

Florida State University College of Law
Environmental, Energy, and Land Use Law Program
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
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This memorandum outlines the requirements for the Certificate Program in Environmental Law & Policy. To enroll in the Environmental Law Certificate program, you must submit an application form to the Environmental Law Office **prior to the completion of the second course** that you plan to use to satisfy the certificate requirements. Application forms can be emailed to Jennifer Walsh at jwalsh@law.fsu.edu. Application approval is required to pursue the Environmental Law Certificate track.

Please note: students pursuing a joint degree must consult with the Associate Dean for Environmental Programs because the rules for joint degree programs affect students' options for meeting Certificate requirements.

Certificate Requirements:

(1) 91 credits to graduate.

(2) At least 21 credits total of approved Program courses (see Program web site).

There are three components of this 21-credit requirement, all of which must be satisfied:

- i) Environmental Law, Land Use Law, and Administrative Law, all for a grade (9 credits).
 - ii) At least 9 additional credits of approved Program electives (see Program web site), at least one of which must be a seminar on an environmental, land use, natural resources, or energy law topic for which the student produces a ULWR-quality research paper, and all taken for a grade if a grade is an option. Up to 3 credits for service on the Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law may count toward this electives requirement; these 3 credits may not replace the seminar.
 - iii) A practical experience requirement, designed to expose students to aspects of practice in the area before they graduate. To fulfill this requirement, students have four options. No more than a total of 3 credits of practical experience may count towards the 21-credit program requirement.
 - (a) EXTERNSHIP/INTERNSHIP: Students may fulfill this requirement through an approved, official externship or internship in environmental, land use, natural resources, or energy law. The College of Law offers a number of these externships and internships, and summer Public Interest Fellowships are another possibility.
 - (b) PRO BONO: Students may fulfill this requirement by completing 40 hours of pro bono work in environmental, land use, natural resources, or energy law, for a government agency, a law firm, or a public interest organization/NGO. **NOTE:** Paid work does not qualify.
 - (c) MOOT COURT: Students competing in the Environmental Moot Court Competition (Pace) or the International Environmental Moot Court competition (Stetson) automatically fulfill this requirement. Subject to the approval of Program faculty, other moot court competitions may qualify if the problem focuses on environmental, natural resources, land use, or energy law.
 - (d) PRACTICAL SKILLS COURSE: Take an environmental/land use/natural resources/energy law course that fulfills the College of Law's practical skills requirement.
- (3) Participation in at least **eight** Certificate Program enrichment events (including *Distinguished Lectures* and *Environmental Forums*), over the student's entire period of attendance at FSU Law. *You must sign in at these events in order for your attendance to count towards this requirement.*