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Boston University
EXECUTIVE LLM IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW PROGRAM

Focused, flexible training in cross-border transactions. Executive style.

Our Executive LLM in International Business Law Program brings together a global network of accomplished legal and business professionals from a broad range of practices, industries, and businesses. The program’s unique blended learning format combines two-week residency sessions in Boston and/or Budapest with online instruction, offering a level of flexibility that’s ideal for busy practitioners who seek advanced expertise but cannot attend a traditional residential program. You’ll learn the key doctrines of international business practice from the US perspective—taught by members of BU Law’s regular teaching faculty—while you expand your international connections. BU Law’s Executive LLM Program offers an uncompromising executive experience: world-class training for cross-border work, delivered conveniently and flexibly by America’s top-ranked faculty.

IS IT FOR YOU?
The Executive Program provides US and internationally trained lawyers with intensive exposure to the core legal topics facing transnational enterprises. Our students hail from 30+ countries (over 70 percent are foreign educated), most from established careers in private practice, global and regional law firms, academia, NGOs, government agencies, and legal departments of multinational corporations. On average, they have nearly 15 years of experience. The perspectives they gain—and share—contribute to a unique, transformative learning experience.

FLEXIBLE DESIGN
The program’s flexible design lets you maintain your professional and other commitments. You can complete the degree requirements by attending a minimum of two 2-week residency sessions in Boston and/or Budapest, Hungary, earning your remaining credits online. You can start the program at multiple times during the year. Degree completion can be achieved in as little as a year or up to four years.

FOCUSED CURRICULUM
As an Executive LLM student, you’ll work toward the same internationally recognized LLM degree that BU awards its full-time residential students. The 20-credit blended learning program offers the following classes:
- US & International Intellectual Property
- US & Trans-Border Mergers & Acquisitions
- Corporate Finance with US & International Reporting
- International Business Transactions & Agreements (offered blended and online)
- US Contract Law for the International Lawyer
- Deals: The Legal Engineering Behind Corporate Transactions
- US Corporate Law for the International Lawyer
- International Arbitration
- US & Trans-Border Securities Regulation
- Current Issues in International Business Law Colloquium
- Transnational Legal Practice (online)
- Fundamentals of Compliance Management for Multinational Enterprises (online)
- Legal Risk Management in International Trade & Finance (online)
- International Cyber Law, Cyber Security, and Global Governance (online)

The Current Issues in International Business Law Colloquium is a 1-credit workshop, offered each residency session, covering legal topics in a variety of fields.

US Contract Law, US Corporate Law, and International Business Transactions & Agreements are required, unless otherwise waived. All students must complete at least two residency sessions and attend at least two colloquia.

ONLINE CONCENTRATIONS: ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT & COMPLIANCE, INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY LAW, AND INTERNATIONAL TAXATION
In addition to the courses offered in a blended format, you can pursue a range of courses entirely online in three increasingly important areas of specialized international work: International Environmental & Energy
Law, International Taxation, and Enterprise Risk Management & Compliance. Completion of an optional concentration will enable you to fulfill the LLM degree requirements with only two residency sessions. You can also take these courses individually.

**Enterprise Risk Management & Compliance courses:**
- Enterprise Risk Management & Compliance
- Enterprise Risk Analysis
- Fundamentals of Compliance Management for Multinational Enterprises
- Legal Risk Management in International Trade & Finance

**International Environmental & Energy Law courses:**
- Environmental Law (required)
- Administrative Law
- Energy Law & Policy in a Carbon Constrained World
- Energy Regulation & the Environment
- Alternative Fuels & Renewable Energy
- Oil & Gas Development & the Environment
- Environmental Dispute Resolution

**International Taxation classes, offered online through BU Law’s renowned Graduate Tax Program (GTP):**
- Corporate Tax
- International Tax (required)
- Federal Income Tax
- Transfer Pricing

**FLEXIBLE PROGRAM STRUCTURE**
The Executive LLM offers several sessions per year:

- **Spring Boston**
  - With a two-week residency in March
- **Summer Budapest**
  - With a two-week residency in June
- **Summer Boston**
  - With a two-week residency in August
- **Fall Online**
  - With two or more all-online courses

At least one all-online ELLM course runs during each of the three residency sessions, in addition to the multiple online courses offered as part of our optional concentrations. Students therefore have numerous opportunities throughout the calendar year to take courses, offering unsurpassed flexibility.

**AMERICA’S TOP FACULTY**
BU Law has long enjoyed a reputation as one of America’s leading teaching faculties. The Princeton Review ranks us #2 in the nation for “Best Professors.” In specialized fields, BU Law ranks #9 in intellectual property law, #5 in health law, and #7 in tax law, according to U.S. News & World Report. Our strengths in corporate and commercial law are renowned. You’ll find your instructors—preeminent scholars and experienced practitioners alike—to be committed to your success. Ask anyone who has attended the program and you’ll understand why our reputation is so well deserved.

**ENGAGED ONLINE LEARNING**
Boston University’s award-winning distance technology changes the face of online learning. Before your classroom sessions, you'll complete six weeks of interactive, online-based learning; then, after each residential session, you'll engage in five weeks of online instruction designed to build upon and enhance the classroom experience. You’ll work on faculty-supervised problem-solving assignments to develop the skills you’ll need to tackle real-world client matters. Other courses are offered entirely online, with the same rigorous attention to interactive learning.

**EXECUTIVE-LEVEL ACCOMMODATIONS**
As an executive LLM student, you’ll enjoy several important conveniences, including pre-arranged housing (included in tuition) in Boston and Budapest. Colloquium discussions take place during School-provided luncheons, enabling students to interact and bond with fellow global practitioners and further expand their worldwide connections.

**ADMISSIONS QUALIFICATIONS**
Eligible candidates will generally hold a first degree in law and demonstrate a high level of English proficiency. Priority will be given to candidates with notable professional experience and accomplishments. Highly qualified applicants without law degrees may be considered for admission.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**
Please visit our website at [www.bu.edu/law](http://www.bu.edu/law) where you can learn more about the program, sign up for a webinar, read the program’s blog, and join its social media groups.

You may also contact the Executive LLM in International Business Law Program at:

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Boston University’s Executive LLM Program has provided me with an exceptional learning experience, giving me the opportunity to build my professional network and establish some great friendships along the way. I highly recommend that individuals interested in expanding their legal knowledge look into this program. Take the leap … reinvent yourself!

—Mark L. (USA)
Senior Director, Air Transport & Regional Jet Business, Honeywell International Inc.