

Certificate in Environmental Law – For students entering fall 2020 and beyond

To obtain this certificate, students must complete a package of coursework totaling a minimum of 14 credit hours, submit a research paper on a topic relevant to the field, and complete 20 hours of service work relevant to the field. Students must satisfy the certificate requirements with a combined grade point average of 2.5 or higher in certificate courses, and with no individual grade below C in certificate courses. (A certificate course is any course needed to satisfy certificate requirements, including any course with which the required research paper is associated.)

A. Required Courses (9 credits)

- LAW L858 Environmental Law (3 credits)
- LAW L844 Administrative Law (3 credits)
- One experiential offering (3 credits), or other pre-approved equivalent offering or experience, including:
 - o LAW L976 Environmental Law and Policy Lab (3 credits)
 - o LAW L976 S50 Environmental Law and Policy: Florida Keys (3 credits)
 - o LAW L977 Environmental Litigation: Theory and Practice
 - o OR another skills-based alternative (with approval of Program Director)

B. Choice of Elective Courses (5 credits minimum)

Elective Courses: Environment and Law

- Law L900 Academic Externship (3 credits)
- LAW L844 Administrative Law (3 credits)
- LAW L864 Admiralty 1 (3 credits)
- LAW L879 Admiralty Seminar: Marine Pollution (2 or 3 credits)
- LAW L819 Construction Industry & Sustainability Seminar (2 credits)
- LAW L913 Disaster and Policy Law (2 credits)
- LAW L975 Energy Law and Policy (2 or 3 credits)
- LAW L929 Energy and the Environment in International Law (2 credits)
- LAW L976 S50 Environmental Law and Policy: Florida Keys (May Term, 3 credits)
- LAW L976 Environmental Law and Policy Lab (3 credits)
- LAW L886 Environmental Law Seminar (2 credits) (may take more than one), including:

- Law and the Climate Crisis;
- Environmental Enforcement and Compliance;
- Hot Topics in Environmental Law
- LAW L834 Environmental Justice (2 or 3 credits) (Note: this course also satisfies the Law & Poverty requirement)
- LAW L977 Environmental Litigation: Theory and Practice (3 credits)
- LAW L911 Introduction to American Indian Law: Overlapping Jurisdictions (3 credits)
- LAW L837 Land Use Law (2 or 3 credits)
- LAW L817 051 Mediation and Arbitration (3 credits)
- LAW L835 Natural Resources Law (3 credits)
- LAW L896 Professional Seminars (2 credits) (may take more than one), including:
 - Green Building
 - Introduction to International Law of the Sea
- LAW L856 State and Local Government Law (2 credits)
- LAW L922 Toxic Torts (2 or 3 credits.)
- LAW L838 Oil and Gas Law (3 credits)

C. Research Paper

Students must complete a research paper of high professional quality concerning environmental law. They may fulfill this requirement in conjunction with a course listed above, as part of LAW L898 Legal Research, LAW L905 Advanced Legal Writing, or through one of the College of Law's journal offerings. This paper must be written for a grade. Advance approval of the topic by the program chair is required. Papers must be at least 30 pages in length.

D. Service Hours

Twenty hours of pre-approved public service work in the field of environmental protection or study. (Public service work is broadly defined to include work performed for a stipend, in addition to pro bono work.) Certificate students would certify their 20 hours using the same monitoring mechanisms already in place. Public service hours used to satisfy the Certificate in Environmental Law may not be used to satisfy other requirements in other law school programs except in special circumstances and with the joint permission of the heads of those programs.

E. Performance

Students must complete the certificate requirements with a combined grade point average of 2.5 or higher, and with no individual grade below C in a course needed to satisfy the Certificate in Environmental Law.