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Energy, Environment & Natural Resources

LL.M. Program

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Houston is the energy capital of the world – the perfect location to pursue an LL.M. in Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) Law at the University of Houston Law Center. Our EENR Center remains at the forefront in linking our growing need for energy with its impact on nature and natural resources. The Center provides a forum for education and discussion of the most important issues of the day such as climate change, air pollution, clean coal, and renewable energy. Our energy curriculum ranks among the best in the nation, and our LL.M. program has earned an international reputation for excellence.

The EENR program trains lawyers to handle the complex legal and policy issues that surround three areas: energy production, transportation, and use; pollution prevention; and natural resources exploitation and conservation. Economic and political forces play a role in all of these areas, and applicable law may be local, national or international in scope. The Law Center’s broad curriculum gives students the opportunity to acquire or deepen their analytical and practical skills for a career in these complex subject areas. UHLC faculty hold outstanding reputations for their expertise in the energy, environment, and resource management areas, and a strong corps of adjunct professors bring important perspectives to our classrooms. Our most recent initiative is the Andrews Kurth Energy Law Scholars program which brings promising scholars and teachers in energy law from around the world to teach and conduct research at the Law Center. Their areas of expertise include LNG and shale gas, policy reform in oil-producing countries, and transnational investment in Latin America.

LL.M. students benefit from the many resources offered through the EENR Center which coordinates research opportunities, lectures by renowned speakers, and student visits to energy-related facilities in the Houston area. LL.M. students have many opportunities to network at programs on hot topics offered by the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators, the World Affairs Council, the Baker Institute Energy Forum, and three sections of the Houston Bar Association: Environmental Law, Oil, Gas and Energy Law and International Law.

LL.M. Degree Options

Lawyers who earned their law degree from a U.S. school may apply directly to the LL.M. Program in Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Law. EENR courses must account for 15 of the 24 credit hours required for graduation. Students interested in writing a paper have two options: (1) enroll in a seminar, or (2), with the approval of a faculty adviser, write a thesis. Past LL.M. students have earned national awards for their work and have seen their works published in the Law Center’s Houston Journal of International Law and in other academic forums.

Lawyers who earned their law degree from a foreign school have two options:

- Lawyers with strong backgrounds in EENR law and who possess superior skills in speaking and writing in English may apply directly to the LL.M. Program in Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Law. The 24 credit hours needed for graduation must include 15 hours of approved EENR courses, as well as two required courses: Introduction to American Law and Legal Research and Writing. Students interested in writing a paper have two options: (1) enroll in a seminar, or (2), with the approval of a faculty adviser, write a thesis.

- Lawyers may also choose to enter the Foreign Scholars LL.M. Program, which offers a Certificate of Specialization in Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Law. The 24 credit hours needed for graduation must include 12 hours of approved EENR courses and two required courses: Introduction to American Law and Legal Research and Writing. Students in the certificate program may elect to enroll in a seminar to write a paper (not a thesis) in an area of interest.

Courses

- Advanced Oil and Gas Contract Drafting
- Clean Air Act
- Climate Change Litigation
- Coastal and Ocean Law
- Energy Law and Policy
- Environmental Law
- Environmental Law and Emerging Technologies
- Hazardous Waste Law
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Environmental Law
- International Petroleum Transactions
- International Risk Management
- Law of Biodiversity Conservation
- Local Land Use
- Natural Resources: Federal Lands
- Nuclear Law
- Oil & Gas
- Oil & Gas Pipeline Regulation
- Practice of Environmental Law
- Project Finance
- Regulated Industries (including electricity)
- Renewables Law and Policy
- Toxic Torts
- Water Law

Note: This is a partial listing, and not all courses are taught every semester.

Visit www.law.uh.edu/schedule/homepage.html for current course offerings.

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