, the Arc de Triomphe, the Opéra Garnier and the Louvre. Tucked away in the midst of all this grandeur is the trendy, labyrinthine Marais, Paris' own Greenwich Village. Montmartre, the northernmost area of the Right Bank, resembles a little village, with steep cobblestone streets, tiny, ivy-covered houses and quiet squares. The area around the Bastille has become one of the trendiest pockets of Paris, with numerous cafés and clubs (and now the Opéra Bastille, new home of the Paris Opera Company).

The Left Bank ("rive gauche") is slightly trendier than the Right. Many of the streets are reserved for – or taken over by – pedestrians. The cafés of St. Germain, where Simone de Beauvoir and Sartre once sat debating existentialism, are still a favorite gathering place for "philosophers" and seekers. Montparnasse, formerly the home of Picasso, Giacometti and other artists, is a bustling neighborhood adjacent to St. Germain. It is crowded with cinemas and famous brasseries. La Défense refers to the cluster of skyscrapers northwest of Paris that make up the modern business district. The landmark of this quarter is La Grande Arche – a massive, futuristic arch of glass, granite and marble that serves as a modern echo of Napoleon's Arc de Triomphe.

III. The Exchange Program with Paris II

A. What the Program is – and isn't

This program is designed to offer an incredibly serious study of European Union law in an international setting. This is definitely not the same thing as a college semester abroad. This
program is very competitive and very few students are accepted outside of schools, such as BU Law, which have exchange agreements. This program is academically rigorous; thus, only 2L students with a record of academic achievement will be considered.

B. Number of Students

As noted above, since this is an exchange program, the number of BU Law students who can participate in the program is limited. We will be selecting no more than three BU Law students to participate in the program.

C. Program Dates

The schedule is as follows (as these dates are subject to change, pending Paris II’s confirmation later in the spring):

Orientation: late September, 2017
First day of class: October 2017
Winter break: late December 2017 – early January 2018
Spring break: late March – early April 2018
Graduation ceremony: Mid-May 2018 (*exact dates TBD)

BU Law students will receive their completed grades and final transcripts by mid-May, which means there should be no timing problem with BU Law graduation or bar certifications.

D. Course Offerings

The LL.M. consists of 12 seminars of 24 hours each (288 hours of teaching in total), focusing on EU law. The program is only available on a full-time, two semester basis (meaning, BU Law J.D. students must attend for the entire year, not as part of a regular semester abroad). With the approval of the Paris II Director, French speaking students may be permitted to replace an LL.M. seminar by another available seminar taught in French at the European College of Paris. The Program of study consists of the following classes:

1) The Institutional and Decision-making Structure of the European Union
2) History of the European idea
3) Free Movement of Goods, Capital and Services
4) Competition
5) Company Law and Financial Markets
6) Private International Law and Commercial Dispute Resolution
7) Labour Law
8) Intellectual Property
9) Environmental Law
10) External Relations
11) Consumer Law
12) Human Rights

Students may be permitted to replace an LL.M. seminar by another seminar taught in French within another programme available at the European College of Paris. This may be done only with the agreement of the Director of Studies and the professor who teaches the seminar.
E. The Faculty at Paris II

Prof. Thierry Bonneau (University of Panthéon-Assas)
Prof. Emmanuelle Chevreau (University of Panthéon-Assas)
Prof. Olivier Descamps (University of Panthéon-Assas)
Prof. Olivier Deschutter (University of Louvain, Belgium)
Prof. Joseph Drexel (Max Planck Institute, Munich)
Prof. Jacqueline Dutheil de la Rochère (University of Panthéon-Assas)
Prof. Olivier de Frouville (University of Montpellier I)
Prof. Xavier Groussot (University of Lund, Sweden)
Prof. Laurence Idot (University of Panthéon-Assas)
Prof. Christine Kaddous (University of Geneva, Switzerland)
Prof. Catherine Kessedjian (Director of Studies, University of Panthéon-Assas)
Prof. Annette Kur (Max Planck Institute, Munich)
Mrs. Claire Marzo (Teaching fellow, LSE of London, England)
Prof. Sylvaine Poillot-Peruzzetto (University of Toulouse I)
Prof. Anne-Lise Sibony (University of Liège, Belgium)
Prof. Rosa Uylenburg (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)

For the most up-to-date information the LL.M. in European Law Program, please visit the Paris II Web site.

IV. How to Apply

If you decide to apply, you must do two 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 Associate Director Maureen Tracy Leo scheduled through the Graduate and International Programs Office.

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

The application deadline is February 22, 2016.

Up to three nominated second-year students will then complete a Paris II application, due by March 29th. Graduate & International Programs Office will provide nominated students with a copy of the Paris II application.

While Paris II retains discretion to accept or deny any BU Law applicant, the school will pay considerable deference to our nominees.

V. Student Advising

All students would be required to meet with CDO to receive counseling about how spending an entire third year abroad would impact their job searches and otherwise fit in with their career plans. Assistant Dean Riccardi will counsel all interested students about taking foundational “American law” courses during their second years.
VI. Exams, Student Evaluation and Monitoring

Exams are administered at the end of each Paris II seminar under the supervision of the Paris Director. BU Law students would be evaluated in the first instance by the Paris II faculty. Upon successfully completing a course, they will receive a designation of "credit" for the course on their transcripts. The designation would include an asterisk or a footnote indicating that actual grade is available upon request but that it will be accompanied by an explanation of the different grading system of the host institution. This is how we handle grades in our other exchange programs. The BU Law Director will review student performance, including any written work or instructor comments. The BU Law Director will also be in direct and frequent communication with the Paris II Director to discuss student progress and address any issues or problems.

VII. Paris II Program Director and Staff

The Paris II Program Director is Catherine Kessedjian, Professor of Law at Paris II and Deputy Director of the European College of Paris. Ms. Kessedjian has a Doctorate from the University of Paris and an LL.M. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. From 1996 to 2000, she served as Deputy Secretary-General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law in The Hague, with responsibility for numerous projects, including a proposed worldwide convention on jurisdiction and judgments and background reports for a study on international internet and e-commerce regulation. She has published extensively -- over 90 books and articles -- on all aspects of international private law and dispute resolution. She was a practicing lawyer in Paris for many years and is an active member of the International Bar Association. She is a member of the American Law Institute and is an advisor on several ALI projects. Most recently, she was a Visiting Global Professor at NYU.

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VIII. Student Housing and Living Arrangements

Paris II holds reservations for a limited number of student rooms in the “Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris” (CIUP), the international student’s housing association of Paris. Each room costs approximately 540 - 650 € per month to be paid by the student. Rooms are allocated on a first-come/first-served basis. Students can apply for a room on the Paris II application form (part 8). If you do not receiving housing through the CIUP, you should plan to arrive in Paris by early September, as it can take up to one month to secure housing on your own.

IX. Finances
BU Law students pay BU Law tuition. Students are responsible for transportation, all living expenses and incidentals. Estimated expenses per month are as follows (conversions based on January 2015 rates):

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Additionally, upon your arrival in Paris, participants will be expected to pay an €250 administrative fee and an €200 social security fee. Please be advised that if you plan to travel during your year in Paris, your total expenses will exceed these estimates.

**X. Visa Information**

In order to pursue your studies France, you will need to obtain a student visa. Please visit the French Embassy’s website for complete information:


Please be advised that while the Graduate and International Programs Office will assist students in liaising with the International Relations Office at Paris II to receive the paperwork needed to obtain a visa, it is ultimately the responsibility of selected students to obtain their student visas. The process can take 1-2 months; thus, students should not wait until the last minute to apply for a visa.

**XI. 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 Paris, Assistant Dean John Riccardi will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email. Should particular courses be canceled or rescheduled, students selected for the program will be informed by email, telephone, or in person.

**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 Paris 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.

XII. Program Reports

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

1. Completion of a one-page mid-semester written report or survey, assessing their experiences in light of their academic goals and objectives
2. Completion of an end of program survey assessing a student’s academic progress and attainment of educational goals.
3. A two-page report at the end of their program, evaluating their experiences.