



## Legal English Programs.

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

BU Law offers a wide range of legal English programs that enable international lawyers to become more comfortable working in English language environments, whether in the workplace or academic study. These programs allow lawyers at different levels of English comprehension to customize the duration, intensity, and curriculum of their studies, either through short-term intensive study or supplemental study as a part of an LLM degree.

### The Two-Year LLM Program.

#### ■ Year 1: Legal English Certificate Program

The Legal English Certificate Program is a residential program of intensive instruction in legal English, US law, and law school skills. Taught by BU Law's full-time legal English faculty, the program exposes students to US legal discourse, culture, and terminology, as well as to the foundational aspects of US law. This program can also be taken as a stand-alone credential. Applicants may begin this program in either the spring or fall semester.

#### ■ Summer: Pre-LLM Program

After completing the first year, students study in a customized two-

week Pre-LLM summer program that combines practical skills training with more advanced training in legal discourse, all in anticipation of the US law school classroom experience.

#### ■ Year 2: LLM Studies

In their second full year of study, students join the LLM program into which they were admitted when they originally applied to the Two-Year LLM or Master in the Study of Tax Law Program. Students may apply to the LLM in American Law Program, LLM in Banking & Financial Law Program, or Graduate Tax Program as a part of the Two-Year LLM Program or Master in the Study of Tax Law.

#### LEGAL ENGLISH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM COURSES

- Academic Skills for US Law Studies
- International Contracts & Negotiations
- Introduction to US Legal Culture
- Legal Reasoning & Analysis
- Legal Writing
- Topics in American Law
- Persuasive Legal Advocacy
- US Legal Discourse
- Two-week Pre-LLM Summer Program: Academic Skills for International Lawyers



## English Language Program Timelines.

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SUMMER SEMESTER	SEMESTER 3	SEMESTER 4
Two-Year LLM Program				
Legal English Certificate courses listed below		Two-Week Pre-LLM Summer Legal English Program OR Financial Services Fundamentals	Full-Time LLM Studies	
Legal English Certificate				
US Legal Discourse Academic Skills for US Law Studies Introduction to US Legal Culture	Legal Reasoning & Analysis International Negotiations & Contracts Legal Writing Topics in American Law Persuasive Legal Advocacy			



# Are they for **you**?

## These programs are designed for:

- lawyers and students seeking preparation for US LLM studies
- cross-border attorneys whose work requires English proficiency in law-related communications
- civil law-trained lawyers who want foundational exposure to common law methodology and discourse
- legal professionals seeking to improve their legal English

## Applicants to these programs often want to:

- develop their capacity to serve clients whose businesses are conducted in English
- facilitate their adjustment to the rigors and demands of US LLM studies



**QS Best Student Cities 2022 ranked Boston first in the United States.**



**95% of Legal English Certificate Program students continue to the LLM following the first year of study.**

**“The program not only helps with legal English but also helps establish the foundational legal skills needed to succeed in an LLM program.”**

**ADEL ALQATARI ('19)**

Legal English Certificate Program, 2018; Banking & Financial Law, 2019

LLB, Kuwait University, 2013

Legal Specialist in the Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research



**THE LEGAL ENGLISH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM CAN BE TAKEN AS A STAND-ALONE CREDENTIAL.**





# **Boston: *an international student destination.***

Boston-area institutions enroll around 60,000 international students a year. The city is an ideal place to improve your English alongside thousands of other international students with the same goals.

As a member of BU Law's community, you are invited to participate in many events that showcase Boston's beauty and vibrant economy, including Red Sox games, pub nights, guest speaker events, international career panels, and networking events.

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