

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT, MEL

Since 1979, Tulane Law School has taken a lead role in the advancement of environmental legal education and the training of well-prepared environmental lawyers. The LLM in Energy & Environment program was initiated in 1984 and has evolved over time from a program concentrating primarily on oil, gas, and energy issues, to one in which both energy and the environment hold center stage. Tulane seeks to graduate students who understand not only the theory, but also the practice and advocacy of environmental issues.

Tulane is an ideal location for the study of both environmental and energy law. Located in an area of the United States in which these two areas come into frequent conflict, students have the opportunity for exposure to areas of great natural beauty as well as to industrial complexes. Among the resources the **Center for Environmental Law** (<https://law.tulane.edu/centers/environment/>) and the **Center for Energy Law** (<https://law.tulane.edu/centers/energy/>) offer students are an outstanding and dedicated faculty, a student-run journal devoted to environmental issues, active and engaged student organizations, and an Institute for Water Resources Law & Policy.

Students in the LLM in Energy & Environment program include recent law graduates, experienced lawyers practicing in local law firms, government agencies and corporations, and attorneys from foreign countries with emerging environmental law systems. Recent years have seen LLM candidates from more than a dozen US states and from at least two dozen countries including Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Germany, India, Kenya, Liberia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sudan, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey.

Requirements

The LLM in Energy & Environment requires, in addition to the general degree requirements for LLM candidates, completion of 15 credit hours of coursework in energy and environmental law courses. Students must enroll in the **Graduate Seminar in Energy & Environment** (<https://law.tulane.edu/courses/energy-environment-llm-seminar/>) as well as two of the following three courses: **Natural Resources** (<https://law.tulane.edu/courses/environmental-law-natural-resources/>), **Pollution Control** (<https://law.tulane.edu/courses/environmental-law-pollution-control/>) and **Energy Law, Regulation and Policy** (<https://law.tulane.edu/courses/energy-law-regulation-and-policy/>). A list of additional energy and environmental law electives from the current and past two academic years may be found **here** (https://law.tulane.edu/course-descriptions/?field_academic_area_value=9). Not all of these courses are offered every year. In appropriate circumstances and with the concurrence of the faculty, other courses may be substituted.

Required Courses for International LLM Students:

| Course ID | Title | Credits |
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| 4LAW 5600 | Intro to Law of the US (for international students only) | 1 or 2 |
| 4LAW 5910 | Legal Reasoning, Research & Writing for LLM Students (for international students only) | 2 to 3 |

Core Courses (Must take 2 AND Energy & Environmental Law Seminar for LLMs):

| Course ID | Title | Credits |
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| 4LAW 4960 | Energy Regulation | 3 |
| 4LAW 4990 | Env Law: Pollution Control | 3 |
| 4LAW 5170 | Energy & Env'l LLM Seminar | 1 |
| 4LAW 6080 | Env Law: Natural Resources | 3 |

In addition to fulfilling the General Degree Requirements for all LLM programs, students must complete 16 hours in specified environmental or energy law courses:

| Course ID | Title | Credits |
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| Successful completion of two foundation courses, chosen from Pollution Control Law, Natural Resources Law, and Energy Law (Each of these courses carries 3 credits). | | |
| Successful completion of Graduate Seminar in Energy & Environment (1 credit). | | |
| Successful completion of three additional courses, chosen from: | | |
| 3LAW 3770 | Oil and Gas | 2 |
| 4LAW 4060 | Administrative Law | 3 |
| 4LAW 4460 | Env'L Law:Comparative | 3 |
| 4LAW 4930 | Env Law: Historic Preservation | 2 |
| 4LAW 5030 | Env Law-International | 3 |
| 4LAW 5040 | Env Law-Coastal Law | 2,3 |
| 4LAW 5090 | Environmental Law: Water Resources & Policy | 2 |
| 4LAW 6000 | Marine Pollution | 2 |

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| 4LAW 6110 | EU: Energy & Environmental Law | 3 |
| 4LAW 6400 | Intro Int'l & Comp Energy Law | 3 |
| 4LAW 6620 | Renewable Energy Survey | 2 to 3 |
| 4LAW 6860 | Environmental Litigation | 2 |
| CLIN 5250 | Environmental Law Clinic | 3 |
| NCLS 9100 | Directed Research | 1-3 |

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Program String and Field of Study: LSMELE_PR, ELAW

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