



Graduate Tax Program.

BU Law's Graduate Tax Program (GTP), established in 1959 as **one of the nation's first graduate tax programs**, stands as one of the best. Employers value the BU Law tax credential because it signals rigorous training and superior preparation.

LLM in Taxation.

Designed for lawyers seeking advanced training in tax law, the program is designed to expose you to the rigorous academic challenges of current tax law and to train you to be an excellent tax practitioner.

Master in the Study of Tax Law.

Now offering those without a law degree access to our world-renowned tax program, the MSL in Taxation provides students with a strong foundation in tax law, research, and writing. Students complete an introduction to tax law course prior to enrollment and are then immersed in the law school curriculum for the rest of the program.

Flexible learning: in-person, online, part-time, or full-time.

FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME

Our full-time residential option is designed to be completed in one academic year—an ideal option for recent JD graduates or those looking to fast-track a career change into tax law. If you are a lawyer working within commuting range of Boston and aspire to enhance your tax law knowledge and qualifications, the LLM program is open to you on a part-time basis. All classes are scheduled during the late afternoon and evening. As a part-time student, you may enroll for up to four years to complete your degree requirements.

ONLINE COURSES

The Graduate Tax Program offers the same challenging program of LLM studies in an entirely online format, an attractive alternative for domestic and international lawyers whose jobs preclude them from attending classes in Boston. You can begin the program during any of the three online sessions—fall, spring, or summer—and enroll in a variety of tax courses taught by the same highly experienced instructors who teach our residential courses. You can complete your degree in as few as two sessions.



Your professional development: our priority.

You'll receive career and job-search support from the program director and our dedicated Tax career advisor. They will help prepare you for on-campus interview opportunities, our Tax Attorney Recruiting Event (TARE), the International Student Interview Program (ISIP), and other networking opportunities.

Leading professionals, outstanding instructors.

The superior instruction you receive will define your experience. You'll learn from leading tax and estate-planning professionals drawn from law firms, accounting firms, tax consulting firms, and federal and state government revenue departments, as well as scholar-teachers who are members of BU Law's full-time faculty. We select instructors not only for their professional achievements but also for their outstanding teaching abilities, accessibility, and interest in student success—inside and outside the classroom.

The GTP network and student life.

Every student, both online and residential, receives individual guidance and support on all matters, large and small, from the GTP staff. Residential students are connected with other students outside of class through a range of special lectures and community events. Online students contact the tax program staff, teaching assistants, or course instructors with questions about exams, coursework, and other related matters.

All students, residential and online, are a part of the nationally known GTP network, which connects current students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

Degree Requirements.

- 24 credits (12 courses), with four required courses.
- May be completed on a full- or part-time basis.
- For internationally trained lawyers, a three-semester bar qualification option is available.
- MSL in Taxation students have an additional research & writing course requirement.

Admissions.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Applicants to the Graduate Tax Program's full-time residential option are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships through one of BU Law's scholarship programs. No additional forms or documents are required. Scholarships come in the form of partial tuition waivers. Recipients are notified of their awards at the time of admission. Applicants to the Graduate Tax Program's online option are not eligible for scholarships.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Degree requirements vary by program. LLM applicants must hold a JD degree from an American Bar Association-accredited law school or an equivalent first degree in law from a comparably recognized law school or law faculty outside the United States. MSL in Taxation applicants must demonstrate professional experience in taxation or hold an undergraduate degree in accounting or a related field.

International applicants must be highly proficient in English. Online students are held to the same admission standards as residential students.

NONDEGREE ENROLLMENT

The program is open to professionals seeking to take a single course, without the commitment of a full degree program.

Learn More.

To learn more about the Graduate Tax Program, including the application process, tuition, and financial information, visit bu.edu/law. You can also contact us directly at bullm@bu.edu.

Is it for you?

LLM in Taxation

This program is designed for:

- lawyers seeking advanced training in tax law

Applicants to this program often want to:

- begin a career in tax law (recent graduates)
- further specialize following a shift in client needs (midcareer attorneys)
- experience a more practical and skills-based approach to learning the law
- study while working full time

MSL in Taxation

This program is designed for:

- accountants, wealth managers, and other nonlegal professionals with an interest in advanced taxation
- recent graduates with undergraduate accounting degrees

Applicants to this program often want to:

- progress in their careers through the study of tax law
- become higher-level client advisors who can navigate complex tax issues

60+

YEARS

as one of the nation's preeminent graduate tax programs

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LLM Tax Law Program (2021)
TaxTalent



EMPLOYMENT RATE

average over the past five years, nine months after graduation

Multiple paths to the degree—residential, online, and part-time options are available

“I used to think that I needed to know everything coming out of law school about my career. But you don’t. Everything is about building on my pre-existing foundation. And BU Law had the tools to help me build that foundation for a tax law career.”

NICHOLAS SCHER ('19)

Associate, M&A, PwC, Boston, MA
LLM in Taxation, 2019
JD, St. Thomas University School of Law

“While you are in the program, you can have your post-program job lined up, and then you can focus on learning while you are here. It was kind of crazy at the beginning of the year, but I had a job in October... and the program [had] started in September.”



ALEXANDRA MIGA ('19)

Associate, M&A, PwC, Boston, MA
LLM in Taxation, 2019
JD, Suffolk University Law School



Boston: a tax hub.

The impact of our Boston location is so important, we put it in our University's name. The program draws its faculty from some of the area's top practitioners and derives key insights from their daily work. It has a curriculum informed by the needs of the many Boston-area law and accounting firms seeking tax degree holders. And those firms (where many faculty members work) also hire many graduates, either through on-campus interviewing or our Tax Attorney Recruiting Event (TARE).

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