

LEGAL ENGLISH PROGRAMS

**Develop invaluable legal English skills.
For studies. For practice. For success.**

IS IT FOR YOU?

These programs are designed for candidates who hold impressive academic and professional credentials and are highly motivated to advance their careers by obtaining an LLM degree.

TWO-YEAR LLM PROGRAM

The Two-Year LLM Program begins with BU Law’s Legal English Certificate Program (LECP), a 25-credit, full-time, two-semester residential program of intensive instruction in legal English, legal studies, and US law. Developed and taught by the regular teaching faculties of BU Law and BU’s Center for English Language & Orientation Programs (CELOP), the LECP exposes students to US legal discourse, culture, terminology, and the foundational aspects of

US law. After completing the LECP, you will study in either the Pre-LLM Summer Legal English Program or the banking law overview course Financial Services Fundamentals, and then in the fall, join the LLM program into which you’ve been admitted.

THE LEGAL ENGLISH CERTIFICATE-ONLY OPTION

Internationally trained professionals who work in legal services often need to communicate in English, using legal terminology. This includes lawyers as well as those without formal legal training. The two-semester LECP curriculum is the same as that of the Two-Year LLM Program, except that an Independent Study course can be chosen to replace Academic Skills for US Law Studies II.



English Language Program Timelines

FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER	SUMMER SEMESTER	FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
Two-Year LLM Program				
Legal English Certificate courses listed below		Six-Week Pre-LLM Summer Legal English Program for LLM Students OR Financial Services Fundamentals	Full-Time LLM Studies	
Legal English Certificate				
Legal English I Academic Skills for US Law Studies I Introduction to US Legal Culture	Legal English II Academic Skills for US Law Studies II Legal Writing Topics in American Law Persuasive Legal Advocacy			

EXTENDED LLM PROGRAM OPTION

If you want to begin your LLM studies in an upcoming semester but are not yet ready for full-time law studies, you can pursue a BU Law LLM program over three semesters through our Extended LLM Program option. This is a great choice for students looking for a “softer” start to LLM studies. You’ll begin your studies with the Pre-LLM Summer Legal English Program at CELOP. In the fall, you’ll combine an intensive English language class with two School of Law classes. You’ll take a full-time course load at BU Law in the spring and then complete the LLM degree the following fall.

THE BU LAW COMMUNITY

Whether you are a student in BU Law’s Two-Year LLM Program, LECP, or Extended LLM Program, you’ll be a true member of BU Law’s community, invited to participate in LLM and School of Law activities throughout the year, including Red Sox games, pub nights, guest speaker events, international career panels, and networking events.

CELOP’S LEGAL ENGLISH PROGRAMS

CELOP offers a six-week Pre-LLM Summer Legal English Program designed to prepare students for US LLM studies, at BU Law or elsewhere. Over the years, hundreds of entering BU Law LLM students have profited from this advanced preparation: the background they receive on American law and early exposure to the ways of US law studies help bridge the gap between their prior training and upcoming programs. For admission, you’ll only need a letter of acceptance to a US LLM program for the fall semester. (BU Law students admitted to the Two-Year LLM Program are required to attend the Pre-LLM Program.)

For foreign-trained lawyers who don’t plan to pursue LLM studies but seek short-term, legal English training, CELOP also offers a four-week summer Legal English for Practitioners Program.

For more information on CELOP’s programs, contact celop@bu.edu.

PROGRAM FOR LEGAL ENGLISH ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT (PLEAD)

Boston University, Cambridge University Press in the UK, and TransLegal, the world’s leading provider of legal English services, have developed an innovative program of legal English studies called the Program for Legal English Academic Development (PLEAD). PLEAD is a high-quality legal English course that combines the world’s leading legal English course book with an online course. Law firms, universities, language schools, individual lawyers, and law students all over the world use the course materials, including potential LLM candidates.

For more information on PLEAD, visit TransLegal’s website at www.translegal.com/plead.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

In light of the range of high-quality legal English training options available at BU Law, we often contact LLM candidates who are inadmissible to a two-semester LLM program due to their English skills, suggesting that they consider the Two-Year LLM Program or Extended LLM (three semesters) Program option. We do this with confidence that the training we provide can open the doors to an LLM degree for otherwise qualified and motivated students. So we encourage you to apply to our LLM programs, even if you know your English needs to improve.

You can learn more about the Two-Year LLM Program, LECP, and our Extended LLM Program option—including detailed information on candidate qualifications, the application process, tuition, and financial information—at www.bu.edu/law. You can also contact us directly at:

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“I chose to participate in the Legal English Certificate Program (LECP) and Two-Year LLM Program because I believed that they were the best way to achieve my career objectives. I wanted to gain a deeper knowledge of the US legal system as well as practical skills that would prepare me for leadership roles in the global market.”

—Zaruhi Mkrtyumyan

LECP, 2014; American Law, 2015
Clerkship at the Civil Court of Appeal
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LLM in Business Law, Yerevan State
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