

Course Selection Guide



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I. Introduction – “What’s Inside?”

This packet contains registration deadlines, credit requirements, WebReg instructions and tips for using the system, a guide to useful information on the web, and advice on choosing your courses from Associate Dean Anna di Robilant. Please be sure to read all of the information in this packet carefully before you choose your classes. You may contact the Law School Registrar’s Office at (617) 353-3115 or by e-mail to lawreg@bu.edu with any questions.

The information in this packet and in the PDF descriptions and schedules was correct as of the date it was issued. Inevitably, changes occur and courses are added or must be dropped after these materials are produced. The school regrets any inconvenience this may cause, and we will endeavor to minimize disruption. Students should be certain to pay attention to any announcements the Registrar’s Office makes regarding updates to these materials. These updates will be available on the School of Law web pages.

II. University Requirements for Registration

Boston University policy requires all students studying on Massachusetts campuses to provide an emergency alert phone number and update their local address each semester. In addition, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires all full-time and many part-time university students to provide proof of having completed a series of immunizations. Massachusetts also requires students from out-of-state to complete an acknowledgement of the MA Motor Vehicle Policy. For more details visit the University Registrar’s [website](#). Finally, you must complete University-wide Training on Sexual Misconduct Prevention. For information about the training, visit the Wellness & Prevention Services [website](#). Check the [MyBU Student Portal](#) to ensure you have met these requirements and that your student account is settled. Students not in compliance will be unable to register.

III. Course Selection and the Lottery

Beginning **Monday, April 24** continuing law students will have access to the **Web Registration (WebReg)** options on the Student Portal. This system provides a convenient way to access and change course information by simply logging on to the Student Portal using your BU Login Name and password. Course Selection is a pre-registration process that allows you to select and prioritize your course preferences for the course registration lottery – it does not enroll you in classes. **Your deadline to select and rank your courses is Monday, June 5.** There is no advantage to registering early (course selection is not first come, first served), however you should not wait until the last minute to make your selections. Rising 2Ls – After meeting with your faculty, don’t forget to email the Registrar’s Office (lawreg@bu.edu), cc’ing your faculty advisor, for your advising code. You will not be able to access the registration tools without your code.

WebReg will close promptly at 11:59 pm on June 5. The lottery is run at the end of the course selection period and is maintained so that third-year students have preference for courses and seminars. Over the summer, you will receive notification of the courses for which you are officially registered.

IV. Credit Requirements

Course selections must meet School of Law degree program requirements and should take into account the Bar admission requirements of any state in which you might seek to practice. Students are reminded that you may not exceed 17 credits of “non-grade point average” coursework without Academic Standards Committee approval. **You are responsible for ensuring that you satisfy the degree requirements and the following credit hour requirements each year.**

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Semester	12 credits	17 credits
Academic Year	26 credits	
Graduation	85 credits	

V. Course Selection Procedures and Instructions

General Procedures:

- ▣ You should select courses for both fall and spring semesters. Failure to register for spring will result in the assessment of late fees.
- ▣ You may change your selections as many times as you want prior to the June 5 deadline.
- ▣ You must assign a priority ranking to each selection.
- ▣ You may not select more than one section of a course in a semester.
- ▣ There can be no time overlap of courses in a student's final class schedule.
- ▣ **Dual Degree Students** may not use WebReg to register for non-law courses. Please check with the Registrar's Office of your secondary program regarding deadlines and procedures for that school's registration.
- ▣ Students interested in a **Supervised Research and Writing Project** (Independent Study) must register for the project through the Law Registrar's Office.
- ▣ Students accepted into a **clinical program** are advised to not list the program course components with high priority numbers. However, if you are required to take Evidence or Criminal Procedure concurrently you should assign a high priority to those courses. Students must be sure to select all components of their clinical program. Admission to a clinic does not guarantee space in your preferred section.
- ▣ Students accepted into an **Externship** are advised to not list the program components with high priority numbers. Register for both the fieldwork and corresponding seminar course or academic component. Any adjustments to the fieldwork credits can be made as necessary during add/drop.
- ▣ Remember, the courses you select are run through the lottery process after **Monday, June 5** and that a confirmation of which courses you are officially registered for will be mailed to you in early July. *You may also confirm your official registration through the Student Link after June 20.* (The fall course lottery and spring course lottery will be run separately.)

WebReg Instructions:

Boston University

MyBU

Degree Advice

Money Matters

Personal

Work

Food & Shelter

Academics

During the Pre-Registration period, when you click on "Academics" you will find the Registration option among other student services. Please note that the Exam Schedule, GPA Summary, External Credits and Test Scores and Transcript Preview are **NOT** options for Law Students.

- ▣ Click on "Registration."
- ▣ You will be asked for your BU Login Name and password.
- ▣ Your current schedule will appear.
- ▣ Scroll down and click on "Reg Options" which will appear under "Fall 2023 - No Reg activity."

Fall 2023 no reg activity

 [Reg Options](#)

- ▣ You will have a few options to choose from, including "Pre-Reg Worksheet," "Register for Class" and "Drop Class."

Option

[Pre-Reg Worksheet](#)

[Plan](#)

[Register for Class](#)

[Drop Class](#)

- ▣ Click on "Pre-Reg Worksheet". You will be able to add classes to both your Fall and Spring Worksheets – both Worksheets appear under the "Fall 2023" option. Do not confuse "Plan" with the Pre-Reg Worksheet.
- ▣ When you click on a semester to add classes, you will be brought to a search page. You can search by school (and receive a complete listing of what is offered for the Law school) or by course # (if you know the specific class you want).
- ▣ Once you choose a class, you will be brought to the Pre-Reg Worksheet. Here you can continue to add courses and/or update your preference numbers for each course. Click arrow (↑) next to class to change preferred class sequence for lottery.

VI. Lottery Results and Wait Lists

Overview: You select and rank your course preferences for the fall and spring semesters. At the conclusion of the course selection period, the lottery process is run to enroll students in courses giving third-year students priority. The lottery for fall and spring are run separately. Students will be able to view their preliminary schedules on the Student Link no later than June 20. We will email course confirmations and any updated course information to registered students in early July. All students will have an opportunity to make changes to their schedule during the add/drop period. Detailed information regarding add/drop procedures is included below.

Closed courses: Every effort will be made to honor indicated course preferences. In the event a student cannot be admitted to all the courses initially elected, admission to closed courses will be determined first by preference and then, if necessary, by lot. (See information below regarding wait lists.)

Closed research seminars: Enrollment priority for closed research seminars will be determined by the rule set above concerning closed courses unless circumstances require the use of a different rule to assure adequate opportunities for satisfying the upperclass writing requirement. (See information below regarding wait lists.)

Undersubscribed courses: If a course or seminar is so under-subscribed as to make it nonviable, the course or seminar may be withdrawn. Notice will be given to students who elected such a course or seminar through notices posted on the website and via e-mail. Affected students will be given an opportunity to select an alternate course.

Wait List Procedures

The Registrar's Office will maintain wait lists for closed courses and seminars. The Registrar will assign open places in these courses and seminars by lot, with preference to **third year students**. Within these constraints, students closed out of oversubscribed courses during the course selection process will be given first preference on the wait lists for those courses during the add/drop period. During the summer, open spaces in fall courses may be allotted to waitlisted students.

Adding Your Name to a Wait List: If you have been closed out of a class, you are not automatically placed on a wait list! You must place your name on a wait list for the course or seminar in which you would like to enroll. You may add your name to a wait list through the online [form](#) after the 2023-2024 closed courses are updated. The Academic Regulations **require** that a student attend the first meeting of a seminar or a Contract Drafting, Library Research, Transaction Simulation, or Trial Advocacy section to be considered for enrollment. Be advised that we **strongly recommend** you attend the first meeting of any closed class if you are on the wait list – many professors will not advise the Registrar to open enrollment to wait listed students beyond the first class meeting.

Class Attendance and Wait Lists: If space does not become available prior to the start for the semester, it is important to attend the first class meeting in order to remain eligible to add the class should a space become available. The Registrar will review the wait lists and attendance sheets after classes begin to determine if any students can be admitted to a closed class from the wait list. We will post lists of students admitted from wait lists [online](#) and at the Registrar's Office on the fifth floor.

How to Register for Wait Listed Courses and Seminars: Students who are admitted from a wait list after the first class meeting **must complete an add form within 48 hours of that list being posted** -- you will not be able to add a closed course through WebReg. Add/drop forms may be completed in person or [online](#).

Note: Students who are enrolled in any seminar, Contract Drafting, Library Research, Transaction Simulation, or Trial Advocacy are reminded that you **must** attend the first class meeting or you **will be administratively dropped** from the class.

VII. Adding and Dropping Courses

Add/Drop Dates:

	Fall 2023
3Ls only	7/11/23– 7/24/23
2Ls only	7/25/23 – 8/7/23
All JD students	8/8/23 – 9/18/23

* Students are reminded that during the Fall Add/Drop period, you may also make adjustments to your spring semester schedule. The start date for the early spring add/drop period will be posted to the web during the fall semester.

Note: Clinical Programs have their own add/drop periods and registration requirements. Students should check with the office of the relevant clinical program for specific add/drop and registration procedures.

Late drops and late adds: Adding or dropping fall courses after the dates designated above will be permitted **ONLY** with the approval of the Academic Standards Committee, and only upon showing a compelling situation.

Minimum course requirements: A course may not be dropped if the program change will result in a program of fewer than 12 credit hours per semester, or less than 26 credit hours per year unless such a program has been given advanced approval by the Academic Standards Committee.

VIII. Program Information on the Web – “Where to Find It.”

The following program information can be found on the BU Law website:

<https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/>

- A. Audit Option.....[course-registration/registration-deadlines-instructions/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/course-registration/registration-deadlines-instructions/)
- B. General Seminar Info.....[curricular-requirements/seminar-policies/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/curricular-requirements/seminar-policies/)
- C. Degree Requirements Related to Course Selection.....[curricular-requirements/jd-degree-requirements/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/curricular-requirements/jd-degree-requirements/)
- D. The Upper-class Writing Requirement.....[curricular-requirements/upper-class-writing-requirement/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/curricular-requirements/upper-class-writing-requirement/)
- E. Bar Admission Requirements.....[student-affairs-programs-resources/bar-information-requirements/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/student-affairs-programs-resources/bar-information-requirements/)
- F. Specialized Tutorial Courses.....[curricular-requirements/independent-study/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/curricular-requirements/independent-study/)
- G. Independent Study.....[curricular-requirements/independent-study/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/curricular-requirements/independent-study/)
- H. Clinical Programs.....[experiential-learning/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/experiential-learning/)
- I. Trial Advocacy Program.....[trial-advocacy-program/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/trial-advocacy-program/)
- J. Concentrations
 - Health Law.....[curricular-requirements/concentration-requirements-faculty/health-law/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/curricular-requirements/concentration-requirements-faculty/health-law/)
 - Intellectual Property and Information.....[concentration-requirements-faculty/intellectual-property-law/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/concentration-requirements-faculty/intellectual-property-law/)
 - International Law.....[curricular-requirements/concentration-requirements-faculty/international-law/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/curricular-requirements/concentration-requirements-faculty/international-law/)
 - Litigation and Dispute Resolution.....[concentration-requirements-faculty/litigation-dispute-resolution/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/concentration-requirements-faculty/litigation-dispute-resolution/)
 - Public Interest.....[curricular-requirements/concentration-requirements-faculty/public-interest/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/curricular-requirements/concentration-requirements-faculty/public-interest/)
 - Risk Management & Compliance.....[concentration-requirements-faculty/risk-management-compliance/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/concentration-requirements-faculty/risk-management-compliance/)
 - Transactional Practice.....[concentration-requirements-faculty/transactional-practice/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/concentration-requirements-faculty/transactional-practice/)
- K. Lawyering Fellows Program.....[legal-writing-appellate-advocacy-programs/legal-writing-fellows-program/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/legal-writing-appellate-advocacy-programs/legal-writing-fellows-program/)
- L. Study Abroad Programs.....[study-abroad/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/study-abroad/)
- M. Dual-Degree Programs
 - J.D./M.B.A. Program in Law and Management.....[dual-degrees/jd-mba-law-management/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jd-mba-law-management/)
 - J.D./M.B.A. Program, Accelerated.....[dual-degrees/accelerated-3-year-jd-mba-law-management/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/accelerated-3-year-jd-mba-law-management/)
 - J.D./M.S. Program in Law and Mass Communication.....[dual-degrees/jdms-in-mass-communication/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jdms-in-mass-communication/)
 - J.D./M.A. Program in Law and Preservation Studies.....[dual-degrees/jd-ma-law-preservation-studies/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jd-ma-law-preservation-studies/)
 - J.D./M.P.H. Program in Law and Public Health.....[dual-degrees/jd-mph-law-public-health/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jd-mph-law-public-health/)
 - J.D./M.D. Program in Law and Medicine.....[dual-degrees/jd-md-law-medicine/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jd-md-law-medicine/)
 - J.D./M.A. Program in English.....[dual-degrees/jdma-in-english/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jdma-in-english/)
 - J.D./M.A. Program in History.....[dual-degrees/jdma-in-history/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jdma-in-history/)
 - J.D./M.A. Program in International Relations.....[dual-degrees/jdma-in-international-relations/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jdma-in-international-relations/)
 - J.D./M.A. Program in Law and Philosophy.....[dual-degrees/jd-ma-philosophy/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jd-ma-philosophy/)
 - J.D./LL.M in Asian Legal Studies.....[dual-degrees/jd-llm-asian-legal-studies/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jd-llm-asian-legal-studies/)
 - J.D./LL.M in Chinese Law.....[dual-degrees/jd-llm-chinese-law/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jd-llm-chinese-law/)
 - J.D./LL.M in European Law.....[dual-degrees/jd-llm-european-union-law/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jd-llm-european-union-law/)
 - J.D./LL.M in Finance.....[dual-degrees/jd-llm-in-finance/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jd-llm-in-finance/)
 - J.D./LL.M in Int'l and Euro. Business Law.....[dual-degrees/jd-llm-international-european-business-law/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jd-llm-international-european-business-law/)
 - J.D./LL.M in Int'l Arbitration.....[dual-degrees/jd-llm-in-international-arbitration/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jd-llm-in-international-arbitration/)
 - Accelerated LL.M. in Taxation.....[dual-degrees/jd-llm-taxation/six-semester/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jd-llm-taxation/six-semester/)
 - Accelerated LL.M. in Banking & Financial Law.....[dual-degrees/jd-llm-banking-financial-law/six-semester/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/dual-degrees/jd-llm-banking-financial-law/six-semester/)
- N. Co-Curricular Competitions (Appellate Advocacy, Client Counseling & Negotiation):
[legal-writing-appellate-advocacy-programs/appellate-advocacy-program-competitions/](https://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/legal-writing-appellate-advocacy-programs/appellate-advocacy-program-competitions/)

IX. More Useful Links

Academic Regulations

The current academic regulations are available on the School of Law [website](#). The regulations will be updated over the summer for the 2023-2024 academic year. Continuing students will be notified by e-mail when the updates are posted to the web.

Class Schedules

Meeting days and times are included in our printed course descriptions. Full semester schedules are also available in the Course Description book and Course Listing posted on the School of Law [website](#).

Closed Course Listing

After the course lottery is run, the Registrar will post a [list of closed courses](#) for both the fall and spring semesters. Students closed out of a particular course or seminar may then add their name to a wait list for the class. A link to the online submission form will be provided.

Course Descriptions

Through the School of Law website: Visit the BU Law website for the [PDF](#) of our course descriptions.

Through the [MyBU Student Portal](#) page: There are two ways to access the course descriptions. Through the Pre-Reg Worksheet you may view descriptions for fall and spring courses by clicking on the course number.

For fall semester only you may click on “University Class Schedule” and enter the search criteria. To see the full list of JD offerings choose Fall 23, select LAW as the College of Registration and JD as the department. A full listing of JD courses by number should result. The listing includes the meeting days and times. Click on any course number for the course description.

Course Selection Updates

Any additions, corrections, or updated information regarding course offerings will be posted to the School of Law [website](#).

Course and Teacher Evaluations

Copies of the statistical reports for current faculty are available on the School of Law [website](#).

Faculty Profiles

To learn about faculty, a set of profiles for both full-time and part-time faculty is available on the web at www.bu.edu/law/faculty-scholarship/faculty-profiles/. The profiles describe the background of all current full-time and part-time members of the faculty.

Wait List Form

The online submission [form](#) will be available by **June 26**.

X. A Message from the Associate Dean about the Curriculum and Choosing Courses

BU Law provides over 200 different course options for students in their 2L and 3L years: an exciting opportunity for you to make your registration your own. The [Course Selection Guide](#) is designed to help you plan your program of study at the School of Law in your second and third years. The Guide includes schedules and registration instructions. The course and seminar descriptions are provided in a separate document and on the web site. We are likely to add a few offerings as we confirm the schedules of part-time faculty members. While you should consider these publications substantially complete, *it's important that you periodically check the web site and any e-mails you receive from the Registrar's or Student Affairs Offices for updates.* Here, Associate Dean Muir and I would like to explain a bit about the courses you are required to take and offer some suggestions about how to approach the process of choosing courses. This is an important process that will impact your experience at BU Law and beyond.

In addition to the advice contained in this memo, which is general, the faculty have collaborated on a series of memos that offer detailed course selection guidance in a number of areas of law. We have memos on business law, constitutional law, criminal law, health law, intellectual property, and international law. Those memos can be found, along with a checklist of academic requirements, bar admission requirements, and other useful information, here: <http://www.bu.edu/law/current-students/jd-student-resources/academic-advising/>.

Graduation Requirements

There are four graduation requirements you must fulfill during your second and third years.

- 1) You must satisfy the **Professional Responsibility** requirement. A list of the courses that fulfill this requirement is included in the Course Selection Guide. *Per ABA requirements, students must fulfill this course using a different class than those used for the experiential education and upper-class writing requirements, as outlined below.* **If you are entering your third year, be sure to have a clear plan to satisfy this requirement.**
- 2) You must satisfy the **upper-class writing requirement**, which is described in detail in the Student Handbook and in the Academic Regulations. **By the beginning of your fourth semester of law school**, you must have a clear plan to satisfy this requirement, and ideally the plan should be carried out to completion before starting your last semester of law school. Students must complete their upper-class writing requirement *before* their final semester, or if not completed prior to their last term, must provide a first-draft to their faculty advisor no later than the last class-day of the fourth week of that final semester. Failure to meet the first-draft deadline may prevent a student's timely graduation and participation in Commencement.

Please note that you must submit the "[Intention to Complete the Upper Class Writing Requirement](#)" form to the Registrar's Office no later than the last day of the add/drop period of the semester in which you intend to satisfy the requirement. Failure to submit this form by the last day of the add/drop period of your fifth semester (fall of the 3L year) will result in notification to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, and may require submission of a petition to the Academic Standards Committee to add this requirement to your registration. And, as noted above, students

must fulfill this requirement in a course that is unique from those used to fulfill the experiential education and professional responsibility graduation requirements.

3) You must take six credits of **experiential education**. The menu of eligible courses, not all of which are offered every year, is contained in the [Course Selection Guide](#). Completion of the Lawyering Lab during your first year at BU Law satisfies one experiential education credit. This requirement provides a great opportunity for you to apply your substantive knowledge in simulation courses, externships, clinics and other practice-oriented experiences. As noted above, a course used to satisfy the upper-class writing requirement or the professional responsibility degree requirements cannot be applied to the experiential education requirement. This is especially significant for students who seek to apply a clinic seminar to their professional responsibility requirement; for these students, only the fieldwork component of the clinic will count toward the experiential education requirement (students in a year long clinic – the spring seminar will count towards the experiential requirement).

4) Students must complete the online, self-paced **Business Fundamentals** program or opt-out of the requirement by attaining a score of 84% or better on the pre-course exam. You must enroll in the program as a course during the summer, fall, or spring term. Mastery of the material covered in Business Fundamentals will be very useful to you as you tackle upper level courses such as Corporations. Thus, we strongly encourage students to complete this program the summer following the 1L year.

NOTE: In addition, to comply with ABA, New York, and some other state bar requirements, you must complete 64 in-class, faculty-directed credits while at BU Law. The following **do not** count toward the 64 credit minimum: non-graded credits for journal work; moot court direction; courses taken outside of the law school; externship program fieldwork; independent studies; and semesters in practice.

Recommended Course Selections

Students sometimes ask the administration and faculty to recommend other “core” courses that virtually all students should take, even though they are not formally required. While I offer a few recommendations below, you should keep in mind that there’s no single solution (otherwise we would have more requirements!). Indeed, if you speak to faculty, students, and attorneys, you will hear a wide range of views about what courses are essential to the law school experience. A program of courses should reflect a balance between your interests in particular courses or professors, the areas where you expect to practice and the skills you will need, and topics that are foundational or the subject of the bar examination. You should therefore consult your faculty Connections adviser, other faculty members, attorneys, and your peers to obtain a range of perspectives that can inform your decisions.

The next few pages nevertheless contain some general advice about course selection. Afterwards you will find additional advice from the Career Development Office.

Highly Recommended Courses

These courses all involve issues and terminology that are useful to lawyers in almost every practice area. Not every student needs to take them all, but these courses will contribute to the breadth of your legal education and may lead you to pursue areas of law that are more interesting than you had expected. Complete ignorance of any of them can become a source of professional discomfort to you later on. Even if you have no intention of ever being a tax lawyer, for example, a basic knowledge of that area will at least allow you to participate in conversations about the tax implications of decisions that your clients may face. Being the only one in the room who does not know what “basis” refers to (or what “hearsay” means) is an awkward prospect that you should be eager to avoid.

Course	Bar Course	Prerequisite or Corequisite to the following courses or programs	Other Considerations
Administrative Law	No	Health Law Concentration; Transactional Law Concentration	Ten times as many rules (which have the force of law) are passed by administrative agencies each year as there are laws passed by legislatures each year. These agencies are vitally important in business (SEC, FTC, FDIC, etc.), Health Law (FDA), Consumer Law, etc. It is not possible to understand the US legal system without understanding Administrative Law.
Corporations	Yes	Corporate Finance; Mergers & Acquisitions; Securities Regulation; Alternative Business Entities; Corporate Governance; Deals; Other advanced business law courses	One of the primary institutions that organize society. One cannot practice law without running into corporations.
Federal Income Tax	No	Corporate Tax; Taxation of Unincorporated Entities; Other advanced tax courses	Tax affects nearly all aspects of law. It is especially important in the areas of business law and family law. Many business deals cannot be understood without understanding the tax

			implications. One does not necessarily need to be a tax expert, but one needs to know how to talk to tax experts.
Evidence	Yes	Civil Litigation Clinic Criminal Clinic Int'l Human Rights Clinic Trial Advocacy	Regardless of your field of practice, it is very helpful, informationally, to have full appreciation of the rules of evidence.

You are also strongly encouraged to take one of our many courses that address how race, as well as other identities and social hierarchies, shape and, in turn, are reinforced by law. These courses give you the tools to be an effective and culturally competent legal professional, with a full and sophisticated understanding of how law and policy operate.

Other Foundational Doctrinal Courses

There are many other courses and seminars that will enrich your experience here. If you do not have a strong view about what practice area you hope to pursue, consider taking some of the foundational courses from this list:

Federal Courts	Criminal Procedure	Employment Law
Environmental Law	Family Law	Information Privacy Law
Health Law	Intellectual Property	International Law
Secured Transactions	Trusts, Wills & Estates	

This list of courses offers a broad foundation in the largest fields of practice. They are all offered every year, as are most of our large survey courses. Many courses with smaller enrollments are offered every other year, depending on staffing considerations. Keep this in mind in planning your course selections over a two-year cycle.

Also, keep in mind that after the first year you may take up to eight total credits of work on an ungraded basis. You either receive credit (CR), or honors (H), or if you do not receive credit for a class (NC), it will be removed from your transcript. Not every course can be taken on these terms, but many can. Our hope is that this rule will encourage you to take coursework that will be valuable to your professional development but that you might have avoided if the result would be a grade on your transcript.

Fields with Formal Concentrations

We offer concentrations in seven areas:

1. Health Law
2. Intellectual Property & Information Law
3. International Law (includes commercial law as well as public international law)
4. Litigation and Dispute Resolution
5. Public Interest

6. Risk Management & Compliance
7. Transactional Practice

Some students complete the requirements of one of these concentrations; others don't. In either case, though, you may find that the lists of courses in the concentrations (available on the law school website) help you to think about your course selection choices.

Note that the International, Public Interest, and Litigation concentrations are quite broad. Students interested in these fields may want to seek further advice from the concentration advisor or concentration faculty on how to tailor course choices to a more narrow focus within the list.

Experiential Education Opportunities

The law school offers a wealth of experiential education opportunities – courses and programs in which you learn by doing, and gain practical skills that allow you to hit the ground running when you enter practice. In deciding which experiential opportunities to take during your second and third year, you should consider your professional goals, your substantive interests, and the need to balance and integrate experiential learning with traditional, doctrinal coursework. Our experiential learning opportunities are fully described on our website, but include:

- “Live client” clinics: civil, criminal, legislative, and transactional clinical opportunities lasting a semester or year involving a broad array of subject matters.
- The Transactional Law Program: a largely simulation-based approach to transactional skills training.
- Externships: a 12 to 20 hour per week experience working in judicial, government, public interest, in-house or private law firm pro bono service.
- Semester-in-Practice: a full-time experience working in government or other sectors inside or outside of Boston.
- Courses or seminars, often taught by part-time faculty who are skilled practitioners, that are predominantly experiential. These offerings are identified on a list of courses and seminars meeting the experiential learning requirement, which appears at the end of this memo.

NOTE: Anyone seeking admission to practice in New York must demonstrate that they have performed 50 hours of pro bono service. Work done in our civil, criminal, and legislative clinical programs qualifies, as does participation in certain externships. Students planning to take the NY Bar should verify whether any particular experience would qualify by reviewing the rules at <http://www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/probono/FAQsBarAdmission.pdf>

Seminars

In a typical year, you can choose from among more than 50 seminars at the law school taught by both full-time and part-time faculty on an extremely broad range of subjects, ranging from critical race theory to private equity and venture capital. Depending on the seminar, participation may provide you with an opportunity to hone your writing skills, to gain practice skills, or to delve into an area of interest in greater depth than one would in a traditional course. By all means, take a seminar or two while you are at BU Law, but don't overdo it. Some employers will look askance at a transcript with more than a handful of seminars.

Courses in the BU Law Graduate Programs or Elsewhere at BU

You may wish to take courses not listed in the course selection booklet. These include graduate courses in other departments of the University, subject to the limits in the Academic Regulations, but also courses offered by our graduate programs in Taxation and Banking and Financial Law. Most J.D. students are well qualified to take most of these courses, and those programs are eager to have you in their classes. Registration for classes in the graduate programs is not done by the Registrar's Office but by the staff of those programs themselves. See the appropriate sections of this Guide for more details. Students with a clear career path in banking or tax law may wish to consider enrolling in BU Law's six or seven semester combined JD/LLM programs in these subjects.

Study Abroad Programs

BU Law offers several study abroad programs. In most of these programs, students spend a semester at a foreign school. Some programs have a language requirement, though most offer classes taught in English. Students earn 12 credits, which meets our minimum semester credit requirements. We also offer five year-long, dual-degree study abroad programs, which you can learn more about from the Office of Graduate and International Programs.

Depending on your professional interests, a study abroad program can provide a strong complement to your course of study at the law school. As with all of your course selection decisions, however, you should ensure that the program fits into your area of substantive interest and leaves you room to take other courses that will prepare you for practice.

Balance, Balance, Balance

One of the great strengths of BU Law is the breadth and flexibility of our curriculum, but students must take care in making their selections from this expansive menu. It is fine to specialize in a particular practice area, but balance this with a number of foundational courses in other areas. You never know where your career path will take you. Take interesting seminars and participate in experiential learning opportunities, but not to the exclusion of traditional doctrinal courses. Few students should devote more than half of their upper level credits to seminars, experiential learning, and courses from outside of the JD curriculum. We want you to leave BU Law as a well-rounded and capable practitioner with strong skills *and* robust substantive legal knowledge.

Anna di Robilant
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Geraldine Muir
Associate Dean of Student Affairs

The Professional Responsibility Requirement

The following courses and seminars satisfy both the BU Law and the New York Bar requirements of a course in professional responsibility. Not all of the seminars will necessarily be offered every year. Students must be sure to fulfill this course using a different class than those used for the experiential education and upper-class writing requirements, outlined below. **If you are entering your third year, be sure to have a clear plan to satisfy this requirement.**

Effective and Ethical Depositions (seminar)

Professional Responsibility (3 credit course)

Professional Responsibility for Business Lawyers (seminar)

Professional Responsibility for Criminal Trial Practice (3 credit course)

Prosecutorial Ethics (seminar)

The IRL or ER section of Pre-trial Advocacy in the Civil Litigation Clinical Program

Access to Justice I in the Civil Litigation Clinical Program

Legal Externship Program - Legal Ethics Seminar **

** Course not offered 2023-2024

The Experiential Learning Requirement

The courses listed below will satisfy the Law School's requirement that JD students take at least six credits of experiential learning. The one credit Lawyering Lab will also count toward the credit requirement.

Clinical Programs:

**Note that courses may not be used to satisfy two requirements. If you are using a course component to satisfy Professional Responsibility or your Upper-class Writing requirement, it cannot be counted again for experiential credit.*

Civil Litigation and Justice Program – Individual Rights Litigation Clinic, Access to Justice Clinic or Employment Rights Clinic

IRL/ERC-The three credit Pretrial Advocacy component may satisfy either the Professional Responsibility requirement or count as credits towards the Experiential Learning requirement. It may not be used for both.*

A2J- The three-credit fall seminar (Access to Justice I) may satisfy either the Professional Responsibility requirement or count as credits towards the Experiential Learning requirement. It may not be used for both.*

Compassionate Release Practicum

Compliance Policy Clinic

Consumer Debt Practicum

Criminal Law Clinic - *All components except for Professional Responsibility*

Environmental Law Practicum

Health Justice Practicum

Immigrants' Rights & Human Trafficking – Fieldwork and Seminars

International Human Rights Clinic – Fieldwork, Skills I, and Human Rights Advocacy

Legislative Policy & Drafting Clinic

Mental Health Litigation Practicum

Sex Crimes Practicum **

Startup Law Clinic

Technology Law Clinic – Fieldwork and Seminars

Wrongful Convictions Practicum

Externships:

**Note that seminars may not be used to satisfy two requirements. If you are using a course component to satisfy Professional Responsibility or your Upper-class Writing requirement, it cannot be counted again for experiential credit.*

Cannabis Externship **

Corporate Counsel Externship

Criminal Justice Externship – Criminal System: Seminar and Criminal Justice Fieldwork **

Health Law Externship

Independent Proposal Externship

Judicial Externship

Learning from Practice Externship

Legal Externship Program: Fieldwork and Legal Ethics **

The three-credit Legal Ethics seminar may satisfy either the Professional Responsibility requirement or count as credit towards the Experiential Learning requirement. It may not be used for both.

State and Local Taxation Externship (Offered through the Grad Tax program)

Semester-in-Practice

New York Pro Bono Scholars Program

Simulation Based Courses and Seminars:

**Note that courses may not be used to satisfy two requirements. If you are using a course component to satisfy Professional Responsibility or your Upper-class Writing requirement, it cannot be counted again for experiential credit.*

Administrative Law Research **

Advanced Evidence and Advocacy

Advanced Legal Research

Advanced Legal Writing & Editing (S)

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Client Counseling (S)

Contract Drafting

Criminal Motion Practice & Advocacy

Effective & Ethical Depositions (S)

This seminar may be used to satisfy the Professional Responsibility requirement, upper-class writing requirement, or count as credits towards the Experiential Learning requirement. It may not be used to satisfy more than one requirement.

Health Law Research

IP Law Research

International Law Research

Jessup Moot Court: Problem Solving in International Law

Mediation: Theory & Practice (S)

Negotiation

Patent Trial Advocacy

Tax Law Research (TX 985)

The Role of In-House Counsel

Transaction Simulation: Auction and Sale of a Private Company **

Transaction Simulation: Forming & Financing a Start-Up Business

Transaction Simulation: Pharma/Biotech Collaboration for Drug Development

Transaction Simulation: Rise and Fall of a Syndicated Loan

Transaction Simulation: Structuring and Negotiating an International Business Collaboration

Transactional Law Research

Trial Advocacy

** Courses not offered 2023-2024

XII. Graduate Programs Information

Courses in the Graduate Program in Banking and Financial Law

Students who are interested in financial services law may wish to enroll in courses in the Graduate Program in Banking and Financial Law. Each course meets once a week and carries two credits. Registration for the courses is not available through WebReg. Students may register for the courses during the drop/add period for each semester by contacting the Graduate Program in Banking and Financial Law at 617-353-3023 or banklaw@bu.edu. Some courses are not offered every year – be sure to check with their program for the 2023-2024 schedule.

Course descriptions are available [online](#).

Fall

Banking Structure and Regulation
Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
Central Banks, Commercial Banks and Financial Markets
Commercial Lending
Derivatives
From Financial Crisis to Fintech
Governance, Risk Management and Compliance Programs
Securities Regulation

Spring

Consumer Financial Services
Hedge Funds
Introduction to Project Finance
Mergers and Acquisitions
Pooled Funds and Investor Protection
Securitization
Transnational Lending
Venture Capital Financing

For more information, please contact the Graduate Program in Banking and Financial Law at banklaw@bu.edu.

Course Offerings in the Graduate Tax Program

Students who are interested in tax law have the unique opportunity to enroll in courses in the Graduate Tax Program (GTP). The GTP's faculty primarily consists of leading tax professionals drawn from law firms, accounting firms and tax consulting firms throughout New England and from federal and state government revenue departments. These courses are offered Monday through Friday during the late afternoon and early evening hours. Students interested in learning more about the GTP's tax offerings are encouraged to contact the GTP office at 617.353.3105 or via [email](#). Registration for GTP courses is not available through WebReg; however, the GTP is happy to speak with you about course selection and registration.

*Please note that JD students are not eligible to enroll in GTP online sections or online courses.

Please note that this curriculum is subject to change, for the most up to date information contact the [GTP](#) or visit their [website](#).

[Course descriptions](#) and a list of pre and co-requisites are also available on the GTP website.

Fall 2023

Comparative Value Added Tax
ERISA Regulation of Retirement Plans
Estate and Gift Taxation
Estate Planning
Federal Income Tax I*
Federal Income Tax II*
Introduction to Corporate Tax*
Tax and Technology
Tax Accounting for Financial Statements
Tax Aspects of International Business
Tax Practice & Procedure
Taxation of Financial Products
Taxation of Intellectual Property
US Transfer Pricing
Writing for Tax Practice

Spring 2024

Corporate Reorganizations
Estate Planning: Advanced
Estate Planning & Drafting
Executive Compensation
Inbound International Taxation
International Reporting & Withholding
Life Cycle of a Business Venture
Outbound International Tax
Partnership Tax I
Tax Aspects of Buying & Selling a Business
Tax Law Research
Tax Practice & Procedure
Tax Seminar
Taxation & Regulation of Cryptocurrency
Taxation of Trusts & Fiduciaries
Transfer Pricing and Supply Chains
World of Limited Liability Com

** JD students are advised to take the JD versions of these courses – JD889 and JD887*

XIII. Registering for Non-Law Classes

Upper-class students may take classes at other colleges within the University. The registration procedure varies – WebReg is not always available – so students are advised to review the information below and to consult the Registrar’s Office with any questions.

Registration is a two-step process for students who want law credit for a graduate-level course (level 500 or greater). Once you have registered for a graduate course, you must complete an add/drop form in the Registrar’s Office in order to add the class to your law transcript. Graduate courses and the grade will appear on your transcript, however the grade is not factored into your law g.p.a. Tuition charges are based on the credits awarded at the University level. Students who exceed 18 credits in a semester will be responsible for the additional tuition charges.

Please note that non-law classes do not count toward the 64 credit in-class work at BU Law.

Questrom School of Business

Students who would like to enroll in management courses should contact the Graduate Programs Office at the Questrom School of Business, 595 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 104 or complete a [Cross Enrollment Form](#). The fall 2023 schedule is available on [MyBU Student Portal](#). Course descriptions are also available on the [website](#). Non-degree candidates may register two weeks before the start of classes. For more information on business and management courses you may call (617) 353-2673.

School of Public Health

Student interested in taking courses at the School of Public Health should refer to the [SPH website](#). The course schedule is available on [MyBU Student Portal](#). For more information on SPH courses you may call 617-638-4640.

Physical Education

Students who would like to take PE courses can register for open courses through the MyBU Student Portal. If you intend to audit the class, you may complete a form at the University Registrar’s Office, 881 Commonwealth Avenue, second floor. You may not take a physical education course for LAW credit. The Fall 2023 PDP schedule is available through the [MyBU Student Portal](#). Information is also available on the University’s [website](#). *Students may not register for Spring 2024 PDP courses until registration opens to all graduate students in October.*

College of Communication

To enroll in communications courses students obtain permission from the appropriate department at the College of Communication, 640 Commonwealth Avenue (e.g., see the Mass Communication department for courses in Mass Communication, Advertising and Public Relations.) The fall 2023 COM schedule are available solely via the [MyBU Student Portal](#). Course descriptions are available on the University [website](#). For more information you may also call (617) 353-3450.

Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

Students who would like to register for graduate-level CAS or GRS courses through the online registration [form](#). Schedule information is available via the [MyBU Student Portal](#). Students who would like to register for Preservation Studies, International Relations, or Philosophy courses must obtain approval from the appropriate department and may submit the approved registration form to the appropriate program or the Law Registrar’s Office.

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
CALENDAR FOR 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

FALL SEMESTER

First-Year Registration & Orientation	Wednesday, 8/30/2023 & Thursday, 8/31/2023
Labor Day: Holiday Observed	Monday, 9/4/2023
All Fall Semester Classes Begin	Tuesday, 9/5/2023
Fall Add/Drop Ends	Monday, 9/18/2023
Indigenous Peoples' Day: All Classes Suspended	Monday, 10/9/2023
Substitute Monday Schedule of Classes	Tuesday, 10/10/2023
Substitute Friday Schedule of Classes	Wednesday, 11/22/2023
Thanksgiving Recess	Thursday, 11/23/2023 – Sunday, 11/26/2023
Last Day of Classes	Thursday, 12/7/2023
JD Reading Period	Friday, 12/8/2023 – Sunday, 12/10/2023
Upper-class Exam Period	Monday, 12/11/2023- Friday, 12/22/2023
First-Year Exam Period	Monday, 12/11/2023 – Tuesday, 12/19/2023

SPRING SEMESTER

First-Year Lawyering Lab	Tuesday, 1/9/2024 - Friday, 1/12/2024
Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Holiday Observed	Monday, 1/15/2024
All Spring Semester Classes Begin	Tuesday, 1/16/2024
Spring Drop/Add Ends	Monday, 1/29/2024
Presidents' Day: Classes Suspended	Monday, 2/19/2024
Substitute Monday Schedule of Classes	Wednesday, 2/21/2024
Spring Recess	Saturday, 3/9/2024 - Sunday, 3/17/2024
Patriots' Day: Classes Suspended	Monday, 4/15/2024
Substitute Monday Schedule of Classes	Tuesday, 4/16/2024
Last Day of Classes	Wednesday, 4/24/2024
Reserve Make-up Day (Snow/Weather Closing)	Thursday, 4/25/2024
Reading Period: Upper-Class Students	Friday, 4/26/2024 - Sunday, 4/28/2024
Upper-class Exam Period	Monday, 4/29/2024 - Friday, 5/10/2024
Reading Period: First-Year Students	Friday, 4/26/2024 - Monday, 4/29/2024
First-Year Exam Period	Tuesday, 4/30/2024 - Friday, 5/10/2024
First-Year Journal Writing Competition	Saturday, 5/11/2024 - Friday, 5/24/2024
Commencement Celebrations	Thursday, 5/16/2024 - Sunday, 5/19/2024
All University Commencement	Sunday, 5/19/2024

SUMMER 2024

Summer Session Begins	Tuesday, 5/21/2024
Summer Add/Drop Period	Tuesday, 5/21/2024 – Tuesday, 6/4/2024
Last Day to Register for Business Fundamentals	Tuesday, 6/4/2024
Summer Session Ends	Friday, 8/16/2024

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SCHOOL OF LAW WITHDRAWAL TUITION REFUND SCHEDULE SEMESTER I, 2023/2024
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Prior to First Day of Classes (before September 5, 2023)	100%
September 5 - September 18, 2023	80%
September 19 - September 25, 2023	60%
September 26 – October 2, 2023	40%
October 3 - October 10, 2023	20%
As of October 11, 2023	0%

SCHOOL OF LAW WITHDRAWAL TUITION REFUND SCHEDULE SEMESTER II, 2022/2023

Prior to First Day of Classes (before January 16, 2024)	100%
January 16 - January 29, 2024	80%
January 30 – February 5, 2024	60%
February 6 – February 12, 2024	40%
February 13 – February 20, 2024	20%
As of February 21, 2024	0%

NOTES:

- ◆ Registration and other fees are non-refundable as of the first day of classes.
- ◆ Deposits toward Tuition and/or Room and Board are non-refundable.
- ◆ The last day to officially take a leave of absence or withdraw from the University in the fall semester is November 28, 2023. In the spring, the last date to take a leave or withdraw is April 10, 2024.

4/21/2023

Course Selection Checklist

- ☐  **Mark** your calendar - Pre-Registration ends June 5.
- ☐ **Read** the instructions and the advice for choosing courses and check out the [Academic Advising](#) pages. 1Ls should consult their Faculty connection.
- ☐ **Check** your compliance status on the [MyBU Student Portal](#).

- ☐  **Check** the web for program information, course descriptions, class and exam schedules, and updates. 
- ☐ **Select** courses for fall 2023. 
- ☐ **Select** courses for spring 2024. 
- ☐ **Remember** to use the Fall 2023 Pre-Reg Worksheet for both semesters and not to use the planner!
- ☐ **Rank** your selections. Click arrow (↑) next to class to change preferred class sequence for lottery.
- ☐ **Check** your email for your Course Confirmation in early July.