Overview

Master of Jurisprudence in Environmental Law is a thirty hour program to be offered online with synchronous and asynchronous elements. There will be asynchronous delivery of reading and assessment material online, synchronous live lectures that will be archived for subsequent streaming, and online chat options for student-to-student and student-to-instructor interaction. In addition, each student will be required to attend a two day live program of lectures and other activities at Tulane Law School during the summer.

Participants on all sides of environmental issues -- businesses, industries, individuals, and other entities whose activities and conduct affect the environment, governmental regulators, environmental groups and other public interest and advocacy groups -- need training in the legal framework that is essential to understanding this complex field from the perspective of all stakeholders. This online, nonresidential program is designed to offer these target audiences the opportunity to upgrade and expand their knowledge and skill levels in their chosen profession.

Requirements

Curriculum

Term 1

- Environmental Law, Regulation and Policy Survey (3 credits)
- Introduction to Legal Study, Research and Legal Writing I (2 credits)

Term 2

- Energy Law, Regulation and Policy Survey (3 credits)
- Introduction to Legal Study, Research and Legal Writing II (2 credits)

Term 3

- Alternative Energy Sources: Regulation and Development (3 credits)
- Pollution Control (2 credits)

Term 4

- Administrative Law (3 credits)
- Dispute Resolution (2 credits)

Term 5

- Two courses from the following list of electives:
  - Toxic Tort Law (3)
  - Land Use Law (2)
  - Ocean and Coastal Law (3)
  - Natural Resources Law (3 credits)
  - Hazardous Waste Law (3 credits)
  - Clean Air Law (2 credits)
  - Clean Water Law (2 credits)
  - Law & Climate Change (2 credits)

Term 6

- Capstone course (3 credits)
- One elective from the list of electives (2 or 3 credits)

On-Site Education Immersion Weekend (EIW)

All students enrolled in the online MJ program must attend one EIW to be eligible to receive this Masters degree. Students are welcome to attend more than the one EIW session. Each session is composed of two days of academic and other programming at the Law School during the summer. The EIW
is designed to (a) supplement the online curriculum by involving students and faculty in discussion of new developments and unique other issues not addressed in the online curriculum; (2) provide students with networking opportunities by meeting their peers; (3) provide students and faculty opportunities to meet face-to-face; and (4) provide a tangible link between the students and the law school to promote their continued relationship to the school. The course is not offered for credit but attendance is required for program completion.