

School of Law

Environmental Law Programmes: Full- and Part-time LLM, Research Degrees and CPD



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The Challenge

Whatever the label, it is clear that interest in and concern about environmental issues is accelerating. The law has a crucial part to play in shaping our response. Both public and private sectors are becoming subject to increasingly onerous environmental obligations, from detailed rules on pollution control to wider duties in relation to biodiversity and climate change, whilst environmental impact assessment is now an everyday requirement. As the world drags its 'environmentally responsible' feet, the challenges for lawyers are to understand the impact of the physical changes, to help legislate for the future and to support those grappling with the increasingly complex regulatory setting.

Flexible Learning

The School of Law at Dundee is geared to tackling these challenges in several ways. Formal study of Environmental Law can be undertaken by embarking on the 'taught' LLM. Those wanting to explore a topic in more detail can consider a research degree, taking advantage of the opportunity for in-depth study, with support and guidance from expert supervisors meeting at mutually convenient times. Registered students have full access to all the electronic databases available to the University, enabling study to be undertaken at times and places to fit their own convenience. The School of Law is also developing a range of CPD training, which can be tailored to meet individual organisational needs.

LLM - Taught [Full or part-time]

The taught LLM can be taken over one or two years. The programme can be started in September or January and attendance at class in Dundee is required (two or three classes a week for full-time students; one for part-time students). Students will take courses in Environmental Regulation, Environmental Justice or Sustainable Development and EU Environmental Law (and a module in Legal Research Skills), They will also require to choose a further environmental option or a module from another of the LLM programmes at Dundee. The LLM is taught on the basis of weekly seminars and assessed by one or more essays completed during each course, with formal examinations at the end of each semester. Students must also complete a 15,000 word dissertation on an environmental law topic - giving an opportunity for deeper research into a topic of the student's own choice.

Environmental Change
Sustainable Development
Biodiversity
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Green Economies





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Research Degrees [Full or part-time]

These allow more detailed study of a specific topic, perhaps one connected with a student's current or future career. A LLM by research involves writing a thesis of c.35,000 words on a topic of the student's own choice. Students are guided by two supervisors and can attend, or follow through self-study, courses which will be helpful for their work. Thus they have an opportunity to take a structured look at an issue of interest and importance, making use of the teaching and library resources of the University and the expert guidance of supervisors to ensure a breadth and/or depth of study that is hard to achieve on their own. The degree can be completed on a full-time basis in one year or on a part-time basis over two years. Study for a PhD is also possible (three years full-time, five years part-time), leading to a 90,000 word thesis.

Entrance requirements

For all degrees applicants must have a good honours degree in law, of at least upper second class or equivalent. Exceptionally, non law graduates with relevant legal experience may be considered. Applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence that they have achieved a sufficient level of competence in English to enable them to undertake post-graduate study and research (an overall score of 6.5 IELTS with a minimum of 6.0 in the writing component).

CPD

The School of Law is developing a range of CPD events to enable people to get a better understanding of environmental law issues. These are being aimed at both legal and non-legal audiences. We offer flexible and bespoke training which can be delivered in numerous ways, including day conference, lunch or evening seminar, small group workshops at the weekend or by e-learning. Contact us to explore what sort of provision might be best suited to your needs.

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