

730-720 Environmental Law: Science & Regulation

Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: July, - 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 candidates background and experience.
Prerequisites:	N.A.
Corequisites:	N.A.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	N.A.
Coordinator:	Prof Lee Carol Godden
Subject Overview:	<p>Objectives:</p> <p>A student who has successfully completed this subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Gain an understanding of the evolution of environmental law and the factors driving change at an international and national level # Appreciate the pervasive nature of environmental regulation and its impact across law and policy # Understand the influence of other disciplines, such as science, on the scope and character of environmental law # Analyse the nature of current environmental approaches such as 'regulatory mix' and their implications for legal form, interpretation and implementation # Be familiar with key case studies that illustrate the dynamic trends in environmental law # Understand the need for integration across many areas of law to achieve environmental goals, such as sustainability. <p>Syllabus:</p> <p>An examination of the development and current scope of Australian environmental law by reference to key drivers and axes of change, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Greater centralisation at the international level, with the recognition that issues of environmental protection generally cross regulatory boundaries and involve more than one community # Greater integration between relevant discipline areas concerned with environmental protection, such as the biological sciences (particularly ecology), the social sciences, economics, politics and law # Greater interaction of environmental law and policy with other regulatory areas, such as those concerned with public health, development, agriculture, water use, indigenous land management and trade. <p>These themes will be illustrated by cases studies in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Environmental law: The past, the future and the drivers of change # Environmental actors # The regulatory mix # The role of science # Integration and complexity # International trends (including climate change governance).
Assessment:	In-class presentation and written submission 1,500–2,000 words (20%) (23 July) Research paper 8,000 words (80%) (5 October) (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.
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