

Certificate of Specialization in Environmental Law (JD)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Certificate recognizes that students have gained both broad and deep experience in environmental, land use, and natural resources law. It may give students an advantage in obtaining jobs in those fields.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Environmental Law & Policy (LAW 271), Administrative Law (LAW 223), and Property Law (LAW 203);
2. A minimum of nine units of other courses in the Environmental Law category;*
3. One additional course in the Public Law category; and
4. A substantial paper focusing on some aspect of environmental, land use, or natural resource law.

No course may count more than once. Courses that are used to satisfy the environmental law course requirements may not also be used to satisfy the public law course requirement, and vice versa. Any other exceptions or waivers to these requirements are made at the discretion of the faculty.

**Ecology Law Quarterly can satisfy up to two credits toward this requirement. The Pace University Environmental Law Moot Court Competition can satisfy up to one credit. Environmental clinics, field placements, practice projects and associated seminars may satisfy up to four credits total.*

ABOUT THE RESEARCH PAPER

The paper requirement can be fulfilled by completing the Environmental Law Writing seminar, the Environmental Law Clinic, an independent study (Law 299) or another seminar for which the student completes a major research paper that could satisfy Option 2 of the Writing Requirement. The paper must be at least 30 pages in length and must be revised at least once in response to comments from the supervising professor.** In general, this paper should be supervised by a Berkeley Law faculty member with expertise in environmental, land use, or natural resource law.

***Students enrolled in the Environmental Law Clinic may use a series of papers that total at least 30 pages to satisfy this requirement, so long as the papers could satisfy Option 2 of the writing requirement.*

QUESTIONS AND WAIVERS

Questions about exceptions and waivers should be directed to Prof. Eric Biber at ebiber@law.berkeley.edu with copy to CLEE at clee@law.berkeley.edu.

For all other questions and help contact clee@law.berkeley.edu.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available via law.berkeley.edu/research/clee/student-resources/certificates.

Applications are due by Friday, March 15, 2024.

QUALIFYING ENVIRONMENTAL LAW COURSES

- 251.75 Climate Change and Corporate Governance Reform (1 unit)
- 270.4 A Just Transition to Clean Energy (1 unit)
- 270.6 Energy Law & Policy (2-3 units)
- 270.65 Energy Project Development & Finance (3 units)
- 270.7 Renewable Energy Law & Policy (2 units)
- 271 Environmental Law & Policy (4 units)
- 271.2 Biodiversity Law (3 units)
- 271.5 Environmental Law Writing Seminar (2 units)
- 271.51 Environmental Law Writing Seminar II (1 unit)
- 271.71 International Environmental Law (2-3 units)*
- 272.1 Water Law (3 units)
- 272.2 Environmental Justice: Race, Class & the Environment (3 units)
- 272.2A Environmental Justice in Practice (1 unit)
- 272.3 Climate Change & the Law (2 units)
- 272.33 Environmental Health Law Through Film (1 unit)
- TBD927 The Supreme Court and Emerging Developments in Environmental Law
- 291.A Environmental Law Clinic Seminar (2 units)***
- 295.5E Environmental Law Clinic (4 units)***
- 295.5F Advanced Environmental Law Clinic (3 units maximum)***
- 295.6C Environmental Field Placement (3 units maximum)***
- Ecology Law Quarterly Participation (2 units)***
- Pace University Environmental Law Moot Court Competition Participation (1 unit)***

QUALIFYING PUBLIC LAW COURSES

- 220.9 First Amendment
- 220.G Public Law and Policy Workshop
- 220E Advanced Constitutional Law: Federalism
- 220SP Advanced Constitutional Law: Separation of Powers
- 222 Federal Courts
- 222.12 Whistleblower Law: Deterring Fraud Against the Government
- 223.8 California Constitutional Law
- 224.1 California Government: The State Constitution in Practice
- 225 Legislation and Statutory Interpretation
- 244.2 Remedies
- 261 International Law
- 285.4 Consumer Protection Law
- 286.5 Federal Indian Law
- 286.5A Selected Topics in Indian Law
- 286T Race and American Law
- 287.7 Anti-Discrimination Law

*** Students may count a maximum of **four** total units from the combination of the environmental clinical seminars and courses (Law 291.A, 291.B, 295.5E, and 295.5F), the field placement course (Law 295.6C), ELQ participation, and Pace University Environmental Moot Court towards the certificate requirements.