

## **Section 14**    **Certificate Programs**

### 14.1    **Certificate Program in Environmental and Land Use Law**

The College of Law will award a Certificate in Environmental and Land Use Law as a supplemental certification to graduates who fulfill the following program requirements.

14.1.1 Credit hours and courses. A candidate must successfully complete a total of 91 credit hours for graduation with a Certificate; 18 credit hours must be in courses and activities designated within the program (Program Courses) by the College of Law Curriculum Committee upon recommendation of the Program Co-Directors.

14.1.2 Required Program Courses. The candidate must successfully complete the following required Program Courses:

14.1.2.1        Environmental Law (LAW 6470)

                          Administrative Law (LAW 6520)

                          Land Use (Law 6460)

14.1.3 Graduate Seminar. The candidate also must successfully complete the Graduate Seminar sequence consisting of two semesters normally beginning in either the Fall or Spring semester of the candidate's second year. Upon successful completion of the sequence, the candidate will receive three hours of credit; if the sequence is not completed, no credit will be awarded. The three credits awarded for the Graduate

Seminar count toward the 91 credit hours required for the Certificate, but do not count toward the 88 credit hours required for an FSU JD degree.

14.1.4 Elective Program Courses. The remainder of the required 18 credit hours must be fulfilled by selection from elective Program Courses designated by the Co-Directors and approved by the Curriculum Committee. A student may receive a maximum of 3 hours' credit for participating in an environmental externship, on the Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law, or as a member of the Environmental Moot Court Team.

14.1.5 Grade Requirement.

14.1.5.1 All Program Courses must be taken for graded credit if so offered.

14.1.5.2 The candidate must have a final cumulative grade point average of 74.000 or better for all Program Courses.

14.1.5.3 A candidate will be awarded the Certificate with Honors if the candidate's cumulative grade point average for all Program courses falls within the range that, if earned for all courses, would qualify the candidate for *cum laude* graduation. A candidate will be awarded the Certificate with High Honors if the

candidate's cumulative grade point average for all Program courses falls within the range that, if earned for all courses, would qualify the candidate for *magna cum laude* graduation. A candidate will be awarded the Certificate with Highest Honors if the candidate's cumulative grade point average for all Program courses falls within the range that, if earned for all courses, would qualify the candidate for *summa cum laude* graduation.

14.1.6 Paper Requirement. The candidate must successfully complete an upper-level writing requirement in a course or seminar or Directed Individual Study (DIS) that includes a substantial research paper on an environmental law, natural resources law or land use law topic. If the paper is submitted for a DIS or a course or seminar other than a Program Course, the topic must be approved in advance by the Program Coordinator.

14.1.7. Other practical experiences for the development and application of legal skills in the Program area, such as pro bono, volunteer, or paid legal work, may also afford practical experience, but academic credit will not be awarded for such experiences.

## 14.2 Certificate Program in International Law

The College of Law will award a Certificate in International Law as a supplemental certification to graduates who fulfill the following program requirements:

14.2.1 Credit hours and courses. A candidate must successfully complete a total of 91 credit hours for graduation with a Certificate; 21 credit hours must be in courses and activities designated within the program (Program Courses and/or Activities) by the International Programs Committee (Committee).

14.2.2 Required Program Courses. The candidate must successfully complete three of the following five required Program Courses:

Comparative Law (LAW 7250)  
International Business Transactions (LAW 6261)  
International Trade Law & Policy (LAW 7262)  
International Human Rights (LAW 7930)  
Public International Law (LAW 6260)

14.2.3 Elective Program Courses and Activities. The remainder of the required 21 credit hours must be fulfilled by selection from the following elective Program Courses and Activities. The Committee may from time to time approve additional Program Courses and Activities.

14.2.3.1 Program Courses:

International Intellectual Property Law (LAW 7574)

International Criminal Law (LAW 7930)  
 International Environmental Law (LAW 7268)  
 International Human Rights Law (LAW 7930)  
 International Litigation (LAW 7266)  
 International Tax (LAW 7680)  
 Internet Trade Simulation (LAW )  
 Immigration Law (LAW 7264)  
 Law and Institutions of the European Union (LAW 7930)  
 Law of the Sea (LAW 7476)  
 Refugee and Asylum Law (LAW 7930)  
 Selected Topics in International Law (LAW 7930)  
 Legal Institutions of the Commonwealth Caribbean (Barbados)  
 Foreign Investment Law (Barbados)  
 Comparative Criminal Procedure (Oxford) (LAW 7252)  
 English Legal History (Oxford)

14.2.3.2 Program Activities. When taken for credit, up to a total of three credit hours for the following Program Activities may be applied toward the required credit hours for the Certificate:

The Jessup International Law Moot Court course (LAW 7951-03)  
 An international law Moot Court competition approved by the Committee  
 Board membership on the Journal of Transnational Law & Policy  
 An international law externship approved by the Committee

#### 14.2.4 Grade Requirement.

14.2.4.1 All Program Courses must be taken for graded credit if so offered. Program Activities, however, may be taken on an S/U basis, provided that the candidate otherwise fulfills applicable J.D. degree requirements.

14.2.4.2 The candidate must have a final cumulative grade point average of 74.000 or better for all Program Courses.

14.2.4.3 A candidate will be awarded the Certificate with Honors if the candidate's cumulative grade point average for all Program courses falls within the range that, if earned for all courses, would qualify the candidate for *cum laude* graduation. A candidate will be awarded the Certificate with High Honors if the candidate's cumulative grade point average for all Program courses falls within the range that, if earned for all courses, would qualify the candidate for *magna cum laude* graduation. A candidate will be awarded the Certificate with Highest Honors if the candidate's cumulative grade point average for all Program courses falls within the range that, if earned for all courses, would qualify the candidate for *summa cum laude* graduation

14.2.5 Paper Requirement. The candidate must successfully complete a two- or three-credit seminar or course or Directed Individual

Study (DIS) that includes a substantial research paper on an international or comparative law topic.

14.2.5.1 A “substantial research paper” is a paper of a scope that would meet the upper-level writing requirement.

14.2.5.2 If the paper is submitted for a DIS or a course other than a Program Course, the topic must be approved in advance by the Committee.