



Concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability Program Information for Students

Description

The Concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability was approved in August 2011 and is included in the 2012-13 version of the UVic Undergraduate Calendar.

The Concentration will provide students with the opportunity to take more courses in environmental law and sustainability, and to use their legal knowledge in the direct service of real clients pursuing a range of interests aimed at environmental protection.

Students who complete the eight required courses and electives will be recognized as having spent a significant portion of their undergraduate law program immersing themselves in environmental law and sustainability by providing a notation on their transcripts to that effect. This transcript notation may be earned for the first time by eligible students scheduled to graduate in May 2012.

Admission Requirements and Procedures

The Concentration is open to all students in the UVic Juris Doctor (JD) program who have attained an average of C+ or better in their previous year of legal studies. This includes students who have transferred from other Canadian law schools who completed first year law at a different institution. BCL/JD students are ineligible for the Concentration due to the course and unit requirements they must already meet under the terms of that program.

Students must apply for admission to the Concentration by submitting the application form to the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations. Students must be prepared to map out a proposed course of study to fulfill the requirements of the Concentration. The Associate Dean shall determine whether the Applicant qualifies to be admitted in the Concentration program.

Concentration Requirements

Students accepted into the Concentration must fulfill the requirements of the Concentration and must also fulfill the requirements of the JD Program. That is, they must register in at least 14.5 units in each of their second and third years of law, they must achieve standing in each year and they must fulfill the major paper requirement.

Students accepted into the Concentration must obtain a grade of C+ or better in all of the required courses and electives that are approved to qualify for the Concentration.

Students who successfully complete the requirements of the Concentration and the JD will receive a notation to this effect on their transcript. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the requirements are being met.

NB. Concentration students will not be given priority access to these courses and are expected to meet deadlines regarding registration and course lotteries to ameliorate their chances of gaining course access. Students are advised to familiarize themselves with the "Course Offering Patterns" document and the current schedules posted on the law website. This will assist with the recommended longer term planning for the Concentration.

Required Courses

Students must complete **all of these four courses** with a grade of C+ or higher in each.

- Law 301 The Administrative Law Process
- Law 309 The Law of Evidence
- Law 329 Environmental Law
- Law 353 Environmental Law Centre Clinic*

Elective Courses

Students must complete **at least 4 courses** from the following list, with a grade of C+ or higher in each:

- Law 328 Green Legal Theory (cross-listed with ES 419)
- Law 331 International Ocean Law
- Law 340 Indigenous Lands, Rights and Governance
- Law 353A Environmental Law Centre Clinic - Intensive Stream**
- Law 354 Forest Law and Policy
- Law 376 International Environmental Law
- Law 381 Animals, Culture and the Law
- Law 383 Municipal Law and Sustainable Land Use
- Law 384 Environmental Law and Sustainability Field Course - Hakai Institute
- Other elective courses approved in writing by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations, in advance of students enrolling in the course

The following three courses offered in 2012-13 are newly approved electives toward the concentration:

- Law 343-2 Water Law (Professor Curran, fall term 2012)
- Law 343-1 Contaminated Sites and Environmental Remediation (Professor Tollefson, spring term 2013)
- Law 343-9 Environmental Law and Science (Professor Haddock, spring term 2013)

**For students registered in Law 353A ELC Intensive, Law 353 ELC is a co-requisite in both terms in which the student is enrolled in Law 353A. For the purposes of the Concentration, Law 353, taken twice, may count as one elective course as well as a required course.*

***Students are required to enrol in Law 353A twice, in both fall and spring terms of a single academic year, for a total of 4.0 units. For the purposes of the Concentration, this course at 4.0 units may count as two elective courses.*

Other Courses

New courses in environmental law and sustainability will be developed as permitted by available resources. A list of relevant courses outside of the Faculty of Law will also be developed over the next year in consultation with the appropriate academic unit and posted for students. The Faculty of Law academic regulation governing credit for courses outside the of the Faculty applies to the Concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability.

Deadline for Application

Students must submit the application form by no later than the term prior to their final academic term. Earlier submission may result in the notation being added to the transcript at an earlier date. This is currently under review.

All deadlines are subject to change as the program continues to develop.

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Application Form

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University of Victoria, Faculty of Law

Applications for the Concentration must be submitted
by no later than the term prior to your final academic term.
Submit this application to the Office of the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations,
Fraser Building Room 102, or by email to lawada@uvic.ca

The form must be completely filled out.

Name: _____

Student Number: V00_____

UVic Email Address: _____

Please complete the following questions:

1. I am currently in my _____ term of _____ year. (e.g. My first term of third year)
2. Select one:
 I am a co-op student
 I am not a co-op student
3. Below, please map out your course plan for fulfilling the Concentration and JD requirements. Include which of the electives you would prefer and in which terms you hope to take the eight courses. Note that this does not guarantee you access to any courses but will help us to plan. Consult the "Course Offering Patterns" document posted on the law website with the schedules. Courses must be taken at UVic Law and approved by the Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations.

Course: _____	Term: _____
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I confirm that I have read and understood the supporting documentation regarding the Concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that I meet the requirements.

Name and Signature: _____ Date: _____