



## **Accelerated JD/LLM in Taxation** **2 advanced degrees for the price of 1.**

Fast-track your tax law career by earning two advanced degrees from one of the country's top tax law programs in the time it takes most students pursue the JD alone. BU Law's six-semester JD/LLM in Taxation option helps you gain a leg up on the competition when seeking a job—not to mention, **save both time and money.** No summer classes necessary. And no need to commit to the LLM immediately. Just apply to BU Law, and then decide if it's the right track for you.



### **MORE FOR YOUR MONEY**

Employers increasingly cite the LLM in Taxation as a requirement for new tax hires. But who has the time (or money) to spend more than three years in graduate school?

Enter BU Law's Accelerated JD/LLM in Taxation. The six-semester program allows you to streamline your advanced tax studies in just three years, no summer coursework required. You'll prepare for an exciting career—one that's in demand, thanks to the US's complex tax code. And upon graduation, you'll have the credentials to pursue a professional opportunity in a number of different settings, including a leading law or tax firm, or within the government, academia, or in-house at a business or nonprofit.

Our alumni network of 3,000 LLM in Taxation graduates practicing around the world are living proof of what a master's in law from BU can do for your career—not to mention, will be a great resource for you to tap when you begin your employment search.

### **AMONG THE NATION'S BEST**

BU Law's tax program stands as one of the best in the country. We are #5 in tax studies, according to *US News & World Report 2016*, and #2 according to the *National Law Journal*. And for three consecutive years, we've ranked among the nation's top five LLM in Taxation programs in the annual TaxTalent survey of corporate tax department heads.

That's in large part because employers

value the depth and breadth of the BU Law tax curriculum. More than 40 courses allow you to gain exposure to all areas of tax law or to specialize in a particular area, such as wealth management, international tax, and business organizations and transactions.

You'll learn from teachers who are members of BU Law's top-ranking full-time faculty, as well as leading tax professionals throughout New England. With their reputation for excellence in teaching, our instructors are committed to student success, both inside and outside the classroom.

### **HOW IT WORKS**

The Accelerated JD/LLM in Taxation offers the support and resources you need



**“Completing the same program I had intended in less time was a no-brainer. It saves both time and money for those who already know where they are going in life.”**

—Collins Cannon (JD/LLM in Taxation '14)

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Pricewaterhouse Coopers  
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to prepare for a career in tax law. Here's how it works:

- Apply to BU Law's JD program through the standard application process. You can indicate your interest in the accelerated tax track, but there is no need to commit to both programs before you've set foot in law school.
- Complete the standard first-year JD requirements. You will pay the standard JD tuition throughout your three years, contingent upon successful completion of the accelerated program in six semesters.
- Schedule several tax courses for the first semester of your second year to get an in-depth feel for the subject. The Graduate Tax Program (GTP) staff can also schedule a class-shadow opportunity for you.
- Apply to the six-semester program any time after your first year and before the end of the second. Just make sure you consult with JD and GTP administrators before the end of your third semester if you are interested in applying—they can help point you in the right direction.
- Under the guidance of the GTP and your faculty mentors, complete the JD and LLM course requirements within your second and third years. No need to take summer classes or to pay additional tuition or fees.
- Upon graduation, you'll receive both the JD and the LLM.

### CASE IN POINT

Collins Cannon (JD/LLM in Taxation '14) was working for a small financier in Dallas, TX, when a conference call with PwC Luxembourg made him realize he was seeking more out of his professional life. "I wanted to learn a skill with teeth, to speak softly and carry a big stick," he says. "I knew I needed a bigger stick." Cannon chose BU Law, knowing of its strong reputation in tax. When he learned of the Accelerated JD/LLM in Taxation during his first year, he considered it a "no-brainer."

"I only had one question: 'Will either of these degrees set me apart in my career?' The director of the tax program had a very clear answer: 'If you practice tax in Boston or New York, you need an LLM,'" he recalls. Within the week, he had shadowed an upperclass tax course, which he loved, and mapped out his second year with tax classes.

Now an associate in the Global Structuring Group at Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Boston, Cannon helps large US clients structure their global operations in the most tax-efficient manner possible. It's a career that he loves with the kind of growth potential that he was looking for. And for this opportunity, he credits the Accelerated JD/LLM in Taxation and BU Law.

**+** For more information about the Accelerated JD/LLM in Taxation, visit [bu.edu/law/dualdegrees](http://bu.edu/law/dualdegrees)

## Crunching numbers.

Earning two advanced degrees in just six semesters is good math. But BU Law's top-ranked tax program has more numbers worth bragging about.

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US NEWS 2016 RANKING FOR TAX STUDIES

# 3,000+

LLM IN TAXATION ALUMNI PRACTICING GLOBALLY

# 2

NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL RANKING

# 40+

TAX COURSES AND SEMINARS TO CHOOSE FROM