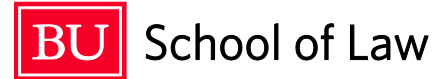


Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) Paris, France



LL.M. in European Law at Paris II

Study Abroad Program Information Package Full Year LL.M. Program

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

- February 5
BU Law application deadline
- Mid-March
Selections made
- March 28 (approx.)
Paris II application deadline
- June
Selected students must obtain a student visa to study in Paris
- End of September
Orientation (*exact dates to be determined)
- October – December
First semester classes
- Late Dec. – Early Jan.
Winter Break
- February – May
Second semester classes
- Late March – Early April
Spring Break
- Mid-May
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 Île 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

First day of class: October

Winter break: late December – early January

Spring break: late March – early April

Graduation ceremony: Mid-May

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 Drexl (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)

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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 5.

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 Elisabeth Marie- France Zoller, Professor of Public Law at Paris II and Deputy Director of the European College of Paris. Professor Zoller has a Doctorate in Law as well as a Master of Public Law, Master of Political Science and Bachelor of Laws from University of Paris II. Professor Zoller began teaching at the law school in 1973. She has also taught at University of Angers, Law School of Nantes, Cornell Law School, Rutgers Law School, and University of Strasbourg III. She is published widely in both English and French and her resume is found at https://www.u-paris2.fr/sites/default/files/document/cv_publications/cv-elisabeth-zoller.pdf.

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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 CUIP, 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:

	<u>Euros</u>
Accommodation:	450-775
Local Transport:	70
Food:	225-325
Books and Supplies:	60-115
Miscellaneous:	315
Total:	1120-1600

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:

<http://www.consulfrance-washington.org/spip.php?article385#II-Studies-in-France-for-more-than.>

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 Hamburg, 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

The most current Consular Information Sheet on is available on the internet at <http://travel.state.gov/>. If an Advisory is issued before you 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 via email and phone. If, based upon the information conveyed to you, you wish to cancel your enrollment in the program, you will have an opportunity to do so. If such an advisory is issued after students are selected or during the program term, all participating students will be notified immediately by phone and email and given an opportunity to withdraw.

C. Specific Program Cancellation Information

- This study abroad program may be subject to cancellation by the host school in the event that conditions in and around its location may endanger the health, safety or security of its participants or others.
- In addition, addition, Boston University reserves the right to issue an instruction that all University faculty, staff, or students evacuate or not travel to a given location when, in its sole judgment, conditions have changed to the extent that continued participation in an activity at that

location endangers the health, safety or security of participants. Were this to occur, this program will be cancelled.

- BU Law will notify participants by email immediately of the program's cancellation and will post an appropriate announcement on the program's current student web page.
- If the program is cancelled prior to commencement of the term, all students will be refunded in full any fees paid to Boston University related to the program (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 cancellation takes place while the program term is underway, students 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 of cancellation), or completion of the semester's study at BU 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.
- If a faculty, staff member or student does not heed a University instruction to evacuate, that individual does so at his or her own risk, may forfeit insurance coverage, academic credit, tuition payments or expense reimbursement, and may be held responsible for additional expenses incurred by the University due to the individual's refusal to follow this policy.

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.