

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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Law School Demographics

		1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	Total
	Total Class Size	236	252	232	NC	720
	Men	95	117	107	NC	319
	Women	141	135	125	NC	401
Latinx	Men	11	16	14	NC	41
Latinx	Women	10	17	12	NC	39
White	Men	67	77	67	NC	211
White	Women	84	90	83	NC	257
Black or African American	Men	1	4	2	NC	7
Black or African American	Women	7	7	5	NC	19
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Men	0	0	0	NC	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Women	0	1	0	NC	1
Asian	Men	7	6	6	NC	19
Asian	Women	12	11	13	NC	36
Native American or Alaska Native	Men	0	0	0	NC	0
Native American or Alaska Native	Women	1	0	1	NC	2
2 or more races	Men	0	5	1	NC	6
2 or more races	Women	8	4	4	NC	16
Persons with Disabilities	Men	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
Persons with Disabilities	Women	NC	NC	NC	NC	0
LGBTQ	Men	12	14	8	NC	34
LGBTQ	Women	17	15	8	NC	40
Non-Resident Alien	Men	3	6	7	NC	16
Non-Resident Alien	Women	12	3	4	NC	19

Comments

Unknown/Not Indicated: 1st Year: 9 men, 2 women 2nd Year: 8 men, 11 women 3rd Year: 5 men, 7 women

Admissions Profile (J.D. Candidates only)

Applications received	5450
Size of entering class:	236
# of undergraduate colleges represented:	140
# of states represented (incl. D.C.)	37
In-state enrollment:	N/A
Out-state enrollment:	N/A
Foreign countries represented:	15

Grade Point Average / Law School Admission Test

		25th%	50th%	75th%
Grade Point Average	Full-Time	3.50	3.73	3.81
Grade Point Average	Part-Time	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grade Point Average	Overall	3.50	3.73	3.81
Law School Admission Test	Full-Time	161	165	166
Law School Admission Test	Part-Time	N/A	N/A	N/A
Law School Admission Test	Overall	161	165	166

In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? Yes
If not, what percentage is not included and why?

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Degree Programs

Number of Students Enrolled:	
Full-Time:	719
Evening:	N/A
Part-Time:	1
Other:	
Fields of Study:	
LL.M. Degrees Offered:	Yes
Is LL.M. grading system equivalent to JD system?	Yes
Joint degree programs offered?	Yes
Number of LL.M. degrees awarded in previous year:	236

JD Programs:

CLINICAL COURSES / PROGRAMS OFFERED	ENROLLMENT BASED ON
Wrongful Convictions Clinic	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Criminal Clinic	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Civil Litigation (Housing)	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Civil Litigation (Employment)	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Civil Litigation (Family and Disability)	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Civil Litigation (Employment Rights)	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Civil Litigation (Immigrants' Rights)	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
International Human Rights	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Human Trafficking Clinic	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Legislative Policy & Drafting (formerly American Legislative Practice)	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Africa i-Parliaments	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Health Law Externship	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Legal Externship	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Judicial Externship	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Government Lawyering	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Semester-in-Practice	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Affordable Housing	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Entrepreneurship & Intellectual Property Law Clinic	Interested 2Ls and 3Ls
Technology & Cyberlaw (Fall 2016)	Interested 3Ls

Special Training and Certification Programs:

The Law School offers two non-degree, non-credit bearing certificate programs – one in Legal Research Skills and the second in Legal Writing. We offer a Transactional Law Program and allow for practical experiences connected with certain courses such as Family Law and Trust & Estates. See more on the Transactional Law Program here: <http://www.bu.edu/law/prospective/jd/concentrations/transactional-law.shtml>. Students in the litigation clinics receive student attorney certification through the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Rule 3:03. Law students can obtain a Graduate Certificate in Women's Gender, & Studies through Boston University. 1L Lawyering Lab: one week skills development program focusing on client counseling, negotiation, contract drafting, and teamwork. Business Fundamentals: Required online course on fundamental business concepts including capital markets, financial accounting, and corporate finance.

Is Moot Court a required activity? Yes

Moot Court Program Description:

Explanation of Grading System

Letter Grades	Other Grading System?	Numerical Equivalents
A+	N/A	4.3
A	N/A	4.0
A-	N/A	3.7
B+	N/A	3.3
B	N/A	3.0
B-	N/A	2.7
C+	N/A	2.3
C	N/A	2.0
C-	N/A	1.7
D	N/A	1.0
F	N/A	0

Comments:

Minimum Grade Required to Attain:

Top 10%:	3.77
Top 25%:	3.61
Top 33%:	3.54
Top 50%:	N/A
Top 75%:	N/A
Median GPA:	N/A
Minimum grade required for graduation:	2.30

Do you have a pass/fail option? Yes

Second- and third-year students may elect to register for up to eight credits of non-required coursework on a Credit/No Credit/Honors basis after first year if the coursework qualifies. Any graded course of seminar is eligible for registration on a Credit/No Credit/Honors basis unless the instructor has listed the course as unavailable for such enrollment. Students wishing to take a graded course or seminar on a Credit/Non Credit/Honors basis must exercise that option by the end of the add/drop period for the semester in question.

Are students ranked in their class? Yes

If so, how often? After their first year and then following each semester

Will the school verify student grades? Yes

School's Verification Policy

The Registrar will provide only the following information concerning class ranks. a. Students who have completed the first year: Effective May 2013, the Registrar will inform the top five students in each section of their section ranks and provide cutoffs for the top 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25%, and 33.3% of each section. b. Students who have completed the third semester (or the fourth semester, in the case of transfers) and beyond: For each class at the end of each semester, based on cumulative averages, the Registrar will inform the top fifteen students of their ranks and provide cutoffs for the top 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25%, and 33.3% of the class. In addition, at the end of each academic year, based on the average earned during the most recent academic year, the Registrar will inform the top fifteen students of their ranks and provide cutoffs for the top 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25% and 33.3% of the class.p>

All 1L students are required to participate in an intramural moot court program (Esdaile) during the spring as part of their required first year writing course. 2L students may participate in a voluntary intramural moot court competition in the fall (Stone); top advocates from that competition move on to an advanced intramural competition during the spring (Albers). Each intramural competition is run by a separate moot court board comprised of 3L students who participated in moot court during their second year. Additionally, teams of 3L students are selected to represent the school at national and international intermural competitions such as the National Moot Court Competition and the Oxford IP Moot Court Competition. The school also sends teams to the ABA's Negotiation Competition in the fall, and its Client Counseling Competition in the spring. Negotiation and client counseling teams are selected through intramural competitions open to all students, run by a student Negotiation/Client Counseling board. We have a student-run mock trial board, which selects and coaches teams of students (all years) at intermural competitions - two in fall and one in spring. The exact competitions vary year to year but this year included the ABA Employment Law mock trial competition and the Texas Young Lawyers Association trial competition. The mock trial board also hosts an intramural competition in the spring so that students may try out for the teams.

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Pre-Graduation Academic Honors

NAME OF AWARD	NO. AWARDED	BASIS OF AWARD
G. Joseph Tauro Distinguished Scholars	15	Top five students in each first year section.
G. Joseph Tauro Scholars	12	Top 10% of each first year section.
Paul J. Liacos Distinguished Scholars	16	Top 15 students in 2L class (2L grades)
Paul J. Liacos Scholars	8	Top 10% of 2L class (2L grades)
Edward F. Hennessey Distinguished Scholars	16	Top 15 students in 3L class (3L grades)
Edward F. Hennessey Scholars	6	Top 10% of 3L class (3L grades)
Dean's Award	82	One student chosen by professor in select courses

Graduation Honors

	% of Class Receiving	GPA Required	# of Students
Order of the Coif	N/A	N/A	N/A
Summa cum laude	1%	varies	varies
Magna cum laude	10%	varies	varies
Cum laude	33.33% (1/3)	varies	varies
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A

Areas of Practice & Employment

Areas of practice include both legal and non-legal positions: % of employed students with jobs in area	
Private practice	56
Business and industry	9.8
Government	14
Judicial clerkship	5.7
Military	2.6
Public interest organization	10.4
Academic	1.6
Job category not identified	0

% of students with known location who are in employment region	
New England (CT,ME,MA,NH,RI,VT)	59.1
Middle Atlantic (NJ,NY,PA)	20.2
East North Central (IL,IN,MI,OH,WI)	2.6
West North Central (IA,KS,MN,MO,NE,ND,SD)	.5
South Atlantic (DE,DC,FL,GA,MD,NC,SC,VA,WV)	9.8
East South Central (AL,KY,MS,TN)	.5
West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)	1
Mountain (AZ,CO,ID,MT,NV,NM,UT,WY)	1.6
Pacific (AK,CA,HI,OR,WA)	2.6
Non-US	2.1

Jurisdictions:

Boston, MA; New York, NY; Washington, DC; CA; FL; PA; IL; CT; NH; AK; AZ; CO; DE; GA; IN; MD; ME; MN; NV; RI; TX; VA

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OCI / Job Posting

OCI Reservations

OCI requests accepted by:
Mail - beginning date: 02/20/2018
Email to - beginning date: 02/20/2018:
Online, URL - beginning date: 02/20/18:

Any changes in OCI procedures or policies that will be in effect for the first time during Fall 2015:

Interviews will take place in the BU Law Complex.

OCI Date Assignment Procedure:
OCI Fee? Law Firms: 100+ Attorneys: \$375 51-100 Attorneys: \$300 50 Attorneys or less: \$125 Corporations: \$100 Government/Public Interest Organizations: No Fee
OCI Date Confirmation Sent to Employers: 04/27/2018

If requested, our school will coordinate with:
Massachusetts area law schools

Required Employer Forms:
Employer Contact Information Preferred Dates Class Years to Interview Interview Length Length of Schedule Office Locations Interviewing For Requested Documents Hiring Criteria Position Description

OCI Dates:

August: 08/07/2018-08/24/2018
Fall: 09/12/2018-09/13/2018
Spring: 02/12/2018-04/06/2018
Flyback dates: N/A
Is video conferencing available? Yes

Comments: We also have Skype and BlueJeans.

Pre-OCI Material Distribution:

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes
OCI Drop date: 07/06/2018
Date student materials sent to employer: 07/06/2018
Date interview schedule sent to employer: 07/31/2018
Postage/express mail fee? N/A

Comments: Schedules are sent one week prior to on campus interview date.

Do you provide resume collection or direct mail option for employers not participating in OCI? Yes
Are all OCI conducted in campus buildings? Yes

Other Interview Programs

Massachusetts Law School Consortium Programs (Boston University School of Law, Boston College Law School, Harvard Law School, New England Law Boston, Northeastern University School of Law, Suffolk University Law School, University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth, Western New England University School Law School): 1)Fall Government/Public Interest Recruitment Program, October 2016 - Boston College Law School 2)National Recruitment Program, Fall 2016 - Suffolk University Law School 3)Northern New England Job Fair, Fall 2016 - Suffolk University Law School 4)Spring Government/Public Interest Recruitment Program, January 2017 - Suffolk University Law School Boston University School of Law also is a member of The Law Consortium (Boston College Law School, Boston University School of Law, George Washington University School of Law, Northwestern University School of Law, Notre Dame Law School and University of Texas School of Law), which holds recruitment programs in the following cities: Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Washington, DC. (www.thelawconsortium.org) Boston University School of Law also holds a recruitment program in New York City jointly with Boston College Law School. We also have students participate in the Loyola Patent Interview Program and Equal Justice Works Job Fair.

Diversity Interview Programs

The National Black Prosecutors Association Conference and Job Fair Bay Area Diversity Job Fair Lavender Law Conference - National LGBT Bar Association Career Fair and Conference Indianapolis Bar Association Diversity Job Fair Minnesota Minority Recruitment Conference Cook County Bar Association Minority Fair Heartland Legal Diversity Job Fair The Boston Lawyers Group - Boston Job Fair for Law Students of Color Rocky Mountain Diversity Career Fair DuPont Minority Job Fair St. Louis Diversity Job Fair The Delaware Minority Job Fair Hispanic National Bar Association Career Fair National Latina/o Law Student Association (NLLSA) Conference Career Fair

For Employers who do not interview students on-campus, will you:

send,uponrequest,onepackagecontainingresumes/transcripts? Yes
post a notice directing students to apply directly to employer? Yes

Our Symplicity site is also available to alumni. Recent graduates who are still seeking employment receive email notifications from our office weekly with the newly posted opportunities. Employers can post for alumni the same way they post for students; directly through BU Law Symplicity or by emailing our office at lawjob@bu.edu.

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Yes

If no, explain:

First Year Students

First year students are eligible for spring OCI, as well as the Government & Public Interest Program held each spring in cooperation with the Massachusetts Law Schools Consortium. After October 15th, we conduct a career conference, interview skills programs, resume workshops and begin individual advising. Job postings are available to students as received and available on BU Law Symplicity.

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Diversity

We participate in the Boston Lawyer's Group Minority Student Mentor Program and other career related programming the organization sponsors, including mock interviews, a job fair, a writing program, and networking opportunities. The CDO keeps track of and publicizes to students diversity scholarships, diversity fellowships and job fairs. We work closely with affinity groups who plan career-related programming including mock interview programs and resume reviews. We also have an Associate Director for Academic and Multicultural Affairs who works closely with diverse students. Programming through this office includes the following: Be Yourself Orientation (a pre-Orientation program for students of color and those that identify as LGBTQIA); Critical Conversations (a yearlong series of events that provides students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to discuss issues of diversity and it's intersections with the law); and Building Bridges (a reception hosted at a firm which provides an opportunity for LGBTQIA alumni and alumni of color to network with similarly identified current students).

Pro Bono

The Boston University School of Law Pro Bono Program is voluntary, comprised of dedicated and enthusiastic students who seek to use their developing legal skills to address some of the unmet legal needs in the Boston area, throughout the United States and around the world. Participating students will pledge to contribute a minimum of 50 hours of pro bono work prior to their graduation. Participating LL.M. students pledge to contribute a minimum of 18 hours of pro bono work prior to their graduation. Pro Bono work, for the purposes of the BU Law program, must be unpaid and not for academic credit. To meet the goals of our program, student pro bono work should involve the rendering of meaningful law-related service to persons of limited means or to organizations that serve such persons or to other organizations dedicated to underrepresented groups and/or social issues. This can also include participating in activities providing information about justice, the law or the legal system to those who might not otherwise have such information. The Pro Bono Program is administered through the Office of Career Development and Public Service, "CDO." The role of the CDO is to advise students about the range of legal pro bono opportunities and identify and publicize pro bono opportunities. The CDO also tracks student pro bono hours and provides transcript notations regarding student pro bono participation. Each year an award is given to the graduating JD student and the graduating LL.M student who has respectively completed the highest number of pro bono hours. The awards are presented at yearly pro bono events. In addition, every year, law students can participate in subsidized national spring break service trips to engage in pro bono work. In 2017, law students traveled to Detroit, MI, Harlingen, TX, and Portland, ME for spring break service trips. Additional alternative spring break placements occurred in Boston, Philadelphia, Miami, and New York. Our Pro Bono Program is one component of an active public interest community here at Boston University School of Law. Beginning at 1L orientation students are introduced to the many opportunities available in the public interest legal world.

JOURNALS	NO. OF STUDENTS	GRADES	WRITE-ON	INTV.	OTHER
Boston University Law Review	70	50%	50%	N/A	N/A
American Journal of Law and Medicine	48	0%	100%	N/A	N/A
International Law Journal	41	50%	50%	N/A	N/A
Journal of Science and Technology	40	30%	70%	N/A	N/A
Public Interest Law Journal	41	0%	100%	N/A	N/A
Review of Banking and Financial Law	47	40%	60%	N/A	N/A

Student Organizations

DESCRIPTION
Student Government Association
OutLaw
Immigration Law & Policy Society
Law Students for Reproductive Justice
Black Law Students Association (BLSA)
Education Law Association (ELA)
Communications, Entertainment and Sports Law Association
Native American Law Students Association (NALSA)
Latin American Law Student Association (LALSA)
Business Law Society
Older Wiser Law Students (OWLS)

Legal Follies
Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)
Health Law Association
J. Reuben Clark Law Society
BUSL American Civil Liberties Union
Federalist Society
International Law Society
Environmental and Energy Law Society
Human Rights Law Society
Public Interest Project (PIP)
Women's Law Association
Jewish Law Students Association
Intellectual Property Law Society
Middle Eastern and South Asian Law Students Association
Lawyers Christian Fellowship
BU Law Softball
American Constitution Society
Entrepreneur & Finance Club

Narrative

Boston University School of Law is a top-tier law school, offering an exceptional legal education to engaged and diverse students, with the goal of preparing them to practice at the highest level in their chosen areas. As a result, we are ranked as one of the top law schools for elite employment outcomes (students obtaining positions with large law firms or as judicial clerks), and as a top law school for public interest law. Our top-ranked faculty has a national reputation for excellence in teaching, and focuses on ensuring that our students master both the substantive and practical skills necessary to succeed, an endeavor significantly enhanced by our low 12:1 student to faculty ratio. Our unique Transactional Law Program gives students in-depth training in essential transactional skills such as drafting, contract analysis, and structuring and negotiating contracts through both coursework and practicum exercises. Our 1L Lawyering Lab Program and online Business Fundamentals course ensure that our students develop the critical professional skills they need to thrive in their legal careers. Our Top 10 ranked programs in intellectual property and health law, as well as our leading tax courses, ensure our graduates master these complex areas before practice. Our numerous clinics and externships, including our two joint clinics with MIT – the Entrepreneurship and Intellectual Property Clinic and the Technology and Cyberlaw Clinic – along with our Corporate Counsel Externship Program, and Small and Medium Law Firm Externships, and our Semester in Practice and study abroad programs, provide unmatched access to real world experience for our students. Our innovative In House Counsel Fellowship facilitates graduates working at major corporations for their first year following graduation, while our unique Small and Mid-sized Firm Apprentice Program places graduates interested in practicing in this sector with partner firms for one year. Our Career Development and Public Service Office, staffed by former practicing attorneys (each of whom specializes in a particular employment sector - private practice, government, public interest, judicial clerkships, or business and alternative careers), works individually with students to develop personalized career exploration strategies. We have a robust on- and off-campus recruiting program, and bring a wide spectrum of employers to meet our students throughout the academic year so they can learn about varied practice areas and connect with leading employers. We also constantly monitor the shifting legal landscape to ensure both that our students are appropriately positioned for optimal employment outcomes, and that we have connections with emerging employment sectors as the professional evolves. The Law School's commitment to public service is deep and long-standing: we provide financial support to entering students through our Public Interest Scholars Program for their entire three years at the Law School, as well as post-graduate Public Service Fellowships, which enable graduates to practice in public interest organizations, and in state and local governments. BU Law funds Spring Break Pro Bono trips, enabling our students to gain hands-on experience while addressing unmet legal needs, and our robust Pro Bono Program provides pro bono opportunities for our students throughout the academic year. Our graduates are judges on the highest federal and state courts, general counsel at prominent public and private businesses, leaders in the public interest community, prosecutors and public defenders, cutting edge legal academics, partners in top international, national, regional and local law firms, and leaders in Bar associations. They are also deeply committed to our students' success, so alumni serve as formal and informal mentors to our students, helping them to learn about practice areas and practice settings, and assisting with their career development and job searches. Learn more about us at <http://www.bu.edu/law/>

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