

Florida State University College of Law
Environmental, Energy, and Land Use Law Program
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
Student Registration and Tracking Form

Use this form to track your completion of Certificate requirements. Please submit a completed copy of this form to the Environmental Law Office (A227) after you complete the requirements and/or right before you graduate.

NAME : _____

E-MAIL: _____

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: _____

I. OVERALL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT TO EARN CERTIFICATE

In order to graduate from FSU College of Law with the **Certificate in Environmental and Land Use Law**, a student must earn a **total of 91 credits and a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in their environmental courses.** Of these, students must complete **at least 21 credits of approved program courses.**

More specifically, to earn the Certificate, the student must successfully complete ALL of these requirements, as described in more detail below:

- Environmental Law
- Administrative Law
- One of Natural Resource Law, Environmental Policy and Natural Resources Law, or Land Use Regulation
- The Elective Courses Requirement
- The Upper Level Writing/Seminar Requirement
- The Experiential/Practical Skills Requirement
- Participation in **six** Certificate Enrichment Programs

II. REQUIRED COURSES

Each candidate for the Certificate in Environmental and Land Use Law must complete ALL THREE of the required courses listed below. ALL required courses for the Certificate must be taken for a grade and must be taken at the College of Law.

A. Environmental Law
GRADE: _____
SEMESTER: _____
CREDITS: _____

B. Administrative Law
GRADE: _____
SEMESTER: _____
CREDITS: _____

C. One of Natural Resource Law, Environmental Policy and Natural Resources Law, OR Land Use Regulation (*please underline*)
GRADE: _____
SEMESTER: _____
CREDITS: _____

III. ELECTIVE COURSES:

- A. To receive the Certificate, each student **must take at least nine** (9) credits of electives chosen from approved environmental, land use, natural resources, or energy courses; and possibly as many as twelve (12) elective credits if necessary to fulfill the 21-credit Certificate graduation requirement. Please see the Program web site for the list of approved elective courses.
- B. Students working on the *Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law* may use up to three (3) credits from the *Journal* to fulfill the elective course requirement.
- C. Up to six (6) credits of elective coursework may be taken through other departments on campus or other law school programs. A list of pre-approved courses for cross-registration is available on the Certificate web site. Students may also petition the Associate Dean for permission to receive Certificate credit for other programmatically relevant graduate school courses offered at FSU. Approval is not guaranteed, so please plan early and carefully if you wish to exercise this option.

To submit a petition, please e-mail the Associate Dean for Environmental Programs: (1) the name of the course; (2) the professor, department, and school offering the course; (3) the course description; and (4) a copy of the course syllabus (you will need to request this from the course instructor), and (5) a short statement of why this course advances Certificate program objectives that cannot be met through otherwise listed electives.

- D. All Program Courses for the Certificate must be taken for graded credit if so offered.
- E. The course/s that you use to satisfy the Certificate’s Upper Level Writing/Seminar Requirement can also count toward the elective requirement.
- F. Students must have a final cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better for all Certificate Courses.

NOTE: For purposes of calculating Honors for the Certificate, the Associate Dean for Environmental Programs will use the courses in which the student received the BEST grades, if the student has taken more than the minimum number of elective courses necessary to meet both the Elective Course Requirement AND the overall 21-credit requirement.

G. RECORD THE COURSES YOU ARE USING TO FULFILL THE ELECTIVES:

Elective #1
 COURSE TITLE: _____
 SEMESTER: _____
 CREDITS: _____
 GRADE: _____

Elective #2
 COURSE TITLE: _____
 SEMESTER: _____
 CREDITS: _____
 GRADE: _____

Elective #3
COURSE TITLE: _____
SEMESTER: _____
CREDITS: _____
GRADE: _____

Elective #4
COURSE TITLE: _____
SEMESTER: _____
CREDITS: _____
GRADE: _____

Elective #5
COURSE TITLE: _____
SEMESTER: _____
CREDITS: _____
GRADE: _____

IV. UPPER LEVEL WRITING REQUIREMENT

Each student completing the Certificate must take at least one approved program seminar or elective in which the student produces a paper discussing an environmental, land use, natural resources, or energy law topic that would qualify for Upper Level Writing Requirement (ULWR) credit. This course may count toward the elective credits.

Publication and submission of papers to contests is encouraged but not required; we ask for that information for purposes of graduation notation and Program newsletters.

Please fill out the following:

NAME OF COURSE: _____
SEMESTER TAKEN: _____
GRADE RECEIVED: _____

TITLE OF PAPER: _____

PAPER ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION? _____
IF YES, WHERE AND WHEN? _____

PAPER ENTERED IN CONTEST? _____
IF YES, PLEASE NAME THE CONTEST(S) AND LIST ANY PRIZES WON:

V. EXPERIENTIAL/PRACTICAL SKILLS REQUIREMENT

This requirement is designed to expose students to practical aspects of environmental, land use, natural resources, and/or energy law before they graduate. As described below, students have four different options for fulfilling this requirement: (a) completing an externship or internship, (b) providing pro bono legal work, (c) participating in moot court, or (d) taking an approved practical skills course. A student must satisfy only one of the listed experiential/practical skills requirements listed below to qualify for the Certificate. Please note that you may NOT use paid employment experience to satisfy the Practical Skills requirement.

- A. **EXTERNSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS:** Externships and internships must be formalized through the law school and receive law school credit. To fulfill this requirement, the externship or internship must emphasize environmental, land use, natural resources, or energy law work but may do so in any capacity.

NOTE: Up to three (3) credits earned for an externship or internship may count toward the overall 21-credit requirement but NOT toward the minimum nine (9) credits of elective courses.

- B. **PRO BONO WORK:** To claim pro bono work to fulfill this requirement, you **MUST:** (1) complete **AT LEAST** 40 hours of pro bono work; and (2) document your employment and number of hours. To fulfill this requirement, the pro bono work must emphasize environmental, land use, natural resources, or energy law work but may do so in any capacity. Paid work experience is excluded.

- C. **MOOT COURT:** Participants in the Pace Law School Environmental Moot Court Competition or the Stetson University International Environmental Law Moot Court Competition automatically meet this requirement. Participants in other moot court competitions may petition the Associate Dean for Environmental Programs if that year’s competition focuses on an environmental, land use, natural resource, or energy law issue.

NOTE: Up to three (3) credits earned for participating in moot court may count toward the overall 21-credit requirement but NOT toward the minimum nine (9) credits of elective courses.

- D. **SKILLS COURSES:** Skills training courses used to fulfill this requirement must also fulfill the College of Law’s Practical Skills requirement and must focus on environmental, land use, natural resources, or energy law. Approved courses are listed on the Certificate website.

NOTE: Up to three (3) credits earned for a skills training course may count toward the overall 21-credit requirement but NOT toward the minimum nine (9) credits of elective courses.

Please fill out the following:

QUALIFYING ACTIVITY, COURSE, OR WORK, including organization, type of work performed, and location, if relevant: _____

SEMESTER(S) COMPLETED: _____

CREDITS and GRADE EARNED, IF APPLICABLE: _____

VI. PARTICIPATION IN CERTIFICATION ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Please list the Enrichment Programs attended throughout your law school career.

1. Program Title: _____
Date: _____

2. Program Title: _____
Date: _____

3. Program Title: _____
Date: _____

4. Program Title: _____
Date: _____

5. Program Title: _____
Date: _____

6. Program Title: _____
Date: _____