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. Elmendorf, Frank, Lin, or McAllister and if approved in advance by Dean Kulwin 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.

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. Elmendorf, Frank, Lin, or McAllister 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.

I believe I’ve completed the requirements. How do I get credit for the certificate?

A form is available from Prof. Frank, Lin, or McAllister or the Registrar’s “Forms” webpage. Fill it out and give it to Prof. Frank, Lin, or McAllister before the end of your third year.

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Environmental and Natural Resource Law Electives

Animal Law (Law 224) (2 units)
International Environmental Law (Law 230) (3 units)
Land Use Planning (Law 256) (2 units)
Statutory Interpretation (Law 257B) (3 units)
Water Law (Law 264) (2 or 3 units)
Ocean & Coastal Law (Law 264A) (3 units)
Natural Resources Seminar (Law 265) (2 units)
Native American Law (Law 277) (2 or 3 units)
State & Local Government Law (Law 281) (2 units)
Energy Law Seminar (Law 282) (2 units)
Renewable Energy Law Seminar (Law 282AT) (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 and Agricultural Law (Law 285C) (2 or 3 units)
Climate Change Law and Policy (Law 285E) (3 units)
Emerging Technologies & the Environment (Law 285A) (2 units)
Environmental Justice (Law 285F) (2 units)
Comparative Environmental Law (Law 285H) (2 units)
Public Land Law (Law 287) (2 or 3 units)