



PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information	
Awarding Institution	UWE, Bristol
Teaching Institution	UWE, Bristol
Delivery Location	UWE Bristol, Frenchay Campus
Study abroad / Exchange / Credit recognition	N/A
Faculty responsible for programme	Faculty of Business and Law
Department responsible for programme	Law
Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body Links	N/A
Highest Award Title	LLM Environmental Law and Sustainable Development
Default Award Title	N/A
Interim Award Titles	Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Sustainable Development Postgraduate Certificate in Environmental Law and Sustainable Development
UWE Progression Route	N/A
Mode of Delivery	Full time; Part time
ISIS code/s	M3AC12 (M29A)
For implementation from	September 2019

Part 2: Description

This postgraduate programme offers students an opportunity to engage with the challenges posed by sustainable development in an international and national legal context. It takes the perspective that environmental law needs to be considered along with the social and economic dimensions of development. A range of global environmental issues are explored, such as climate change, energy, biodiversity protection and water management from the viewpoint of both developed and developing countries. The programme supports one of the key aims of UWE, in seeking to foster a strong global outlook in students. It is designed to encourage innovation and creativity in assessing current problems at the cutting edge of environmental law and sustainable development and in designing responses, thus preparing graduates for employment in legal practice and commercial organisations as well as the public sector and non-governmental organisations, both in the UK and abroad.

The programme is based on an understanding of law as both a vocational discipline and a subject of academic study. The programme seeks to reflect this by:

- Equipping students with an advanced understanding of environmental law and sustainable development especially focusing on current issues at the forefront of academic study.
- Developing the analytical skills needed to make reasoned, creative and original judgments regarding the development and practical application of the law in this area.
- Assisting students to develop greater intellectual autonomy and to become independent learners.
- Equipping students with the research skills and methodological knowledge needed to conduct advanced legal research in relation to environmental law.
- Refining students' ability to communicate effectively complex ideas in oral and written form.
- Developing students' ability to look reflectively at their own professional practice.
- Encouraging ethical decision-making, sustainability and global citizenship.
- Assisting students to develop the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility and decision-making.
- Encouraging lifelong learning and personal development and thereby enabling students to be able to work with self-direction and originality and to make a positive contribution to society.

Programme requirements for the purposes of the Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR)

This programme equips students with an advanced understanding of key areas of law. It develops essential analytical, research and communication skills necessary for employment in legal practice as well as in related fields of employment. Students will be able to work with a high degree of intellectual autonomy and the ability to make reasoned, creative and original judgments in relation to the development and practical application of key areas of law as well as being able to work with self-direction and ethically to make a positive contribution to society and as global citizens.

Regulations

Approved to [University Regulations and Procedures](#)

Part 3: Learning Outcomes of the Programme

	Research Methods	International Environmental Law	Natural Resources Law	Foundations for Research	Dissertation
Learning Outcomes:					
A) Knowledge and understanding of:					
1. Complex and specialised areas of environmental law and sustainable development, often working at the current limits of understanding.		√	√		√
2. Rules and theories of environmental law and their application to emerging areas of sustainable development adopting an international and comparative approach.		√	√		√
3. Law and policy perspectives to address conflicts and overlaps between social, environmental and economic aspects of sustainable development law		√	√		√
4. Both traditional and novel concepts of environmental law and sustainable development.		√	√		√
5. Critical debates on the interrelationship between environmental law and sustainability and alternative approaches.		√	√		√
6. Research approaches and techniques used in the analysis of legal issues drawing on the main research traditions in law	√	√	√	√	√
7. Pervasive Issues including sustainability, global citizenship, diversity and employability		√	√		√
(B) Intellectual Skills					
1. Ability to deal with complex and specialised legal norms and to explore the current limits of legal knowledge in environmental Law and sustainable development;		√	√		√
2. Ability to critically analyse, at the appropriate postgraduate level, rules of law and to apply them to complex and developing factual situations;		√	√		√
3. Ability to analyse and synthesise abstract concepts and theories;	√	√	√	√	√
4. Ability to create responses to problems that redefine existing knowledge and/or develop new approaches to particular problems;		√	√		√
5. Ability to independently evaluate complex legal issues and to suggest alternatives;	√	√	√	√	√
6. Ability to present a structured argument at both abstract and concrete levels;	√	√	√	√	√
7. Ability to conceptualise and integrate complex ideas and arguments from multiple sources and perspectives	√	√	√	√	√

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(C) Subject/Professional/Practical Skills					
1. Ability to plan and undertake effective research on complex and specialised legal issues;	√	√	√	√	√
2. Ability to use information and knowledge effectively;	√	√	√	√	√
3. Ability to communicate effectively in both written and oral form;	√	√	√	√	√
4. Ability to articulate ideas, develop arguments and engage in debates orally, through presentations and group discussions and in written work;	√	√	√	√	√
5. Ability to recognise and address ethical dilemmas and corporate social responsibility issues	√	√	√	√	√
6. Ability to use relevant ICT effectively;	√	√	√	√	√
7. Ability to work effectively as part of a team				√	
(D) Transferable skills and other attributes					
1. Ability to work autonomously with a self-awareness of key research and analytical issues to be dealt with in any particular piece of work;	√	√	√	√	√
2. Ability to plan strategies for effective research and analysis;	√	√	√	√	√
3. Ability to think analytically and reflexively about complex material and to present arguments and information coherently and at a level consistent with postgraduate study;	√	√	√	√	√
4. An awareness of ethical issues including sustainability issues.	√	√	√	√	√
5. Independent learning and reflective practice required for effective performance in future work roles.	√			√	
6. Time management	√	√	√	√	√

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Part 4: Programme Structure

This structure diagram demonstrates the student journey from Entry through to Graduation for a typical **full time undergraduate student** including:

- level and credit requirements
- interim award requirements
- module diet, including compulsory and optional modules

ENTRY	Compulsory Modules	Optional Modules	Awards
	<p>(total of 120 credits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Methods UJGUP7-15-M • Foundations for Research UJGUPW-15-M • International Environmental Law UJGUPD-15-M • Natural Resources Law UJGUPN-15-M • Dissertation UJGT85-60-M 	<p>Students to choose 60 credits from the following modules (not all the modules will necessarily be offered in every academic year):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Globalisation and the Law UJGUP9-15-M • International Law and Institutions UJGUPC-15-M • International Human Rights Law UJGUPE-15-M • World Trade Organisation Law UJGUPM-15-M • Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility UJGUPP-15-M • International Employment Law UJGUPS-15-M • Shipping Law UJGUPR-15-M • European Environmental Law and Policy UJGUPQ-15-M • Contemporary Research Project UJGUPG-15-M • A maximum of one module not listed above, offered on any of the other LLM award routes by the Department of Law (15 credits) 	<p>Interim Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate Certificate in International Trade and Economic Law • Postgraduate Diploma in International Trade and Economic Law • Credit requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PG Cert 60 credits ▪ PG Dip 120 credits <p>Highest Award: LLM Environmental Law and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Credit requirements - 180 to include the Dissertation module which will be the final module undertaken.</p>

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Part time:

2 year programme

All modules can be taken in any of year 1, 2 except for the following:

Foundations for Research – to be taken in Year 1 Semester 1

Research Methods – to be taken in Year 1 Semester 2

International Environmental Law to be taken in Year 1

Dissertation – to be taken in Year 2

Three year programme

All modules can be taken in any of year 1, 2 and 3 except for the following:

Foundations for Research – to be taken in Year 1 Semester 1

Research Methods – to be taken in Year 1 Semester 1

International Environmental Law – to be taken in Year 1

Dissertation – to be taken in Year 3

Part 5: Entry Requirements

The University's Standard Entry Requirements for taught postgraduate programmes apply with the following additions

Candidates should normally hold a good honours degree in law (LLB (Hons)) or equivalent from a recognised UK Higher Education institution or equivalent from a recognised overseas institution.

Non law graduates may be admitted if they have relevant experience or an honours degree in a related subject area.

The University's Standard English Language Requirements for taught postgraduate programmes apply.

Part 6: Reference Points and Benchmarks

Set out which reference points and benchmarks have been used in the design of the programme:

[QAA UK Quality Code for HE](#)

-Framework for higher education qualifications (FHEQ)

-Qualification characteristics for [Master's degrees](#)

[Strategy 2020](#)

[University policies](#)

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