

# Environmental Law Certificate of Concentration

## Objective

The Environmental Law Concentration offers students an opportunity to focus their education on topics related to the natural world, including the law of clean water, air, and land, wildlife and animals, and the protection of human health. Students work with others in the concentration program. They receive mentoring from the environmental law faculty.

## Learning Outcomes

The Environmental Law Certificate of Concentration Learning Outcomes can be found on PolicyTech (<https://stetsonuniversity.navexone.com/content/dotNet/documents/?docid=751&app=pt&source=browse&public=true>).

## Eligibility

Any Stetson law student in good standing who has completed not less than 30 credits and not more than 45 credits may apply for acceptance into the Environmental Law Concentration Program. The Director of the Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy will make final determinations on all applications for acceptance into this program based upon consideration of the student's demonstrated commitment to the program and the likelihood that the student will be able to successfully complete the requirements of the program.

## Requirements

In order to receive the certificate of concentration in environmental law at graduation, a student must make a timely application (<https://forms.office.com/r/49KbGF397V/>) for inclusion in the program, be accepted into the program, and carry out the following:

- Complete at least 21 hours in the Approved Curriculum, including successful completion of the Mandatory Curriculum requirements, with an average G.P.A. of at least 3.0 among all of those courses taken from the Approved Curriculum. Further, the student shall not have received a grade of less than 2.25 (or "S" in any course not graded on the 4.0 scale) in any of those courses taken in the Approved Curriculum. Under compelling circumstances, the Concentration Advisor and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may grant a waiver of a minimum Grade Point Average;
- Participate in an approved experiential learning opportunity related to environmental law (e.g., a skills course or externship);
- Complete additional mentoring, pro-bono service, and administrative requirements; and
- Write a paper in the area of environmental law that would fulfill the upper-level writing requirement.

## Required Mentoring

Upon being selected into the Environmental Law Concentration Program, a student will be assigned a mentor who is a member of the College of Law faculty. It is anticipated that no member of the faculty will be assigned more than five such students at any one time.

The student will be expected to meet regularly with such mentor, no less than one time each semester, for the purpose of discussing advancement toward completion of the requirements for receipt of the certificate in concentration. Further, as a prerequisite for registration for each upcoming semester, such students will be required to obtain the approval of their mentor regarding their course selection. It is the goal of this required mentoring that the participating members of the faculty will pass along to the students the benefit of their own experience and/or expertise in the field of environmental law.

## Pro Bono

To receive the Environmental Law Certificate of Concentration, a student must perform at least 30 hours of pro bono work related to environmental protection or environmental law. These hours may overlap with the 60 hours required of all Stetson students.

## Administrative Hours

To receive the Environmental Law Certificate of Concentration, a student must perform at least 10 hours assisting with the Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition, International Wildlife Law Conference, or other Biodiversity Institute activities.

## Approved Mandatory Curriculum

| Code                                | Title                         | Credits        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| LAW 3040                            | ADMINISTRATIVE LAW            | 3 credits      |
| or LAW 3490                         | FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE LAW    |                |
| LAW 3340                            | ENVIRONMENTAL LAW             | 3 credits      |
| <b>Select one of the following:</b> |                               |                |
| LAW 3132                            | ANIMAL LAW SEMINAR            | 2 to 3 credits |
| LAW 3177                            | CASES & PLACES SEMINAR        | 3 credits      |
| LAW 3511                            | FOOD LAW AND POLICY SEMINAR   | 2 to 3 credits |
| LAW 3759                            | NATURAL RESOURCES LAW SEMINAR | 2 to 3 credits |
| LAW 3945                            | WETLANDS SEMINAR              | 2 to 3 credits |

## Elective Curriculum

| Code     | Title     | Credits        |
|----------|-----------|----------------|
| LAW 3053 | ADMIRALTY | 2 to 3 credits |

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| LAW 3133 | ANIMAL LAW AND POLICY   | 2<br>to<br>3<br>credits | LAW 3909  | TOPICS IN BIODIVERSITY LAW   | 1<br>to<br>2<br>credits |
| LAW 3176 | THE CLEAN WATER ACT   | 2<br>credits            | LAW 3945  | WETLANDS SEMINAR (if not taken to satisfy<br>Mandatory Curriculum) | 2<br>to<br>3<br>credits |
| LAW 3177 | CASES & PLACES SEMINAR  | 3<br>credits            | LAW 3947  | WHITE COLLAR CRIME   | 2<br>to<br>3<br>credits |
| LAW 3355 | ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY  | 2<br>credits            | LAW 4533  | JACOBS LAW CLINIC FOR DEMOCRACY AND<br>THE ENVIRONMENT             | 1<br>to<br>5<br>credits |
| LAW 3339 | ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS ASSOCIATED<br>WITH REAL PROPERTY                          | 2<br>to<br>3<br>credits | STETSON SUMMER-ABROAD COURSES (AS LONG AS IT'S AN<br>ENVIRONMENTAL LAW FOCUS)   |  |                         |
| LAW 3341 | ENV LAW-STUDENT TEACHING PROG   | 2<br>credits            | DIRECTED RESEARCH PROJECT (THE PAPER MUST HAVE<br>ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS)  |  |                         |
| LAW 3342 | ENVIRONMENTAL LAW EXTERNSHIP  | 1<br>to<br>4<br>credits | INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECT (THE PAPER MUST HAVE<br>ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS)  |  |                         |
| LAW 3349 | ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICE  | 2<br>to<br>3<br>credits | DISPUTE RESOLUTION BOARD (IF COMPETITION HAS<br>ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS)  |  |                         |
| LAW 3451 | FEDERAL INDIAN LAW  | 3<br>credits            | MOOT COURT BOARD (IF COMPETITION HAS<br>ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS)  |  |                         |
| LAW 3370 | ENVIRONMENTAL REGULAT OF WATER  | 2<br>to<br>3<br>credits | CLINIC (IF CLINIC HAS ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS; REQUIRES<br>APPROVAL OF FACULTY MENTOR)  |  |                         |
| LAW 3511 | FOOD LAW AND POLICY SEMINAR   | 2<br>to<br>3<br>credits | EXTERNSHIP (OTHER THAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW<br>EXTERNSHIP AND HAS ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS; REQUIRES<br>APPROVAL OF FACULTY MENTOR) |  |                         |
| LAW 3567 | INTERNATIONAL ENERGY LAW  | 3<br>credits            |   |  |                         |
| LAW 3577 | INT'L ENVIRONMENTAL LAW   | 2<br>to<br>3<br>credits |   |  |                         |
| LAW 3633 | LAND USE LAW  | 3<br>credits            |   |  |                         |
| LAW 3693 | LAW REVIEW WRITING CREDIT (if paper has<br>environmental focus)                 | 1<br>to<br>2<br>credits |   |  |                         |
| LAW 3699 | LEGISLATION   | 3<br>credits            |   |  |                         |
| LAW 3759 | NATURAL RESOURCES LAW SEMINAR (if not<br>taken to satisfy Mandatory Curriculum) | 2<br>to<br>3<br>credits |   |  |                         |
| LAW 3763 | OCEAN & COASTAL LAW & POLICY  | 3<br>credits            |   |  |                         |
| LAW 3782 | PUBLIC MARITIME LAW   | 2<br>credits            |   |  |                         |
| LAW 3810 | REMEDIES  | 3<br>credits            |   |  |                         |