

Certificate of Specialization in Environmental Law (LLM)

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) or International Environmental Law (Law 271.71);
2. Either Administrative Law (LAW 223), Principles of Administrative Law for LLMS (LAW 223.6), International Law (Law 261), or an advanced international/comparative environmental law class (approval required);
3. At least two additional environmental law courses that total at least four units (qualifying courses are listed on the next page; one of these classes may be a public law class, also listed); and
4. A research paper on an environmental topic

ABOUT THE RESEARCH PAPER

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 on the non-thesis degree track may fulfill the paper requirement by completing an independent study (Law 299) or another seminar for which the student completes a major research paper. For students on the thesis degree track the LLM thesis should fulfill the paper requirement.

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL LAW REQUIREMENT

Students who have taken International Law as part of their prior legal training may substitute an advanced international or comparative law class with a focus on environmental law (e.g., LAW 271.71 International Environmental Law), for Requirement 2. If this substitute class is International Environmental Law, then the student **MUST** take Environmental Law and Policy to satisfy Requirement 1.

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 other questions or 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)
- 291.A Environmental Law Clinic Seminar (2 units)
- 295.5E Environmental Law Clinic (4 units)
- 295.5F Advanced Environmental Law Clinic (2-5 units)
- 295.6C Environmental Field Placement (4-12 units)
- TBD927 The Supreme Court and Emerging Developments in Environmental Law

** International Environmental Law (271.71) can only be used to satisfy an elective requirement when Environmental Law & Policy (271) is taken to fulfill the introductory environmental law requirement.*

QUALIFYING SUBSTITUTE PUBLIC LAW COURSES

- 220.9 First Amendment
- 220.6 Constitutional Law
- 220.G Public Law and Policy Workshop
- 220E Advanced Constitutional Law
- 222 Federal Courts
- 222.12 Whistleblower Law: Detering Fraud Against the Government
- 223 Administrative Law / 223.6 Principles of Administrative Law for LLMS**
- 224.1 California Government: The State Constitution in Practice
- 225 Legislation and Statutory Interpretation
- 244.2 Remedies
- 285.4 Consumer Protection Law
- 286T Race and American Law
- 286.5 Federal Indian Law
- 287.7 Anti-Discrimination Law

***Students can only receive credit for Administrative Law (223) or Principles of Administrative Law for LLMS (223.6) as a public law elective when they use International Law (261) or another an advanced international/comparative environmental law class, for which they have received special approval, to fulfill Requirement 2.*