

730-854 International Environmental Law

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 - 26 contact hours per subject. Total Time Commitment: The time commitment for this subject depends on the candidate's background and experience.
Prerequisites:	N.A.
Corequisites:	N.A.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	N.A.
Coordinator:	Prof Stuart Kaye
Subject Overview:	<p>Objectives:</p> <p>A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Have an appreciation of the need for, and historical development of, international environmental law # Have an understanding of the fundamental principles and concepts of international environmental law # Be able to analyse critically the contribution of cases, treaties and institutions to the development of international environmental law # Be able to identify problems in the current environmental regime at the global level and think critically about ways to improve international environmental law # Develop skills of critical thinking, legal research and academic writing through evaluating questions concerning international environmental law in a sustained and rigorous manner. <p>Syllabus:</p> <p>Principal topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # The need for international environmental law and its historical development # Fundamental principles and concepts necessary for an understanding of international environmental law, e.g. sustainable development, precautionary principle, polluter pays principle # The principal institutions and actors involved in the creation, implementation and enforcement of international environmental law # The principal cases and treaties that have been influential in the development of international environmental law # The relevance of international environmental law for Australia, focusing on areas such as world heritage, climate change and protection of biodiversity # Current issues of concern in international environmental law.
Assessment:	Case note on one of the international environmental disputes considered in the materials (20%) Research paper 8,000 words (80%) (26 February 2009) (topic approved by the subject coordinator)
Prescribed Texts:	Core subject materials will be provided free of charge to all students. Some subjects require further texts to be purchased. Please visit the subject homepage on the Melbourne Law Masters website by following the link at the bottom of this subject entry.

Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	Please see the Subject Objectives for this information.
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