



ACADEMIC ADVISING

for LLM Students

Summer 2024

To: LLM in Environmental Law Class of 2025
LLM in Energy Law Class of 2025
LLM in Food and Agricultural Law Class of 2025
LLM in Animal Law Class of 2025

From: Anne Linehan, Staff Director, Environmental Law Center

Greetings from Vermont Law and Graduate School. I am an academic planning advisor for students in our environmental degree programs. I have worked here for over 26 years and every year I enjoy welcoming a new group of LLM students to campus.

Here are some important dates to keep in mind as the fall semester approaches:

Tuesday, August 1: Understanding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion module opens (online)

Monday, August 12–Wednesday, August 14: individual advising sessions (virtual)

Thursday, August 15: registration for fall and spring classes opens at 9:00 am (online)

Monday, August 19–Tuesday, August 20: Orientation sessions (online)

Wednesday, August 21–Thursday, August 22: LLM Orientation (on campus)

International students who have not studied US law are encouraged to attend the full orientation for incoming JD students, August 19-23.

You will be registering for both fall and spring semesters but will have the opportunity to add and drop courses during the first two weeks of each semester. You will register for summer courses next spring.

It is a good idea to spend some time before Orientation thinking about what courses you want to take; whether you want to participate in a clinic, research team, or externship; and how you plan to fulfill all the degree requirements. To help you plan, I have enclosed the fall and spring class schedules and planning guidelines for your degree.

Please feel free to email me with any questions at alinehan@vermontlaw.edu. I look forward to meeting you soon!



2024 ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

Draft Schedule – 6-18-24 – subject to change

**LLM in Environmental Law, LLM in Energy Law,
LLM in Food & Agriculture Law, and LLM in Animal Law**

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

- 2:00-3:00 PM** Technology Services and CampusWeb | Microsoft Teams
- 3:15-4:15 PM** Financial Aid | Teams

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

- 3:30-4:30 PM** Important Policies, Wellness Resources, and Safety Information | Teams
- 4:45-5:15 PM** Your Alumni Community | Teams

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

- 9:00-10:00 AM** LLM Welcome and Introductions | Hoff Lounge, Oakes Hall
- 10:00-10:30 AM** Campus Tour | Starts at Hoff Lounge
- 10:30-11:30 AM** Strategic Academic and Career Planning | Hoff Lounge
- 12:15 PM** Brown bag lunches available | Yates Common Room
- 1:45-3:15 PM** Diversity Session | Chase Community Center
- 3:15-4:30 PM** Break
- 4:30-5:30 PM** Academic Regulations & Plagiarism | Teams

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 (optional)

- 8:30-9:00 AM** Board buses for Montpelier | Oakes Hall Parking Lot
- 10:00-1:00 PM** Meet with State Officials | House Chambers

1:00-3:00 PM	Lunch on your own and explore downtown Montpelier
3:00-3:15 PM	Class Photo Capitol Steps
3:15-3:30 PM	Board buses for South Royalton Vermont State Capitol Parking Lot
5:00-7:00 PM	Welcome Picnic Debevoise Back Lawn

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 (optional)

8:30 AM–12:00 PM	Environmental Field Trip Meet at the Oakes Hall Parking Lot We will travel by bus to visit local farms and other environmental sites
12:00 PM	Return to VLGS
2:00-4:00 PM	Beach Day Paine's Beach, South Royalton

Fall 2024 MCEP/MERL/MPP/LLM Schedule Grid

Time	Monday		Tuesday			Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
8:30 - 9:45	Intro to Policy Research & Writing					Intro to Policy Research & Writing				Green Finance	Transnat'l Env Clinic
9:55 - 11:10	Administrative Law		Animals & Law			Administrative Law		Animals & Law			
11:20 - 12:35	Energy Law & Policy	Intro to Food/Ag Law & Pol	Oil & Gas Development			Energy Law & Policy	Intro to Food/Ag Law & Pol	Oil & Gas Development		Global Sustainability (Cuba Trip) - during Thanksgiving break	
12:45 - 2:00	Land Use Regulation	Food Regulation & Pol				Land Use Regulation	Food Regulation & Pol			LLM Seminar	
2:10 - 3:25	Legislation/Regulation Survey		Natural Resources Law			Legislation/Regulation Survey		Natural Resources Law		International Climate Change (COP)	
3:35 - 4:50/5:10	Climate Change: Power of Taxes		Quant Analysis	Fund of ESG	Farmed Animal Clinic/Food & Ag Clinic	Energy Clinic	Env Advocacy Clinic/Env Justice Clinic	Fund of EJ/Struct Inequality	Animal Ethics	Professional Identity module - dates TBD	

Fall 1 Online: 8/26/24 - 10/13/24

Climate Change & Law	Native Americans & Law
Energy Law & Policy	Policy Design
Env Restorative Justice	Professional Identity module
Fed Reg of Food/Ag	Science of Animal Law
Intro to Ag & Food L&P	Understanding DEI module
Intro to Public Policy	Water Quality
Leg/Reg Survey	

Fall 2 Online: 10/21/24 - 12/8/24

Administrative Law	Land Use Regulation
Animal Protection Policy	Law & Pol of Local Food
Energy Regulation	Natural Resources
Environmental Law	Negotiation module
Fund of Climate Change	Public Participation module
Fund of Env Justice	Structural Inequality
Intro Policy Res & Writing	Sustainable Transportation

Spring 2025 MCEP/MERL/MPP/LLM Schedule Grid

Time	Monday		Tuesday			Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
8:30 - 9:45											
9:55 - 11:10	Energy Regulation		Law of Animals in Ag			Energy Regulation		Law of Animals in Ag		Master's Thesis Seminar I	Transnat'l Env Clinic
11:20 - 12:35	Climate Change Law	Enviro Law				Climate Change Law	Enviro Law				
12:45 - 2:00											
2:10 - 3:25	Climate Justice	Energy Regulation	Animal Protection Policy			Climate Justice	Energy Regulation	Animal Protection Policy		Negotiation module - dates TBD	
3:35 - 4:50/5:10	Env Econ (3:35-6:10)	Water Quality	Env Adv Clinic	Farmed Animal Clinic	Energy Clinic	Env Justice & Food/Ag Clinics	Water Quality	Fundamentals of Climate Change		Public Participation module - dates TBD	

Spring 1 Online: 1/13/25 - 3/2/25

Administrative Law	LLM Seminar
Energy Regulation	Natural Resources
Intl Env Law & Pol	Policy Design
Law of Animals in Ag	Professional Identity
Leg/Reg Survey	Understanding DEI

Spring 2 Online: 3/10/25 - 4/27/25

Animal Ethics	Intro to Policy Res & Writing
Comms Advocacy Leadership	Land Use Reg
Env Dispute Resolution	Negotiation module
Environmental Economics	Public Participation module
Fund of Climate Change	Quantitative Analysis
Fund of Env Justice	Structural Inequality
Global Food Security	Sustainable Energy Proj Fin
	Water Resources

LLM in Animal Law Planning Guidelines

Requirements of the Degree

- A minimum of 30 credits, including all required courses
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.3 for successful completion of the degree

Required Courses

- ANM5307 Animals and the Law (3)
- ENV5105 Administrative Law (3)
- LLM9606 LLM Graduate Seminar (3)

Animal Law and Policy Electives (minimum of 6 credits)

There are animal law and policy elective courses offered during the academic year, in the Summer Session, and online. See Academic Regulations for an approved list.

Project/Writing Requirement (minimum of 2 credits)

- LLM Thesis (6) or LLM Research Project (2–6) on an animal topic
- LLM externship (4–10)
- Environmental Advocacy Clinic, Environmental Justice Clinic, Food and Agriculture Clinic, Energy Clinic, or Transnational Environmental Clinic (working on an animal law matter)
- Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic

Electives

Choose any remaining courses from the approved list in the Academic Regulations.

Transfer Credits

You may transfer in up to 6 approved, relevant credits from another LLM program. Courses completed more than 5 years prior to matriculation will not transfer. Grades for transfer credits must be “C” or better.

Academic Planning

During the registration process, work with your academic advisor to establish a tentative schedule of courses you plan to take for your degree, subject to later modifications. Consider what, if any, courses you want to transfer or waive. It is your responsibility to ensure fulfillment of all degree requirements. Check with the Registrar if you have questions regarding your degree status.

Tuition Billing

LLM students are billed on a per-credit basis. For further information: studentaccounts@vermontlaw.edu.

Summer Session

Summer Session registration begins in April. You can look at the previous year’s summer calendar to get an idea of what classes will be offered residentially.

Online Classes

All of the LLM required courses, as well as many electives, are available as online, asynchronous classes. Online semesters are divided into two terms; each online class is seven weeks long.

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LLM in Energy Law Planning Guidelines

Requirements of the Degree

- A minimum of 30 credits, including all required courses
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.3 for successful completion of the degree

Required Courses

- ENG5226 Energy Law & Policy in a Carbon-Constrained World (3)
- ENG5228 Energy Regulation, Markets, and the Environment (3)
- ENV5105 Administrative Law (3)
- LLM9606 LLM Graduate Seminar (3)

Energy Electives (minimum of 4 credits)

There are energy elective courses offered during the academic year, in the Summer Session, and online. See Academic Regulations for an approved list.

Project/Writing Requirement (one of the following)

- CLI9427 Energy Clinic (3-6)
- CLI9437 Advanced Energy Clinic (3-6)
- LLM Thesis (6) or LLM Research Project (2–6) on an energy topic
- LLM externship (4–10)
- Env Advocacy Clinic, Env Justice Clinic, Food and Agriculture Clinic, Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic, or Transnational Energy Clinic (working on an energy topic)
- Institute for Energy and the Environment Research Team

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LLM in Environmental Law Planning Guidelines

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Required Courses

- LLM9606 LLM Graduate Seminar (3)
- ENV5105 Administrative Law (3)
- ENV5115 Environmental Law (3)

Thesis, Teaching Project, or Research Project

You have the option of writing a 6-credit thesis, which must be a substantial piece of written work of publishable quality. To write a thesis, you must submit a 10–15-page thesis proposal to be approved by your faculty supervisor and the Director of the Environmental Law Center. You also have the option of completing a 4-6 credit teaching practicum or a 2-6 credit research project. A 5-page project proposal must be approved by your faculty supervisor and the Director of the ELC.

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LLM in Food and Agricultural Law Planning Guidelines

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Required Courses

- LLM9606 LLM Graduate Seminar (3) (no waivers)
- ENV5105 Administrative Law (3)
- FAA5108 Intro to Agriculture and Food Law and Policy (3)

Food & Agriculture Electives (6 credits)

There are food and agriculture elective courses offered during the academic year, in the Summer Session, and online. See Academic Regulations for an approved list.

Project/Writing

You must complete at least one of the following.

- LLM Thesis (6) or Research Project (2-6) on a food/ag topic
- LLM externship (4-10)
- CAFS Research Associate Program
- Environmental Advocacy Clinic, Environmental Justice Clinic, Energy Clinic, Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic, or Transnational Energy Clinic (working on a food/agriculture topic)
- CLI9428 Food & Agriculture Clinic (4)

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