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.

- **Summer: Pre-LLM Program**
  After completing the first year, students study in a customized six-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 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.

LEGAL ENGLISH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM COURSES

- Legal English I
- Academic Skills for US Law Studies I
- Introduction to US Legal Culture
- Legal English II
- Academic Skills for US Law Studies II
- Legal Writing
- Topics in American Law
- Persuasive Legal Advocacy
Summer Legal English Program.

BU’s Center for English Language & Orientation Programs (CELOP) collaborates with BU Law to offer a six-week Pre-LLM Summer Legal English Program designed to prepare students for US LLM studies, at BU Law or elsewhere. Over the years, hundreds of entering BU Law LLM students have profited from this advanced preparation. The background they receive in American law and early exposure to the methods of US law studies help bridge the gap between their prior training and upcoming programs.

Extended LLM Program.*

Students who begin LLM studies in an upcoming semester but are not yet ready for full-time law studies may pursue a BU Law LLM program over three semesters through our Extended LLM Program option. This is a great choice for students looking for a gradual start to LLM studies. Students begin their studies with the Pre-LLM Summer Legal English Program at CELOP. In the fall, they combine an intensive English language class with two School of Law classes. Students take a full-time course load at BU Law in the spring and then complete the LLM degree the following fall.

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*This program is scheduled to be available in the 2022–2023 academic year.
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

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

QS Best Student Cities 2019 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 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.