

## MC-ENVLAW Master of Environmental Law

<b>Year and Campus:</b>	2016 - Parkville
<b>CRICOS Code:</b>	077728A
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Level:</b>	Graduate/Postgraduate
<b>Duration &amp; Credit Points:</b>	100 credit points taken over 12 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Associate Professor Margaret Young
<b>Contact:</b>	<p><b>Melbourne Law School</b></p> <p>Currently enrolled students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># <a href="http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/current-students">General information</a> (<a href="http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/current-students">http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/current-students</a>)</li> <li># <a href="mailto:law-masters@unimelb.edu.au">law-masters@unimelb.edu.au</a> (<a href="mailto:law-masters@unimelb.edu.au">mailto:law-masters@unimelb.edu.au</a>)</li> </ul> <p>Future students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># <a href="http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/">Melbourne Law School</a> (<a href="http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/">http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/</a>)</li> <li># <a href="http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/course-details/cid/1169">Course enquiry</a> (<a href="http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/course-details/cid/1169">http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/course-details/cid/1169</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>Course Overview:</b>	<p>The specialisation in environmental law provides students with expertise in a dynamic area of law that will continue to grow in importance. Students may also take single subjects of particular interest. The course is of particular relevance to people working in environmental and resources sectors, professionals in government, legal practitioners and those with a broader philosophical or practical interest. The subjects are particularly directed at emerging national and international legal issues and practices, such as in clean technology, water law, climate change law and the management of land subject to native title and other public land. Other areas of focus include environmental rights, international environmental law, law of the sea and international resources law.</p>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p>Graduates of the Master of Environmental Law will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Have an advanced and integrated understanding of the complex body of knowledge in the field of environmental law, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># an in-depth knowledge of the specialist area of environmental law and associated disciplinary areas</li> <li># detailed knowledge of the complex law, regulation and market-based approaches in the field</li> <li># the capacity to identify new laws and/or apply existing law in the rapidly evolving legal context for environmental law</li> <li># advanced understanding of developments in international environmental law</li> </ul> </li> <li># Have expert, specialised cognitive and technical skills that equip them to independently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># analyse, critically reflect on and synthesise complex information, concepts and theories in the field of environmental law</li> <li># research and apply such information, concepts and theories to the relevant body of knowledge and practice</li> <li># interpret and transmit their knowledge, skills and ideas to specialist and non-specialist audiences</li> </ul> </li> <li># Apply their knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, expert judgment, adaptability and responsibility as a practitioner and learner in the field of environmental law.</li> </ul>
<b>Course Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	<p>Students must complete eight subjects in total.</p> <p>Students who do not have a law degree from a common law jurisdiction must complete <i>Fundamentals of the Common Law</i>, as well as seven subjects from the prescribed lists.</p> <p>Students with a law degree from a common law jurisdiction must complete at least seven subjects from the prescribed list and may choose an eighth subject from those available in the Melbourne Law Masters (excluding <i>Fundamentals of the Common Law</i>).</p>

Students may discuss other subject options with the Director of Studies.

**Subject Options:****Environmental Law subjects**

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
LAWS70293 Climate Change Law	May	12.5
LAWS70100 Environmental Law	August	12.5
LAWS70386 Environmental Rights	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS90010 Green Technology Law and Policy	June	12.5
LAWS70395 International Resources Law	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70398 Law of the Sea	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS90026 Managing Public and Native Title Lands	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70349 Planning and Development Law	November	12.5
LAWS70464 Toxics, Waste and Contamination Law	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS90053 Transnational Corporations: Rights and Duties	April	12.5
LAWS70185 Water Law & Natural Resources Management	October	12.5

**Other subjects**

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
LAWS70149 Construction Risk	September	12.5
LAWS90040 Construction, the Community & Neighbours	March	12.5
LAWS90042 Development, Environment and Int'l Law	August	12.5
LAWS70141 Energy Regulation and the Law	March	12.5
LAWS70217 Fundamentals of the Common Law	February, July, Semester 1, Semester 2	12.5
LAWS90063 Global Governance	August	12.5
LAWS70452 Human Rights and Climate Change	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70236 Indigenous Peoples, Land & Resource Law	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70093 International Law and Development	April	12.5
LAWS70067 International Legal Internship	Summer Term, Semester 1, Semester 2, Winter Term	12.5
LAWS70423 International Mineral Law	August	12.5
LAWS70239 Payment Matters in Construction Projects	July	12.5
LAWS70041 Petroleum Law	Not offered 2016	12.5
LAWS70314 Principles of Construction Law	February, August	12.5
LAWS70173 Principles of International Law	April	12.5
LAWS90043 Principles of Natural Resources Law	April	12.5

	LAWS70205 Project Finance	October	12.5
	LAWS70113 Public Private Partnerships Law	June	12.5
	LAWS90029 Sustainable Urban Construction Law	Not offered 2016	12.5
	LAWS70122 Trade, Human Rights and Development	April	12.5
<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	<p># A degree in law (LLB, JD or equivalent) leading to admission to practice, at honours standard, or equivalent;  <b>or</b>  # A degree in law (LLB, JD or equivalent) leading to admission to practice, or equivalent and two years of documented relevant professional experience;  <b>or</b>  # An undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline and two years of documented relevant professional experience;  <b>or</b>  # An undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline; and successful completion of four subjects in a cognate graduate diploma and one year of documented relevant professional experience.</p> <p>The Selection Committee may seek further information to clarify any aspect of an application in accordance with the Academic Board <b>rules</b> (<a href="http://about.unimelb.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1413727/Use-of-Selection-Instruments-Rules-of-the-Academic-Board-23-March-2015.pdf">http://about.unimelb.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1413727/Use-of-Selection-Instruments-Rules-of-the-Academic-Board-23-March-2015.pdf</a>) on the use of selection instruments.</p>		
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>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: <a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/">www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</a></p>		
<b>Further Study:</b>	<p>A student who completes a masters degree in the Melbourne Law Masters is eligible to apply for entry to the PhD program.</p>		
<b>Graduate Attributes:</b>	<p>Advanced understanding of the changing knowledge base in the relevant area(s) of law The specialist focus of the Melbourne Law Masters, the constant review and renewal of subjects and courses to ensure coverage of recent developments, the range and expertise of instructors from Australia and around the world, and regular advice from MLM advisory boards combine to ensure that courses and subjects reflect emerging knowledge and ideas. Ability to investigate, evaluate, synthesise and apply existing knowledge in the relevant area(s) with creativity and initiative Small 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 approach Most subjects approach knowledge by reference to various issues or problems. Students are required 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 analysis Class preparation and class discussions are designed to enhance these skills, which are tested in all forms of assessment. All graduates of an LLM will have demonstrated, through subject assessment, the ability to use their research skills to plan, develop and execute substantial research-based project(s) and/or piece(s) of scholarship. Capacity to effectively communicate complex legal ideas and theories, orally and in writing, to a variety of audiences Classroom 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 research Research papers and other research tasks are expected to attain a degree of creativity, originality and discovery that befits a postgraduate program of the highest quality, and students are encouraged and assisted to publish original work of a high standard in refereed</p>		

journals. Capacity to manage competing demands on time and ability to work with a high level of autonomy and accountability The demanding nature of graduate study requires effective time-management skills from all students and an ability to work independently and be accountable for commitment to study and output, as demonstrated through class attendance, engagement and assessment. The rigour of our programs, whether undertaken part-time or full-time, ensures that all successful graduates have enhanced time-management skills and the ability to work with relative autonomy. Profound respect for truth and intellectual integrity, including the ethics of scholarship Some 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 leadership Instructors 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 teamwork Small 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 community Law 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 society Our 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 technology The 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.

**Links to further information:**

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