

**Florida State University College of Law  
Environmental and Land Use Law Certificate Program  
STUDENT REGISTRATION AND TRACKING FORM**

Use this form to track your completion of the program requirements. Please submit a completed copy of this form to the Associate Dean for Environmental Programs at least: (1) once after you begin to take Certificate courses; and (2) after you have completed the Certificate requirements and/or right before you graduate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INDICATE THE COURSES YOU HAVE COMPLETED:**

**I. REQUIRED COURSES** (put hrs/grade in parentheses)

1. **Environmental Law Certificate Seminar:** Each J.D. student completing the Certificate Program needs to participate in the Environmental Law Certificate Seminar for a total of **two** semesters. Students may complete the Environmental Law Certificate Seminar in any two semesters they choose after their first year, although the Program faculty recommend that students wait until AFTER they have completed at least some of the Program's other required courses. Students therefore only should complete two of the four semesters listed immediately below.

**\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*:** The Environmental Certificate Seminar does NOT count toward the course credits needed for graduation, EVEN IF the student later chooses not to complete the Environmental Certificate Program. In other words, if you earn the three (3) credits for the Environmental Certificate Seminar, you MUST complete a total of at least 91 CREDITS to graduate with the J.D. degree.

Spring 20\_\_\_\_ (1 hr/\_\_\_\_)

Fall 20\_\_\_\_ (1 hr/\_\_\_\_)

Spring 20\_\_\_\_ (1 hr/\_\_\_\_)

Fall 20\_\_\_\_ (1 hr/\_\_\_\_)

2. **Environmental Law** (\_\_\_\_ hrs/\_\_\_\_)

3. **Land Use Law** (\_\_\_\_ hrs/\_\_\_\_)

4. **Administrative Law** (\_\_\_\_ hrs/\_\_\_\_)

## II. ELECTIVE COURSES (put hrs/grade in parentheses)

In general, only elective courses listed on the website (consult the current electives course list on the program's web site) may be counted toward the requirement of 9 hours of electives. However, in light of new courses and other opportunities, students may request written permission to count an unlisted course toward the Environmental Certificate e-mailing the Associate Dean for Environmental Law Programs. The e-mail should include: (1) the title of the course; (2) the institution that is offering the course; (3) the course's catalog description; (4) the course syllabus; (5) the credits the course is worth; and (6) the course instructor.

At least one elective course must be a "natural resources elective," *i.e.*, any of the following courses: Climate Change; Coastal & Ocean Law; Ecosystem Management Law; Endangered Ecosystems; Endangered Species Protection Law; Energy Law & Policy; Florida Water Law; International Biodiversity Law; Natural Resources Law; North American Environmental Law & Policy; Sustainable Development; Water Law.

1. Course # 1: \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ hrs/\_\_\_\_)
2. Course # 2: \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ hrs/\_\_\_\_)
3. Course # 3: \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ hrs/\_\_\_\_)
4. Course # 4: \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ hrs/\_\_\_\_)
5. Course # 5: \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ hrs/\_\_\_\_)
6. Course # 6: \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ hrs/\_\_\_\_)

### 7. Externship, *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*, Environmental Moot Court Team.

A student may receive a maximum of 3 hours' credit toward the requirement of 9 elective hours for participating in an environmental externship, on the *Journal*, or as a member of the Environmental Moot Court Team. The Program Director must approve the externship as being within the scope of the Certificate program; *Journal* members must qualify for credit under the rules for credit for *Journal* participation.

EXTERNSHIP ENTITY/LOCATION: (\_\_\_\_ hrs/\_\_\_\_)

## III. UPPER-LEVEL WRITING REQUIREMENT

Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **\*\*ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS\*\***

1. In order to qualify for the Certificate, **all** courses with the Certificate program that are offered for a grade must be taken for a grade. In particular, a student who takes one of the Program requirements P/NP will disqualify himself or herself from receiving the Certificate.
2. Students must achieve an *average* of at least 74 in **all** graded Certificate classes taken to obtain the Certificate. The Certificate will be shown as “with honors” if the Certificate course average is at least 84.
3. GPA requirements for honors in the Certificate Program track the GPA requirements for honors at graduation, but the calculated GPA is based **ONLY** on Certificate courses. Consult the *Student Handbook* and the Program FAQs for more details.
4. Students must complete the Upper Level Writing Requirement by completing a paper that is within the scope of the program, as approved by the Program Director. 5. The Certificate Seminar **does not** satisfy the Upper Level Writing Requirement. No credit hours associated with the Certificate Seminar are awarded unless both semesters of the seminar are completed.
5. **AGAIN, the three credit hours awarded for completion of the Environmental Law Certificate Seminar do NOT count toward the J.D. graduation requirement of 88 credit hours, even if the student does not complete the Certificate Program. In other words, any student who successfully completes the Environmental Law Certificate Seminar MUST complete a minimum of 91 credit hours in order to graduate with the J.D. degree.**
6. While, on petition from a student, the Environmental Program faculty may determine that courses taken at another law school can count toward the Environmental Certificate, **the two semesters of the Environmental Law Certificate Seminar MUST be completed at the Florida State University College of Law**. Students should keep that requirement in mind as they plan externships and other opportunities.