

730-445 Environmental Law

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	4 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: One 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: 120 +/- 24 hr
Prerequisites:	Legal Method and Reasoning; Principles of Public Law; Torts; Legal Theory; Constitutional Law; Administrative Law; Property or in each case their equivalents.
Corequisites:	-
Recommended Background Knowledge:	-
Non Allowed Subjects:	-
Core Participation Requirements:	-
Coordinator:	Assoc Prof Jacqueline Peel
Contact:	-
Subject Overview:	The subject aims to give students a basic grounding in environmental law in Australia. It explores four main topics: (1) the concept of environment in law (2) environmental governance and regulatory systems (3) the role of science in environmental law (4) the international dimension of environmental regulation.
Objectives:	<p>This subject aims that students should:</p> <p>(1) Develop a critical knowledge of the concept of environment in law and the ways in which it has evolved over time.</p> <p>(2) Gain an understanding of governance and regulatory systems in the field of environmental law in Australia, including a basic working knowledge of the principal federal environmental legislation.</p> <p>(3) Develop an appreciation of the interrelationship between national and international environmental law.</p> <p>At completion of the subject, students should demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # An appreciation of environmental concepts that inform the content and operation of environmental law; # An understanding of State/Federal relations in regulation of the environment in Australia; # An ability to analyse critically federal legislation and cases related to environmental issues; # An understanding of the basic principles of international environmental law and the importance of international environmental law for Australia; and # An ability to think critically about contemporary legal issues in the environmental field.
Assessment:	Research essay 3500 words due mid semester (worth 65%) and 1 .5 hr end of semester examination (worth 35%) OR three hour end of semester examination (100%).
Prescribed Texts:	Lee Gooden and Jacqueline Peel, Environmental Law: Scientific, Policy and Regulatory Dimensions (OUP, 2010)
Recommended Texts:	

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:	<p>On completion of the subject, students should have developed the following generic skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # attitudes towards knowledge that include valuing truth, openness to new ideas and ethics associated with knowledge creation and usage # the capacity for close reading and analysis of a range of sources # the capacity for critical and independent thought and reflection # the capacity to solve problems, including through the collection and evaluation of information # the capacity to communicate, both orally and in writing # the capacity to plan and manage time # the capacity to participate as a member of a team # intercultural sensitivity and understanding <p>In addition, on completion of the subject, students should have developed the following skills specific to the discipline of law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Legal writing # Legal research (for those doing the essay option)
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Engineering (Environmental) and Bachelor of Laws