

GD-ENVLAW Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law

Year and Campus:	2014 - Parkville
CRICOS Code:	077726C
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Duration & Credit Points:	50 credit points taken over 6 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.
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Course Overview:	The specialisation in environmental law provides students with expertise in a dynamic and rapidly changing area of law. Students may also take single subjects of particular interest. Legal practitioners and professionals in government, and those people working in environmental and resources sectors can explore topics of national and international importance, across a range of legal issues. Areas of focus include national environmental law and impact assessment, international environmental law, climate change, pollution control, planning law, water law and natural resource management, and indigenous interests and resources, and transnational resources and conflict resolution.
Learning Outcomes:	<p>Graduates will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # An in-depth knowledge of the specialist area of environmental law within the ambit of the four subjects chosen # Detailed knowledge of the complex law and regulation in the field covered by those subjects # The capacity to critically evaluate and apply the substantive knowledge gained # Advanced skills in writing, research, problem-solving and communication in all aspects of the course # The capacity to identify new laws and/or apply existing law in the rapidly evolving legal context for energy and resources # A developed capacity to synthesise information across disciplines, while applying an in-depth legal knowledge # A sound understanding of developments in international environmental law.
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>Students must complete four subjects from the prescribed list.</p> <p>Students who do not have a law degree from a common law jurisdiction or any prior legal studies or experience are also expected to complete the two-day preliminary subject Australian Legal Process and Legal Institutions (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/subject-details/sid/10040) .</p> <p>Students may discuss other subject options with the Director of Studies.</p>
Majors/Minors/ Specialisations	None
Subject Options:	<p>2014 Subjects</p> <p>Core Environmental Law subjects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Climate Change Law LAWS70293 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10027) # Human Rights and Climate Change LAWS70452 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10161) # International Environmental Law LAWS70219 (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10063)

- # [International Resources Law LAWS70395](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10126) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10126>)
- # [Planning and Development Law \(Formerly Planning Law\) LAWS70349](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10150) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10150>)
- # [Toxics, Waste and Contamination Law LAWS70464](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10177) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10177>)
- # [US Environmental Law and Policy LAWS70466](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10167) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10167>)
- # [Water Law and Natural Resources Management \(Formerly Water Law\) LAWS70185](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10105) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10105>)

Other subjects

- # [Construction Risk: Allocation and Insurance LAWS70149](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10037) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10037>)
- # [Energy Regulation and the Law LAWS70141](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10052) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10052>)
- # [International Law and Development \(Formerly Law and Development\) LAWS70093](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10071) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10071>)
- # [International Mineral Law LAWS70423](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10074) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10074>)
- # [Mineral Law LAWS70268](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10083) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10083>)
- # [Payment Matters in Construction Projects LAWS70239](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10086) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10086>)
- # [Petroleum Law LAWS70041](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10023) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10023>)
- # [Project Finance LAWS70205](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10092) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10092>)

All Subjects

Offered in 2014

- # [Climate Change Law LAWS70293](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10027) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10027>) #
- # [Construction Risk: Allocation and Insurance LAWS70149](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10037) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10037>) #
- # [Energy Regulation and the Law LAWS70141](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10052) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10052>) #
- # [Environmental Law \(Formerly Environmental Law: Science and Regulation\) LAWS70100](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=5565) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=5565>)
- # [Environmental Rights LAWS70386](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=5566) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=5566>)
- # [Human Rights and Climate Change LAWS70452](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10161) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10161>) #
- # [Indigenous Peoples, Land and Resources Law \(Formerly Native Title Law and Practice\) LAWS70236](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=5198) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=5198>)
- # [International Environmental Law LAWS70219](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10063) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10063>) #
- # [International Law and Development \(Formerly Law and Development\) LAWS70093](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10071) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10071>) #
- # [International Mineral Law LAWS70423](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10074) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10074>) #
- # [International Resources Law LAWS70395](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10126) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10126>) #
- # [Law of the Sea and Marine Species LAWS70398](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=5274) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=5274>)
- # [Mineral Law LAWS70268](http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10083) (<http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=2B184510-CD30-11E0-BF760050568D0140&sid=10083>) #

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Breadth Tracks:	None Available Breadth Tracks
Entry Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # A degree and the equivalent of at least one year of full-time, documented, relevant professional experience; or # A degree in law leading to admission to legal practice (LLB, JD or equivalent), at honours standard or equivalent; or # A degree in law leading to admission to legal practice (LLB, JD or equivalent) and the equivalent of at least one year of full-time, documented, relevant professional experience.
Core Participation Requirements:	The Melbourne Law Masters welcomes applications from students with disabilities. The inherent academic requirements for study in the Melbourne Law Masters are: The ability to attend a minimum of 75% of classes and actively engage in the analysis and critique of complex materials and debate; The ability to read, analyse and comprehend complex written legal materials and complex interdisciplinary materials; The ability to clearly and independently communicate in writing a knowledge and application of legal principles and interdisciplinary materials and to critically evaluate these; The ability to clearly and independently communicate orally a knowledge and application of legal principles and interdisciplinary materials and critically evaluate these; The ability to work independently and as a part of a group; The ability to present orally and in writing legal analysis to a professional standard. Students who feel their disability will inhibit them from meeting these inherent academic requirements are encouraged to contact the Disability Liaison Unit: www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
Graduate Attributes:	Advanced understanding of the changing knowledge base in the relevant area of lawThe specialist focus of the Melbourne Law Masters, the constant review and renewal of subjects and courses, the range and expertise of instructors from Australia and around the world, and regular advice from our advisory boards combine to ensure that courses and subjects reflect emerging knowledge and ideas Ability to evaluate and synthesise existing knowledge in the areaSmall classes, a discussion-based environment and the emphasis on quality teaching and learning create an environment in which knowledge is exchanged, critically examined and adapted to current circumstances Well-developed problem solving abilities, characterised by flexibility of approachMost subjects approach knowledge by reference to various issues or problems. Students are encouraged to critically analyse problems and identify and develop a range of appropriate solutions through class discussion, individual study and assessment tasks. Advanced competencies in legal research and analysisClass preparation and class discussions are designed to enhance these skills, which are tested in all forms of assessment. Capacity to communicate, orally and in writingClassroom discussion and formal presentations provide an opportunity to hone oral communication skills, and written assessment tasks are graded in part on written communication skills. Appreciation of the design, conduct and reporting of original researchResearch papers and other research tasks are expected to attain a degree of originality and discovery that befits a quality postgraduate program, and students are encouraged and assisted to publish work of a high standard in refereed journals. Capacity to manage competing demands on timeThe demanding nature of graduate study requires effective time-management skills from all students. The rigour of our programs, whether undertaken part-time or full-time,

	<p>ensures that all successful graduates have enhanced time-management skills. Profound respect for truth and intellectual integrity, including the ethics of scholarshipSome subjects have a substantive ethical component. All instructors have a respect for intellectual integrity and are skilled scholars or practitioners in their own right. Appreciation of the way in which knowledge provides a foundation for leadershipInstructors in the Melbourne Law Masters are leaders in their fields, and many subjects involve visiting academics, exposing students to a wider array of leaders in a range of legal fields. The Law School is committed to the significance of knowledge, which informs all regular programs and a wide range of additional activities. Capacity to value and participate in teamworkSmall class sizes and an intensive teaching format are valuable in encouraging group dynamics and teamwork. Understanding of the significance and value of knowledge to the wider communityLaw and legal knowledge are a community resource. In some subjects, this perspective is covered explicitly by the syllabus and the manner in which issues are treated in class. In addition, our diverse student body ensures that a range of perspectives on the way law impacts on the community are identified and analysed. Capacity to engage with issues in contemporary societyOur programs focus on the most up-to-date legal knowledge, analysing current issues and problems through the curriculum design, classroom discussion and assessment tasks. International students are also invited to participate in extracurricular activities to aid understanding of Australian law and legal institutions. Advanced working skills in the use of new technologyThe most advanced IT infrastructure is available to Melbourne Law Masters students in the Law Library, the Moot Court Room, classroom settings and for private study.</p>
Links to further information:	http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/course/GD-ENVLAW/2014