



FACT SHEET FOR INCOMING INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AND DUAL DEGREE STUDENTS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

LAW SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Name: *Boston College Law School*

Location: *Newton, Massachusetts, USA*

Brief history: Founded in 1929, part of a Jesuit Catholic university Mission statement: Committed to academic excellence, ethical values, and preparing students for diverse legal careers Accreditation: American Bar Association (ABA)

EXCHANGE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Program description: *Exchange/LLM Program for international students*

Goals: Promote academic and cultural exchange, enhance legal understanding in a global context

1. **Dual Degree:** Sorbonne, Javeriana, Nanterre, USC Cattolica Milan, Renmin (on hold 23-24), Bucerius, ESADE
2. **Law School Semester Exchange:** Sorbonne, Javeriana, Nanterre, Bucerius, ESADE, Trinity College Dublin
3. **University Semester Exchange** (limited units at Law School): ICADE, Maynooth, may include others

Available spots: Varies by term and partner university agreements

Duration: One semester or full academic year

Language of instruction: English

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Language of Instruction: English

Eligibility: Eligible students must be in good academic standing and be nominated by a partner university.

Nomination by a partner university REQUIRED

1. Applicants not receiving an LLM degree from BC Law must be nominated by a partner university and have their credits transferred back to that university.
2. Applicants expecting to receive an LLM degree from BC Law must be nominated by a partner university and have either (a) obtained a full degree in law from a

non-U.S. university or (b) are expected to complete a full degree in law from the partner university prior to receiving the LLM from BC.

Required documents: Completed application form, transcripts, CV/resume, letters of recommendation, nomination letter, TOEFL/IELTS scores (if applicable)

Language proficiency: TOEFL (minimum 100 iBT) or IELTS (minimum Overall Band Score 7.0)

Language Requirements of 100 or higher on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT or a minimum Overall Band Score of 7.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Test score must not be more than 2 years old when nomination is submitted.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete the LLM Exchange Application:
<https://llm.lisac.org/login/access.aspx?appl=3083L4>
- Complete the Certification Form (based on enrollment status) and submit it to Nicole Piechocki (piechocn@bc.edu) with a copy to Prof. Vik Kanwar (vik.kanwar@bc.edu)
- I-20 documents will be issued upon completion of the necessary documents.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

- Fall-Spring academic year – Nomination by March 1; Application by April 15
- Fall Exchange (preferred) – Nomination by March 1; Application by April 15
- Spring semester (on exceptional basis) - September 15

Academic Requirements for Admission to the Exchange Program

Students to semester exchange must have completed at least two years of law study. Students to the degree program must have completed at least four years of law study by the beginning of the BC program. Admission of a particular exchange student is subject to review of application documents.

Credit System

Under American Bar Association rules, one credit equals 700 minutes of class time. The length of class meetings for individual courses ranges from 50 minutes to two hours.

Mandatory Course Load for Exchange Students is 12 credits; this is an absolute requirement. This typically translates to four or five courses. Students may take a course in another department of our university as part of the 12 credits.

Semester Dates

The fall semester will begin with a mandatory orientation the last week of August.

Exam Session dates:

Approximately December 5 through 20 for Fall; May 3 through May 16 for Spring.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Orientation Program

An in-person orientation begins on August 21. An optional online preparation program called Insights is offered one week prior.

Course Enrollment / Registration

Students course preferences are gathered upon publication of courses and confirmed by orientation week. The first week of classes provides an add-drop opportunity.

Housing

For Law School exchange programs, no on-campus housing is available, students enrolling to only a few law classes through the university exchange may have access to campus housing. Off-campus Housing Office assists with locating housing for graduate and law students. We encourage students to arrive seven to ten days before orientation in order to find housing.

Health Insurance Requirements

F-1 students are required to purchase university comprehensive health insurance. The cost for the full year is approximately 4,000 USD.

EXCHANGE PROGRAM CONTACT DETAILS

Name: Vik Kanwar

Position: Director of Graduate and Global Programs

Responsibility: Primary law school admissions coordinator for both incoming and outgoing exchange students. Primary responsibility for dual degree programs and academic director of the LLM. students.

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Name: Nicole Piechocki

Position: Office of International Students

Responsibility: Primary contact for F-1 visa matters (piechocn@bc.edu)

EXCHANGE PROGRAM WEBSITE

<https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/law/academics-faculty/global.html#abroad>