Introducing

GENEALOGICAL PRINCIPLES

Online Classes: Fall, Spring, and Summer

Boston University’s Genealogical Principles seven-week online course, presents important genealogical concepts built around the Genealogical Proof Standard. Ensure your research meets standards and the conclusions are convincing.

Dynamic discussions, targeted readings, short video tutorials, assessments, and exercises will take place in an environment rich with diverse examples across geography and eras.

Genealogical Principles is an excellent autonomous course for students new to the growing field of genealogy. For those continuing their genealogy journey, the Principles course will help students seamlessly transition into Boston University’s Genealogical Research Certificate.

FORMAT:
- Seven weeks of online study and instruction
- Cohort based

PREREQUISITES:
Students should be computer literate and a self-directed learner; have access to high-speed Internet; and be comfortable with:
- Microsoft Word®
- Digital file retrieving and saving
- Online search and navigation

TUITION:
$995

CURRICULUM

Week One
How is your identity defined with information, sources, and evidence? Define genealogy and study elements of the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS).

Week Two
What data from popular websites should you trust? Recognize and analyze conflicting information. Learn how to identify people in a photograph.

Week Three
Work with a published document and test it – does it meet the GPS? Correlate information to resolve identity problems.

Week Four
What elements make up a good proof argument? Examine a well-cited article that meets all standards.

Week Five
What can you learn from free and pay websites? Discuss an identity problem and its solution with records created by newly freed people after the Civil War.

Week Six
Develop timelines, design a research plan, and evaluate a written report to see if it meets standards.

Week Seven
Introduction to DNA and ethnicity. Compare the major genetic genealogy testing companies to choose the one with results that correspond to your research.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS
For full faculty biographies, please visit genealogyonline.bu.edu.

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# Genealogical Research Program Offerings

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## Books
- The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual
- Genetic Genealogy in Practice
- The Everything Guide to Online Genealogy
- Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case
- The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual
- Genetic Genealogy in Practice
- Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace
- Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers, and Librarians
- Mastering Genealogical Proof
- Review of Foundations of Genealogical Research
- Problem Solving Techniques and Technology
- Evidence Evaluation and Documentation
- Forensic Genealogical Research
- Professional Genealogy

## Course Highlights
- Foundations
- Genealogical Writing
- Genealogical Practice
- Genetic Genealogy Concepts, Standards, and Ethics
- Forensic Genealogical Research

If you need additional help, contact an Enrollment Advisor at 617-502-8822.