



# MASTER OF ENERGY REGULATION AND LAW (MERL)

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**A 34-credit  
degree focused  
on law and  
policy  
governing  
energy use,  
production, and  
transmission.**

## THE **DEGREE**

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MERL faculty are associated with Vermont Law and Graduate School's world renowned **Institute for Energy and the Environment (IEE)**. Students develop a broad-based understanding of the intersection of energy and law, regulation, policy, and economic analysis.

The MERL program provides practical training in public advocacy and writing for a legal and policy audience, opportunities for independent research with support from faculty, and the opportunity to participate in externships. MERL graduates are prepared to address the immediate challenges facing energy regulation nationally and across the globe.

Graduates are employed by a variety of organizations, including:

- National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
- North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center

The degree can be completed residually or online. Hybrid options are also available.

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## SAMPLE SCHEDULE: RESIDENTIAL PATH

Residential students start in the fall semester.

AUGUST IGNITION (online, synchronous non-credit modules)	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
Intro to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	Legislation and Regulation Survey	Energy Regulation	Quantitative Analysis
Building a Professional Identity	Energy Law and Policy	Environmental Economics	Three Essentials of the Electric Grid
	Public Participation	Negotiation and Consensus-Building	Global Energy Law and Policy
	Green Finance	Energy Clinic or Research Team	Renewable Energy Project Finance and Development
	Climate Change and the Law (sample elective)	Oil and Gas Production and the Environment	Clean Transportation Law and Policy
0 Credits	11 credits	12 credits	11 credits

## SAMPLE SCHEDULE: ONLINE PATH

Online students start in any semester. Each online course is seven weeks long.

FALL 1	FALL 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1
Legislation and Regulation Survey	Energy Law and Policy	Energy Regulation	Environmental Economics	Quantitative Analysis
Intro to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	Building a Professional Identity			Public Participation
3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	2 credits

SUMMER 2	FALL 1 AND 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1
Sustainable Energy Finance	MERL Externship and/or Energy Research Project	Oil and Gas Production and the Environment	Sustainable Transportation	Energy Efficiency Policy
Negotiation and Consensus-Building				
3 credits	8 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits