

International Environmental Law

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International Environmental Law is a rapidly evolving, exciting and important area of law. Protecting the environment requires effective legal frameworks. In this LLM, you will study general principles of environmental law and international treaty regimes that address global challenges, such as climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental degradation.

The core modules on this course will introduce you to Global Environmental Law and International Law on Climate Change. These subject areas will be studied from the international perspective but in the context of regional and national implementation.

You can choose from a list of modules that intersect with international environmental law such as human rights, world trade law, general international law, biolaw, and energy law.

A supervised dissertation in an international environmental law area of your choice completes the programme.

The LLM in International Environmental Law will be taught through a combination of lectures and seminars. The lecture provides the key information and the seminar develops these ideas and issues further utilising a problem-based approach.

As a postgraduate student, you will have the opportunity of attending events, seminars and workshops of Centre for Sustainable Development Law and Policy. You will benefit from our vibrant research environment that regularly provides a number of research and social events, with external speakers and law professionals providing further insights. You will be an integral part of our research community.



Core Modules

- Global Environmental Law
- International Law on Climate Change

Optional modules (include)*

- Advanced Issues in Human Rights
- Advanced Issues in International Intellectual Property Law
- Advanced Issue in International Economic Law
- Frontiers in Biolaw
- Fundamentals of International Law
- Law of the Sea

*Not all modules will run every year.



Studying Climate Change Law and Policy at Durham is unique, due to the proximity of the Centre for Sustainable Development Law and Policy (CSDLP). The CSDLP offers a myriad of opportunities, from climate-related lectures by judges from leading courts around the globe to participation in research projects. Studying at Durham Law School has not only broadened my knowledge, but has also demonstrated how relevant the content learned is at an international level.

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