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■ Introduction

Boston University School of Law offers one of the finest legal educations in the nation, attracting students from all over the country and abroad. A pioneer in American legal education, the school was founded in 1872 on the principles that legal education should be open to all men and women of ability without regard to background or beliefs, and that it should balance theory and analysis with practical training. Today, the school's innovative curriculum combines theoretical courses, clinical training, and specialized offerings—including concentrations, dual degrees, and semesters abroad. The full-time faculty of distinguished scholars and teachers ranks among the most productive of the nation's law schools. The students represent a range of educational backgrounds, ethnicities, races, age groups, and employment histories—evidence of the school's "open door" admission policy, a firm part of its tradition for over 130 years.

The city of Boston is a great place to study the law and launch a career. BUSL's location presents students with enormous opportunities. They can gain invaluable experience while in school, whether or not they intend to stay in Boston, through myriad job and internship opportunities, which flow from Boston's unique status as a major business, financial, and legal center. Boston is home to many high-tech, start-up companies and is also a leading center in health care. In addition, Boston, as the state capital, is an active government center at both the federal and state levels, making it a laboratory for clinics, pro bono volunteering, and externships.

■ Faculty

At BUSL, our faculty makes the difference—to our students, as teachers; to the law, as scholars; and to the local and global community, as advocates. They are among the nation's leading scholars, lecturers, and teachers. BUSL faculty come from a range of backgrounds—including six Supreme Court clerks and numerous federal court of appeals clerks—and from several schools of legal thought, such as law and economics and feminist legal theory. They have authored authoritative texts in several key fields, such as securitization, labor and employment, federal courts, contracts, and administrative law, among others. They are not only the leading scholars in their fields, but they excel inside the classroom as well. Impassioned advocates who frequently lend their expertise to pro bono causes—locally, nationally, and internationally—they bring these experiences back to the school, to share inside and outside the classroom.

■ Curriculum

Not only does BUSL offer an exceptionally strong teaching faculty, but it also offers one of the widest ranges of academic opportunities available at any American law school. At BUSL, students can explore virtually any area of law from among the school's 150 classes and seminars. They can concentrate and focus their studies in any of five important fields—business organizations and finance law, health law, intellectual property law, international law, and litigation and dispute

resolution—and thus design a curriculum around courses that prepare them for exciting work in specific areas of interest.

Students can also expand beyond law by pursuing any of nine dual-degree programs, combining law study with graduate coursework in a program that leads to a JD and a master's degree. Those dual degrees are JD/MBA, JD/MBA in Health Care Management, JD/MA in Historic Preservation, JD/MA in International Relations, JD/MS in Mass Communication, JD/MA in Philosophy, and JD/MPH in Public Health. Students interested in tax or banking can earn a combined JD/master of laws (LLM) degree in these fields on an accelerated seven-semester basis.

Students at BUSL can also immerse themselves in a foreign legal culture for a semester, studying international and comparative law in one of BUSL's 10 semester-long study abroad programs. Programs offered in 2006–2007 are at Oxford University (United Kingdom); Université Panthéon-Assas Paris II (France); Université Jean Moulin, Lyon 3 (France); Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid (Spain); Leiden University (The Netherlands); Bucerius Law School, Hamburg (Germany); The University of Florence (Italy); The University of Hong Kong (China); The University of Buenos Aires (Argentina); or Tel Aviv University (Israel).

For hands-on practical training, BUSL has been recognized for having some of the finest clinical offerings in the country. The clinical faculty is among the most experienced in American legal clinical education. Students can gain valuable experience through one of these clinics: Civil Litigation, Criminal Trial Advocacy, Legal Externship, Judicial Internship, and the Legislation Clinic.

■ Career Development

The BUSL Career Development Office is committed to helping each law student see all the possibilities that a BUSL degree affords them. The office offers a comprehensive program of services to students and alumni—from personal counseling to instructional workshops and events, to print and online resources and tools. First-year students benefit from the expertise of a diverse range of career advisors in the office and can participate in numerous workshops to hone job search skills. Alumni assist students through the Career Assistance Program and the young alumni mock interview program.

BUSL offers an extensive on- and off-campus recruiting program. Each year, more than 570 law firms, government agencies, public interest organizations, and corporations from all regions of the United States recruit BUSL students at specialty job fairs. Over 180 employers from 23 states come to campus to interview students; about 200 more meet BUSL students through eight regional job fairs; and many more advertise positions through the Career Development Office. Starting salaries of BUSL graduates entering the private sector are among the highest in the nation (\$125,000, median private sector). The geographic reach of BUSL graduates is extremely broad, with 38 percent located in the New England region—an obvious stronghold—and the other 62 percent spread throughout the south, west, and mid-Atlantic region.

■ Financial Aid

Boston University School of Law is committed to making a legal education affordable for its students. Through scholarship awards, federal and private loans, and work-study awards, the School of Law provides funding for over 85 percent of its enrolled JD students.

A significant pool of scholarship funds is awarded every year based on both financial need and academic merit. Because Boston University School of Law's scholarship resources are among the largest of all law schools, we are able to assist more than 48 percent of our enrolled students with some form of scholarship aid.

A small number of applicants who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement are recognized through the Dean's

Scholar Program, which offers awards covering full tuition and fees. These awards are based solely on merit and do not require an application separate from the application for admission. The School of Law is also committed to upholding the diversity of its student body. It offers several scholarship programs intended to achieve this goal. Students applying through the regular financial aid application process will be considered for all types of aid available.

The Office of Financial Aid encourages all applicants to observe the March 1 financial aid application deadline, to follow the directions for application carefully, and to check with the financial aid office to ensure the completeness of their financial aid files.

Applicant Profile

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This grid includes only applicants who earned 120-180 LSAT scores under standard administrations.

LSAT Score	GPA																				Total	
	3.75 +		3.50 - 3.74		3.25 - 3.49		3.00 - 3.24		2.75 - 2.99		2.50 - 2.74		2.25 - 2.49		2.00 - 2.24		Below 2.00		No GPA		Apps	Adm
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm
175-180	15	15	7	6	14	12	9	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	50	40
170-174	60	60	85	76	59	53	35	14	18	6	10	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	275	210
165-169	265	251	388	358	324	240	136	36	46	2	22	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	13	6	1201	894
160-164	480	239	704	283	533	75	273	10	93	0	30	0	8	0	3	0	0	0	33	5	2157	612
155-159	223	15	346	17	334	11	195	3	79	1	22	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	22	0	1228	47
150-154	83	4	174	6	195	4	136	1	57	0	40	0	10	0	3	0	0	0	14	0	712	15
145-149	25	0	75	0	84	0	69	1	45	0	23	0	7	0	4	0	1	0	9	0	342	1
140-144	7	0	18	0	35	0	26	0	17	0	11	0	11	0	2	0	1	0	9	0	137	0
135-139	2	0	3	0	12	0	9	0	13	0	7	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	59	0
130-134	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	21	0
125-129	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	0
120-124	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Total	1161	584	1802	746	1591	395	893	69	376	10	172	2	60	0	19	0	3	0	112	13	6189	1819

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.