Boston University School of Law



LLM in Banking & Financial Law.

BU Law's LLM in Banking & Financial Law Program is for global practitioners who seek advanced training in the rapidly evolving field of financial services law, aim to enhance their skills in the field, or seek a more focused career direction. Equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to handle the regulatory, transactional, and compliance needs of financial services clients in today's global economy, our graduates hold influential positions worldwide—in financial institutions, government agencies, law firms, corporations, trade associations, and multilateral and nongovernmental organizations.

Not just the first of its kind in America. It's one of a kind.

Since conferring our first LLM in Banking & Financial Law in 1984, our program remains the only financial services LLM program in the country with its own faculty and a curriculum designed exclusively for graduate legal study.

Working closely with our highly attentive program faculty and staff, you'll develop an individualized study plan from 17 electives focusing on the essential aspects of banking, securities, insurance funds, and financing law. You'll choose from three principal types of courses that:

- provide solid grounding in the structure and content of financial law regulation;
- familiarize you with typical transactions in such areas as lending, securities, and mergers and acquisitions; and
- introduce you to the economic and business principles that underlie banking and financial law practice.

PROGRAM SUBJECT AREAS

- Bankruptcy
- Central Banks, Commercial Banks & Financial Markets
- Financial Derivative Products & Markets
- Financial Services Transactions
- Fintech & Cryptocurrency
- Lending & Credit Transactions
- Pooled Funds & Hedge Funds
- Risk & Compliance Management
- Securities Transactions
- The Business of Banking
- Venture Capital Financing





Student Life.

The Banking & Financial Law Program is a tight-knit community. Relationships born here endure well beyond graduation, whether you attend online or residentially. Ask any of our alumni and you'll likely hear of the bonds formed and nurtured through frequent online and in-person extracurricular events, from the orientation week reception to the graduation dinner. Whether program-sponsored outings, online meet-ups, or simply friends sharing dinner and travel, all activities lead to your classmates becoming your new family.

Professional Development.

BU Law is committed to your professional success and helping you secure postgraduation opportunities in the US or abroad. Professional development staff work exclusively with LLM students, delivering one-on-one advice to help each student achieve their goals.

Summer Program: Financial Services Fundamentals.

Your success is paramount to us. To help prepare you for the program, before classes start you'll have the chance to attend this 12-day program, a primer on the business of the US financial services industry designed to give you a comprehensive overview of the industry's products, participants, and structure.

Degree Requirements.

- 24 credits, with only one required course: Banking Structure & Regulation
- May be completed on a full- or part-time basis

Admissions.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All full-time residential applicants to the Banking & Financial Law Program are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships through one of BU Law's LLM Scholars programs. No additional forms or documents are required. Scholarships come in the form of partial tuition waivers. Recipients are notified of their awards at the time of admission.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Banking & Financial Law Program is open to candidates who hold a first degree in law or its equivalent. Candidates who lack a law degree but are licensed lawyers in their home country are also eligible to apply. Work experience, especially in financial services law, is highly valued but not required. Online students are held to the same admission standards as residential students.

NONDEGREE ENROLLMENT

The program is open to professionals seeking to take a single course, without the commitment of a full degree program.

Learn More.

To learn more about the Graduate Program in Banking & Financial Law, including the application process, tuition, and financial information, visit **bu.edu/law**.

You can also contact us directly at **bullm@bu.edu**.



Online Option.

Candidates whose jobs or other circumstances preclude them from attending classes in Boston may choose to enroll in the online program. The classes are taught by the same highly experienced instructors who teach our residential courses.

Is it for you?

This program is designed for:

lawyers seeking advanced training in financial services law

Applicants to this program often want to:

- work in financial institutions and central banks
- have an internship during their course of studies
- learn one of the most challenging and rewarding subjects in law

qualify for a US state bar exam





OPTIONAL CONCENTRATIONS:

- The Business of Banking
- Compliance Management
- Financial Services Transactions
- Lending & Credit Transactions
- Securities Transactions

Several program concentrations allow a great opportunity to specialize further. That appealed to me greatly."

MARC HUBACHER ('20)

Country of Origin: Switzerland

In the banking program, because everyone has work experience, the level of discussion is more in-depth. Students can relate better to what they are learning and can go beyond the textbook."



ALINE VITELLI TANAKA ('19)

Country of Origin: Brazil

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Boston: a financial hub.

Being in Boston has its perks; among them is access to the program's one-of-a-kind faculty—experienced practitioners and industry leaders, masters in their fields. You'll learn from nationally and internationally recognized experts from law firms, financial institutions, government agencies, and consulting firms who have experience teaching in the financial services area.

Meanwhile, the vibrant Boston economy enables the semester-long financial internship and creates an opportunity for you to gain practical experience in financial services law at a law firm, financial services organization, not-for-profit organization, or regulatory agency.

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