

RECORD OF COMPLETION  
NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CERTIFICATE 2022

To receive the Natural Resources & Environmental Law Certificate as a member of the UNM Law Class of 2022, you must fulfill the following requirements in the course of earning your JD at UNM. You must submit this Record of Completion and unofficial transcript to the Registrar in your final semester of law school.

21 credits that include:

- **Mandatory Core Courses:**
    - 2 of the following 3 courses: Administrative Law, Natural Resources Law or Environmental Law.
  - **Mandatory: Fulfilling the “writing seminar” or the “drafting class” portion of the law school’s writing requirement on a natural resources or environmental law topic.** The Natural Resources and Environmental Law (NREL) Committee will identify seminars for which any completed paper will be recognized for the certificate; a paper written for another seminar may qualify, but only with the approval of the Committee.
  - **Mandatory: Satisfactory completion of at least two of the following:**
    - An externship in the natural resources or environmental field
    - *Natural Resources Journal* membership (six credits total)
    - A Committee-approved, non-law graduate level course on a natural resources/environmental topic
    - Pace Environmental Moot Court competition or NALC Animal Law Moot Court competition
    - Faculty-supervised Individual Research in natural resources/environmental issues
    - The Natural Resources & Environmental Law Clinic
    - Advanced NREL Clinic
    - Semester in DC, with placement relating to environmental/natural resources law
  - **Additional courses**
    - See list of courses (below) that count toward the 21-credit requirement. Courses not on this list may count if approved by the NREL Committee.
    - With prior approval from the NREL Committee, graduate-level courses from other UNM departments may satisfy as many as six (6) hours of the course requirements.
- Note:** The NREL Committee may waive one of these requirements based on your specific circumstances. If you have received such a waiver, please note it on the next page.

***I have met the requirements for the Natural Resources & Environmental Law Certificate as stated above.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Banner ID # \_\_\_\_\_  
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Anticipated graduation date \_\_\_\_\_ Date form submitted to Registrar \_\_\_\_\_

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***Natural Resources & Environmental Law Courses at UNM School of Law***

Core courses (must have at least two)

- Administrative Law
- Environmental Law
- Natural Resources Law

Writing seminars/Drafting courses (must have at least on

- Climate Change and Energy
- Environmental Justice
- Environmental Litigation Drafting
- Indian Water Law
- New Mexico Environmental and Administrative Practice
- Oil & Gas Writing Seminar
- Tribal Natural and Cultural Resources
- Other writing seminar (paper specifically approved by the NREL Committee)

Skills/experience courses (must have at least two)

- Natural Resources Journal I-IV
- Pace Environmental Law Moot Court Team (or Animal Law Moot Court Team, if problem qualifies)
- Externship (*must relate to Natural Resources/Environmental Law*)
- Individual Research (Law 594) (*must relate to Natural Resources/Environmental law*)
- Approved Non-Law graduate course(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Natural Resources & Environmental Law Clinic
- Advanced Clinic (Natural Resources & Environmental Law)
- DC Semester (*placement must relate to Natural Resources/Environmental Law*)

Other Natural Resources/Environmental courses at the School of Law

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Legal Research ( <u>only</u> w/ Prof. Laws) | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources in Indian Country |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Planning – Renewable Energy                | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil & Gas Law                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Enforcement                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Law                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Environmental Law                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Law                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use  |  |

*Note: other courses may earn credit toward the Certificate, with approval of the NREL Committee.*

- I received a waiver from the NREL Committee for the following requirement:
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