



## Graduate Certificate Programs.

### Specialized, career-focused credentials.

Boston University School of Law offers several distinct certificate programs. Allowing students to gain a specialized credential, these programs are offered both online and in residence in Boston, Massachusetts. Certificates can be taken as a stand-alone credential or as the first part of an LLM degree program.

### The Programs.

- ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT & COMPLIANCE
- INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW
- TRANSACTIONAL SKILLS
- FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPLIANCE
- ESTATE PLANNING

### ADMISSIONS

Admission to BU Law's Graduate Certificate Programs is selective and largely dependent upon an applicant's academic record and demonstrated interest in the program. Unlike BU Law's LLM programs, Graduate Certificate Programs do not require a degree in law to enroll.

### CREDIT TRANSFER INTO DEGREE PROGRAMS

Certificate program credit can be used toward a corresponding LLM or master's degree, provided a candidate gains admission to that program.

# 3 WAYS

to complete a certificate program: residential, online, or blended

# 12-CREDIT

certificate programs



## **Enterprise Risk Management & Compliance.**

This specialized certificate program allows professionals to expand their skills in assessing and managing risk against an increasingly demanding and opaque corporate compliance landscape.

## **International Business Law.**

Professionals access the innovative online and blended-learning courses of the Executive LLM in International Business Law without committing to the full degree program. Students are required to complete one 3-credit course and can select from the wide array of electives when choosing their remaining courses.

## **Transactional Skills.**

The Transactional Skills program is designed to help professionals advance their proficiency in international business law transactions. Course highlights include International Business Negotiations, taught by Professor Robert Burdick, the director of BU Law's Civil Litigation & Justice Program. The course features live moderated negotiations among students.

### ***AFFILIATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE LLM IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW***

The Executive LLM was established as a way for full-time working professionals to earn a degree while continuing to advance in their careers. As a certificate student taking courses offered by this master's program, you'll learn the same key doctrines of international business practice from the US perspective—taught by members of BU Law's regular teaching faculty—while you expand your international connections.

## **Financial Services Compliance.**

Designed for professionals seeking a career in the fastest-growing employment area in financial services, this online certificate enables professionals to develop the knowledge, operational mind-set, and analytical framework necessary to perform a compliance function at a major financial institution.

### ***AFFILIATION WITH THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN BANKING & FINANCIAL LAW***

Our internationally acclaimed graduate program's courses have only been accessible residentially—until now. For the first time, students enrolled in the Financial Services Compliance Certificate can access our renowned program's actively practicing faculty and acclaimed courses from anywhere.

## **Estate Planning.**

Available in residential or online formats, the Estate Planning Certificate is ideal for lawyers and financial professionals seeking to better understand the legal issues surrounding estate planning. All of the courses are taught by the same leading tax and estate planning experts who teach in BU Law's Graduate Tax Program.

### ***AFFILIATION WITH THE GRADUATE TAX PROGRAM***

Designed as a stand-alone credential for professionals looking to specialize in estate planning without committing to the full degree, a number of estate planning graduates have chosen to apply their 12 certificate credits to the 24-credit LLM or the MSL in Taxation after program completion.

# Are they for **you**?

## These programs are best for:

- mid-career professionals seeking subject matter or skills-based specialization
- professionals seeking professional development that will fit with their full-time work schedule
- students not currently able to commit to a full master's degree program but who are looking to resume studies



“I found just about every class that I have taken is directly applicable to the legal work that I’m doing on a day-to-day basis. The program has also allowed me to extend the breadth of my practice.”

**ANDREW KESTNER**

Estate Planning Certificate, 2018;  
LLM in Taxation, 2020 (expected)

**5** **CONSECUTIVE YEARS**  
among the top-five LLM in Taxation programs  
in the US in the annual TaxTalent survey of  
corporate tax department heads

**2,000+** graduates of the  
**Banking & Financial  
Law Program** since  
its founding in 1984

**#1** **The Princeton Review** ranked  
our faculty **#1 five times** in the  
last **ten** years.

PROGRAM	DELIVERY MODE	POTENTIAL CAREER PATHS
Enterprise Risk Management & Compliance	Blended*	Corporate Governance, Risk Management
International Business Law	Blended*	Cross-Border Transactional Legal Work
Transactional Skills	Blended*	Contract Negotiation, Arbitration
Financial Services Compliance	Online	Compliance in a Financial Services or Legal Firm
Estate Planning	Residential or Online	Estate Planning & Wealth Management

\*Blended programs are primarily online but have two-week residential sessions as a part of certain classes.

# **BU community. Learn for today, expand your network for life.**

As a certificate student, you have access to one of America's best instructional legal faculties, teaching on cutting-edge subjects, all on your schedule. And whether on campus or off, you remain a full member of the BU Law community.

As a BU Law graduate, you will be part of a network of almost 24,000 people in 50 states, the District of Columbia, three US territories, and more than 100 countries. With a tradition dating back to 1872, BU Law alumni have been pioneers in law and society with numerous historic accomplishments.



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