

RECORD OF COMPLETION FOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Growing resource scarcity makes the rational management of natural resources/environmental increasingly important. Lawyers play a considerable role in the formation of resource policy along with persons from other disciplines. The **CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN NATURAL RESOURCES/ ENVIRONMENTAL LAW** is designed to allow students to undertake a concentration of legal study, research and writing in the natural resources/environmental area. The Certificate Program recognizes the multidisciplinary nature of natural resources and environmental studies and, accordingly, encourages work in other disciplines. The courses taken by the student will include a minimum twenty-one (21) semester hours from the offerings listed below. A GPA of least a 2.5 in those semester hours that count toward the Certificate is required.

The Natural Resources/Environmental Law Certificate has a set of core requirements and two options for completing the remainder of the semester hours. Under Option A, the student can meet the required certificate credits, in part, by becoming a member of the *Natural Resources Journal*. Under Option B, the student completes the Certificate requirements entirely with course offerings.

Core Requirements:

1. Earn a total of twenty-one (21) natural resources/environmental credits.
2. Successfully complete the following courses* for a total of six (6) credits:

Administrative Law (614) **or** Environmental Law (580)

and

Natural Resources Law (565) **or** Water Law (547)

*IF YOU CAN SHOW THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN AN EQUIVALENT LAW SCHOOL CLASS, THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS MAY BE WAIVED.

Option A:

A portion of the remaining 15 credits must be earned by:

1. Becoming a member of the *Natural Resources Journal* through the writing competition and completing all 4 sections, thus earning ten (10) credits toward the Certificate. (You will, however, be credited with 12 credits toward graduation for this work.)
2. Successfully complete an additional five (5) credits of elective natural resources/environmental courses from the following alternatives:
 - a. Law school courses.
 - b. Up to six (6) credits of graduate courses from non-law natural resources/environmental related fields. These courses must have prior approval from the Natural Resources Committee Chair. See the Law School Registrar to complete the paperwork.
 - c. A natural resources/environmental externship for two (2) credits or three (3) credits.
 - d. Environmental Law Moot Court for one (1) credit.
3. The law school writing requirement must be satisfied with a natural resources/environmental topic. Normally, a student will satisfy the law school writing requirement through a paper written for the *Natural Resources Journal*, although the paper need not be published.

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Option B:

1. A portion of the remaining fifteen (15) credits must include two (2) of the following:
 - a. Up to six (6) credits of graduate courses from non-law natural resources/environmental related fields. These courses must have prior approval from the Natural Resources Committee Chair. Thereafter, see the Law School Registrar to complete the paperwork.
 - b. A natural resources/environmental externship for two (2) credits or three (3) credits.
 - c. Environmental Law Moot Court for one (1) credit.

A natural resources/environmental independent study for no more than (6) credits.
2. The law school writing requirement must address a natural resources/environmental topic. Two (2) faculty readers are required, unless, the first reader waives the requirement of the second reader.



In order to be awarded a Certificate in Natural Resources/Environmental Law upon your graduation, you must submit this Record of Completion for the Certificate Program and an unofficial transcript to the Registrar, *within the first two (2) weeks of your last semester* in law school.

Name _____
Last *First* *Middle*

Anticipated graduation date _____ Date form submitted to Registrar _____

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PLANNING GUIDE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES COURSES

The following are courses that will typically count towards completion of a Natural Resources Certificate. Other course credits may count, in whole or in part, with prior approval from the Natural Resources Committee.

Mark law school courses in which you are enrolled during your last semester with a “*” under Date Completed.

Course Frequency Key:		A = Generally offered every semester				
		B = Generally offered one semester every year				
		C = Offered every other year when faculty availability allows				
Offered Regularly		D = Offered when student interest and faculty availability allow				
Law Course #		Course Name	Credit Hours	Date Completed	Credits	Grade
614	B	Administrative Law (core course)	3			
518	C	Administrative Practice	3			
593	D	Advanced Water Law Problems Seminar	2/3			
536	D	Endangered Species Law	3			
576	D	Energy & the Environment	3			
593	D	Environmental Justice Seminar	2/3			
580	B	Environmental Law (core course)	3			
593	D	Environmental Law Moot Court	1			
593	D	Environmental/Natural Resources Practice	2			
630	D	Environmental Problems Seminar	2/3			
593	D	Federal Law of Water Resources Seminar	2/3			
593	D	Global Warming Seminar	2/3			
554	D	Indian Water Rights Seminar	2/3			
593	D	International Environmental Law	2			
593	D	International Natural Resources Law	3			
619	D	International Petroleum Transactions Law	2			
593	D	International Water Law	2			
593	D	Int'l Trade Agreements & Protection of Environment Law	3			
635	C	Land Use Regulation & Planning Law	3			
538/568 539/569	B	Fall I & III / Spring II & IV Natural Resources Journal I-IV (10 credits toward certificate & 12 credits toward graduation)	10			
594	A	Natural Resources/ Environmental /Energy Individual Research	1/3			
721	A	Natural Resources/ Environmental (Law Office/Program) Externship	2/3			
565	C	Natural Resources Law (core course)	1/3			
593	D	Natural Resources: Indian Country Seminar	2/3			
593	D	Natural Resources: Specialized Legal Research	1/3			
542	D	Oil & Gas Contracts Law	3			
544	C	Oil & Gas Law Seminar	2/3			
593	D	Practical Application of Water Law	2			
528	D	Regulation of Utilities Law	3			
593	D	Transboundary Water Law	2			
547	B	Water Law (core course)	3			

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Law Course #		Course Name	Credit Hours	Date Completed	Credits	Grade
575	D	Western Water Policy Seminar	2/3			
593	D	Weather, US Law & Society	3			
593	D	Wildlife Law	2			
617	D	Writing in Natural Resources	3			
		Writing Requirement				
COURSES HAVING CREDIT OF 2/3 MAY BE TAKEN FOR 3 CREDITS IF THE PAPER IS USED FOR WRITING REQUIREMENT, OTHERWISE THEY ARE TAKEN FOR 2 CREDITS						Total Credits

NON-LAW GRADUATE COURSES RELATED TO NATURAL RESOURCES OR ENVIRONMENT

Course #		Course Name	Credit Hours	Date Completed	Credits	Grade
						Total Credits

APPROVALS ARE OBTAINED FROM THE CHAIR OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENTAL LAW COMMITTEE

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| <b>REGISTRAR CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFYING GPA (2.5 MINIMUM REQUIRED) IN THE TWENTY-ONE (21) CREDIT HOURS THAT COUNT TOWARDS THE CERTIFICATE</b> |  |
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*William Jackson, School of Law Registrar*

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*Professor Denise Fort, Natural Resources Comm. Chair 09-10*

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*Date*

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