

UC DAVIS ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CERTIFICATE

What is it?

A notation on your transcript indicating that you have completed a concentrated course of study in Environmental Law. You will also receive a separate certificate.

What good will it do me?

It will provide you with broad and deep exposure to environmental and natural resources law, preparing you for practice in those areas. It will also provide a signal to employers of your commitment to and background in environmental and natural resources law.

Who is eligible?

Any UC Davis law student who meets the requirements by graduation

What are the requirements?

There are two REQUIRED COURSES:

Environmental Law (Law 285) (4 units)

Administrative Law (Law 235) (3 or 4 units)

In addition, you must:

- 1) Earn at least 11 units of environmental or natural resources law electives. At least 7 of those 11 units must come from graded environmental or natural resources law courses. Eligible classes are listed on page 2 of this document.

Environmental courses taken at other law schools or within other UC Davis departments may be applied toward the 11 unit requirement, if approved in advance by Prof. Bork, Elmendorf, Frank, or Lin, and if approved in advance by Dean Scivoletto in accordance with Regulation 1.6 [Courses in Other Law Schools] or Regulation 1.7 [Courses in Other Parts of the University].

Up to 2 elective units may be given for an independent study paper written under the supervision of one of the environmental program faculty, at the discretion of the faculty supervisor.

Up to 2 elective units may be earned through an environmental externship, and up to 4 elective units through the water justice clinic. The total number of elective units earned through the clinic or an externship may not exceed 4.

Please note that you are responsible for planning your schedule. Not all classes will be offered every year.

- 2) Write a writing-requirement-quality paper, approved by Prof. Bork, Elmendorf, Frank, or Lin on an environmental or natural resources law topic through a seminar, an independent study, or law review. The paper should develop and defend a thesis and demonstrate original thought and analysis; casenotes typically will not satisfy this requirement. Students are encouraged to consult early with faculty on paper topics and must submit a proposed topic to the supervising faculty member **by September 15 of their third year** of law school and submit a draft of the paper **by December 31 of their third year**.
- 3) Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above in graded certificate classes.

To get credit for the certificate, fill out the certificate completion form, available on the Registrar's "Forms" webpage, and give it to the Registrar before the end of your third year.

Environmental and Natural Resource Law Electives

Business Law & Climate Change (Law 215E) (3 units)
Animal Law (Law 224) (2 units)
International Environmental Law (Law 230) (3 units)
Sustainability Law (Law 230B) (2 units)
California Environmental Cases & Places (Law 230C) (3 units)
Land Use Planning (Law 256) (2 units)
Statutory Interpretation (Law 257B) (3 units)
Statutory Interp.: CA Housing Framework Legis. (Law 257C) (3 units)
Water Law (Law 264) (2 or 3 units)
Ocean & Coastal Law (Law 264A) (3 units)
Natural Resources Law Seminar (Law 265) (2 units)
Federal Indian Law (Law 277) (2 or 3 units)
State & Local Government Law (Law 281) (2 or 3 units)
Energy Law Seminar (Law 282) (2 units)
Renewable Energy Law Seminar (Law 282A) (2 units)
Law and Economics (Law 284) (4 units)
California Environmental Issues Seminar (Law 285A) (2 units)
Environmental Practice (Law 285B) (2 or 3 units)
Food Law and Environment (Law 285C) (2 units)
Climate Change Law and Policy (Law 285E) (3 units)
Emerging Technologies & the Environment (Law 285G) (2 units)
Environmental Justice (Law 285F) (2 units)
Drafting a Solar Farm Bill Practicum (Law 285J) (2 units)
Biodiversity Law (Law 285K) (1 unit)
Public Land and Natural Resources Law (Law 287) (2 or 3 units)
Water Justice Clinic (Law 445A) (3-5 units)
Advanced Water Justice Clinic (Law 445B) (3-5 units)