

Environmental & Natural Resources Law and Policy Program

Who Should Take Environmental Courses at Stanford Law School?

Courses in the Environmental and Natural Resources Law & Policy Program (ENRLP) are designed both for students planning to practice environmental law and for students interested in learning how to address public policy issues generally. The courses examine issues of broad relevance to public law, including the administrative process, statutory interpretation, alternative approaches to regulating economic activities, multi-party negotiation, and legal ethics. Anyone interested in engaging in administrative or public policy work will find the courses valuable. Because environmental issues frequently arise today in multiple contexts, virtually all students will find it useful in their practices to have some background in environmental regulation. We encourage students from related disciplines to enroll and have scheduled several of our courses on the University's quarter schedule to facilitate interdisciplinary enrollment.

Designing a Curriculum to Fit Your Interests and Professional Goals

This year, Stanford Law School will offer an array of core, advanced, clinical, and enrichment courses in the environmental area. The following provides a brief summary of the offerings. For more guidance on these and other courses in the environmental field, feel free to contact **Meg Caldwell**, Director (650/723-4057 or megc@stanford.edu).

Core Courses provide a fundamental, yet thorough review of key topics and methods of environmental regulation. These courses provide a foundation for those students interested in practicing environmental law, as well as offer a broad look at administrative and regulatory practice for those students with more general interests. Students need no special background to enroll in any of the core courses. This year, these core courses will be offered:

Administrative Law (autumn, offered on University's fall quarter schedule which starts after Law School's fly back week): This course surveys the law of the administrative state, considering rationales for delegation to administrative agencies, procedural and substantive constraints of agency decision-making, and the judicial review of agency actions.

California Coast: Science, Policy and Law (winter, offered on University's winter quarter schedule): This interdisciplinary course integrates the legal, science, and policy dimensions of characterizing and managing our coastal resources in California. The course focuses on the land-sea interface and explores contemporary coastal land use and marine resource decision-making, and is cross-listed with Earth Systems and Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Environmental Law Clinic (autumn and winter; basic and advanced): The Clinic trains students to be effective public interest lawyers, while simultaneously providing legal and technical services to communities and non-profit organizations on environmental problems. The clinic offers valuable training not only for environmental students, but for all students interested in obtaining hands-on exposure to litigation and administrative agency practice in an area of law involving complex statutory and regulatory regimes and evolving science and policy issues. The skills acquired through the clinical experience, including strategic planning with clients, mediation and negotiation, written advocacy before courts and agencies, and oral argument, are readily transferable to many other substantive areas of modern practice in public interest organizations, government agencies and private law firms. Students enroll on a semester-by-semester basis, but are encouraged to enroll in the clinic for the entire year. Students who have already successfully completed the basic Environmental Law Clinic for one year may continue to work with the clinic in the advanced section, participating in a more intensive and senior capacity on clinic matters.

Environmental Law and Policy (winter, offered on University's winter quarter schedule): This course discusses the property law roots of environmental law and the current primary analytical frameworks of use in understanding environmental law and policy. The course will focus on federal statutes including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, Superfund (CERCLA), and the Resource Recovery and Conservation Act. The course will include discussion of efforts to address climate change.

Environmental Science for Managers and Policy Makers (winter, offered on University's winter quarter schedule): This course covers the fundamentals of earth systems and environmental science and develops skills in spreadsheet modeling, optimization, and Monte Carlo simulation that are essential for environmental policy analysis and resource management. This course is cross-listed with the Graduate School of Business.

We anticipate that the following core courses will be offered in the **2009-2010** academic year: **Administrative Law; California Coast: Science, Policy and Law; Energy Law; Environmental Ethics; Environmental Law Clinic; Environmental Law and Policy; Environmental Science for Managers and Policy Makers; International Environmental Law; Land Use; and Water Law or Natural Resources Law.**

Advanced Seminars and Specialized Courses provide an in-depth examination of environmental issues or cover skills central to effective practice in the environmental and natural resources field. Students will generally get more out of the advanced seminars if they already have taken one or more core courses or have some experience in the field, but none require prerequisites. This year, advanced seminars and specialized courses include:

California Climate Change: Law and Policy (autumn, offered on University's fall quarter schedule which starts after Law School's fly back week): This seminar delves into the cutting edge changes in climate change law and policy that are occurring in California. It will cover a variety of California climate laws, including the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32), the Clean Cars and Trucks Bill (AB 1493), the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Performance Standard (SB 1368), as well as complementary and subsidiary regulations such as the Renewable Portfolio Standard, the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, land use law, and energy efficiency and decoupling.

Climate Change Workshop (autumn and winter): The negotiations of a new global climate change agreement are currently underway and are scheduled to culminate in Copenhagen in December 2009. Core negotiating issues are both analytically confused and politically contested. These issues include technology transfer and development, carbon finance and mitigation; deforestation and land use; adaptation and development. The intent of this research workshop is to have Stanford students, working individually or in small groups, prepare papers that will be used as technical support for specific problems that arise in the course of the negotiations.

Environmental Law Workshop: Clean Technology (winter, offered on University's winter quarter schedule): Offered yearly, this interactive seminar brings academics, policymakers, and lawyers from throughout the world to Stanford to discuss their current research and work. The winter 2009 session will focus on clean technology. Students who enrolled in a prior workshop are free to enroll in the workshop again in the winter of 2009. Students who wish to write an original paper in the environmental field, for publication or otherwise, can do so through the Workshop Seminar, although most students do not enroll in the seminar for writing credit. The Workshop Seminar is an excellent opportunity to learn about cutting edge research and work in the environmental field.

The Political Economy of Energy Policy (winter, offered on University's winter quarter schedule): This course offers a survey of the major theories of political economy that help explain policy choices and behavior in energy markets in the United States and overseas. Areas include collective action and public choice; state behavior and sovereignty; international political economy; behavior of complex organizations; monopoly and regulation.

Toxic Harms (winter): This seminar examines the concerns arising from exposure to toxic substances, focusing on whether tort law is an effective method of compensating victims of toxic exposure and controlling the distribution and/or emission of toxic substances.

We anticipate that the following advanced seminars and specialized courses will be offered in the **2009-2010** academic year: **Animal Law and Environmental Law Workshop.**

Enrichment Courses. Additional law courses of particular relevance to environmental students include:

Advanced Legal Research (autumn and winter)
Advanced Legal Writing: Business Transactions (autumn and winter)
Advanced Legal Writing: Legislative Drafting (winter)
Advocacy Skills Workshop (autumn)
Alternative Dispute Resolution (winter)
Bayesian Statistics and Econometrics (autumn quarter)
Conflict Resolution Systems Design (autumn)
Economic Analysis of Law (winter quarter)
Federal Courts (autumn and winter quarter)
Federal Pretrial Litigation (autumn and winter)
Foundation of Statistical Inference (autumn quarter)
Governance and Ethics (winter quarter)
International Conflict (winter quarter)
International Human Rights (winter quarter)

International Trade Regulation (autumn quarter)
Introduction to Transnational Law (winter quarter)
Judgment and Decision-Making (winter quarter)
Law and Economics Seminar I (autumn quarter)
Law and Economics Seminar II (winter quarter)
Law and Policy of the European Union (winter quarter)
Law, Politics, and Ethics of Tobacco Control (winter)
Lawyers' Ethics (autumn and winter)
Mediation (winter)
Negotiation (autumn and winter)
Negotiation: Advanced (Transactions) (winter)
Public Interest, Public Service, & Professional Ethics (autumn)
Principles of Research Design & Analysis (winter quarter)
QM: Finance (winter quarter)
Statistical Inference in Law (winter quarter)