

Policies for Non-Degree Students (Spring 2021)

There are limited scenarios, outlined below, in which we will allow students to take a course or courses as non-degree students. Non-degree students will be held to the same academic and conduct standards as program matriculants.

- **BU Law Consortium**

As part of the consortium agreement, students from Boston University Law School may cross-register for BC Law courses. Students need to obtain the consortium form from their host institution, obtain BC Law professor permission, and email lawacastu@bc.edu. Students will be registered no earlier than two weeks after registration opens to ensure that priority is given to BC Law students.

- **BC Graduate Students**

Students in other BC graduate programs may register for BC Law courses if space is available and they obtain BC Law professor permission. Students need to submit the Law School Course Exception form found on the [forms webpage](#). The completed form must be submitted before the end of drop/add period. Students will be registered no earlier than two weeks after registration opens to ensure that priority is given to BC Law students.

- **BC Undergraduate Students**

In exceptional circumstances, BC undergraduate students may take a BC Law course. BC Law professor permission and a recommendation from the head of their department or program is required. Students should submit the Law School Course Exception form found on the [forms webpage](#). The completed form must be submitted before the end of drop/add period. Students will be registered no earlier than two weeks after registration opens to ensure that priority is given to BC Law students.

- **Visiting Students**

Students at other ABA-accredited law schools who wish to spend a semester or a year studying full time at BC Law may apply for [Visiting Student status](#) via our Admissions Office.

- **International Lawyer MA Bar Program**

Attorneys who are licensed to practice in **common law jurisdictions** and are required to obtain admission to practice in MA by their employer may apply to the LLM Office of International Programs to complete the 15 credit requirement to sit for the MA Bar under MA BBE Rule VI.3.2. Candidates are strongly encouraged to seek guidance from the MA Board of Bar Examiners to obtain assurance that they qualify to take the MA bar on this basis under MA BBE Rule VI.2. [MA BBE Rule VI Foreign Trained Lawyers](#) The application for the Certificate is the same as the LLM application, with identification for the intended study period and written recommendation from their employer ([BC Law LLM Application](#)). Scholarship is not available for the Common Law Certificate, and students must pay full tuition and fees as per the BC approved study period (either full semester or on a per credit basis).

Attorneys who are licensed to practice in **civil law jurisdictions** and are required to obtain admission to practice in MA by their employer may apply to the LLM Office of International Programs to complete the 24 credit requirement to sit for the MA Bar by taking courses on a part time basis with a 2 year schedule, pursuant to MA BBE Rule VI.3.2. Candidates are strongly encouraged to seek guidance from the MA Board of Bar Examiners to obtain assurance that they qualify to take the MA bar on this basis under Rule VI.2.[MA BBE Rule VI Foreign Trained Lawyers](#) The application for the Certificate is the same as the LLM application, with identification for the intended study period ([BC Law LLM Application](#)). Scholarship is not available for this program, and students must pay full tuition and fees on a per credit basis.

Exceptions to the policies outlined above may only be made by written approval by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.