Boston University School of Law

Graduate Tax Program Estate Planning Certificate.

Train with leading tax and estate planning experts

Built upon Boston University School of Law's Graduate Tax Program's strength in estate planning, this credential is ideal for professionals seeking to better understand the legal issues surrounding estate planning.

Learn from Industry Experts.

A specialized, 12-credit certificate program built upon Boston University School of Law's Graduate Tax Program's strength in estate planning instruction, this certificate enables estate planners and wealth management professionals to learn from industry experts.

Credit Transfer.

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.

Flexible Learning: In-Person or Recorded Online Courses.

Online courses are offered asynchronously, so lectures are recorded and students can watch them on their own schedule.

Degree Requirements.

Students in the Estate Planning Certificate program complete three required courses and three elective courses.

Students can take up to nine semesters including summer terms or three calendar years to complete the certification.

REQUIRED COURSES

- Estate and Gift Taxation
- Estate Planning
- Taxation of Trusts and Fiduciaries

ELECTIVE COURSES

- Advanced Estate Planning
- Business Succession Planning
- Elder Law
- Estate Planning and Drafting
- International Estate Planning
- Introduction to Corporate Tax
- Life Cycle of a Business Venture
- Partnership Tax
- Tax Aspects of Buying and Selling a Business
- Tax Aspects of Charitable Giving

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Is it for *you?*

This program is designed for:

- Estate planners and wealth management professionals
- Those seeking a flexible schedule. The program is offered full-time and part-time, residentially and online.

Applicants to this program often want to:

- Enhance their career in estate planning.
- Distinguish themselves as higher-level advisors who can navigate the legal complexities of estate planning and tax issues for clients.

ANDREW KESTNER

ESTATE PLANNING CERTIFICATE, 2018
LLM IN TAXATION, 2019

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

Admissions.

ELIGIBILITY

This program is for professionals (lawyers or non-lawyers) with either experience in estate planning or wealth management, or candidates who have prior academic course work in these areas. Admission to BU Law's Estate Planning Certificate Program is selective and largely dependent upon an applicant's academic record and demonstrated interest in the program.

DETAILS

Students may enroll on a part- or full-time basis in either the residential or online option. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

INTERVIEW

All candidates have the opportunity to interview with the Program Director in order to ensure that the program aligns with their professional goals and interests.

Learn More.

To learn more about the Graduate Tax Program, including details on the application process, visit **bu.edu/law**. You can also contact us directly at **bullm@bu.edu**.

MARIA PAULA A. WHITE

ESTATE PLANNING CERTIFICATE, 2019
LLM IN TAXATION, 2020

"BU Law is at the forefront with the best teachers, relevant courses, and amazing networking opportunities that will help you get a job. It's a good return on your investment."

60+ YEARS
as one of the nation's preem-inent graduate tax programs

12 ***Credit Certificate Program***

100% of the program is offered online

#4 LLM Tax Law Program (2021) according to TaxTalent

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