

# Education plan

for

**Master of Laws (LL.M.) (60 credits) in Environmental Law**  
**Magisterprogram (60 högskolepoäng) i miljö rätt**

**60.0 Higher Education**  
**Credits**  
**60.0 ECTS credits**

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Programme code:</b>   | JELLM             |
| <b>Valid from:</b>       | Autumn 2021       |
| <b>Date of approval:</b> | 2020-04-21        |
| <b>Department:</b>       | Department of Law |

## Decision

Approved by the Department Board on 21 April 2020.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Eligible candidates for admission to the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Environmental Law shall have

- obtained a Swedish undergraduate degree in law of at least 180 credits, or a foreign degree in law with equivalent knowledge and at least three years of full-time studies, including at least one course in environmental law or the equivalent (at least 6 credits), and
- proof of skills in English at a level corresponding to English B/English 6 in the Swedish secondary school.

Foreign students who have not studied English B/English 6 must submit results from either a TOEFL test (Internet-based Score of 20/90 or Paper-based Score of 4.5/575) or a Cambridge test (IELTS) with an overall mark of 6.5 and no section below 5.5.

## Programme structure

The programme consists of one year of full-time studies (60 ECTS credits).

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Environmental Law is an advanced level programme. During the programme, students will acquire in-depth knowledge of material environmental law, as well as be provided the necessary theoretical and methodological foundations to be able to work independently with research, development or other qualified work in the area of environmental law. The programme is based on a progression in both scientific and methodological specialisation throughout the courses, at the same as some course elements will provide practical skills in environmental law. The programme includes several instances of group work.

The programme consists of four courses. All courses are mandatory.

The first course, "Transboundary Environmental Law" (15 credits), lays the foundation for the programme and ensures that all students have achieved a certain level of knowledge and skills prior to the advanced courses. The course addresses environmental issues in a transboundary context, through international environmental law in particular, but also through EU environmental law, as well as other legal structures and situations (e.g. extraterritorial law enforcement).

The second course, "Cross-cutting Issues in Environmental Law" (15 credits), is an advanced course that focuses on four themes where environmental law in a transboundary context is integrated with or challenged by other legal perspectives and issues.

The course thus prepares students for the master thesis, which must relate to one of these areas of

specialisation.

The third course, "Methods, Theory and Practice in Environmental Law" (15 credits), is given at half-time during the second semester in parallel with the students writing their master thesis. The course consists of seminars on methodology and theory, which are largely beneficial to the students' master thesis. In addition, the course includes a mock negotiation, in which students are divided into groups and are to negotiate a multilateral, intergovernmental environmental agreement. The mock negotiation gives students the opportunity to apply the theoretical knowledge they have acquired during previous courses.

The fourth course is the Master Thesis in Environmental Law (15 credits). The master thesis will address environmental law issues in a transboundary context or from a perspective within the framework of one of the four specialised themes included in the course "Cross-cutting Issues in Environmental Law". The thesis shall be written in English.

Instruction is given mainly in the form of lectures and seminars, but the courses contain instances of group work and written assignments.

The entire programme is taught in English.

After completing the programme, students must have acquired the knowledge and skills listed below under "Goals".

### **Goals**

For the Master's Degree, the following qualification goals apply, as established in the Higher Education Ordinance (SFS, 1993:100), Appendix 2, System of Qualifications.

#### **Knowledge and Understanding**

For the Master's Degree, students shall:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in environmental law, including both an overview of the area and in-depth knowledge of certain specific fields, as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate in-depth methodological knowledge in environmental law.

#### **Skills and Abilities**

For the Master's Degree, students shall:

- demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and manage complex events, issues and situations even with limited information,
- demonstrate the ability to independently identify and formulate questions as well as plan and use appropriate methods to carry out detailed assignments within specified time frames,
- demonstrate the ability, both orally and in writing, to clearly report and discuss their own conclusions and the knowledge and arguments that form the basis for these, in dialogue with different groups, and
- demonstrate the necessary skills to participate in research and development, or to work independently in other specialised areas.

Judgement and approach For the Master's Degree, students shall:

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments taking into consideration relevant scholarly, social and ethical issues, as well as display awareness of ethical issues in research and development work within the area of environmental law,
- demonstrate an understanding of the opportunities and limits of scientific knowledge, its role in society, and individuals' responsibility for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify their need for additional knowledge and to take responsibility for additional scholarly development.

#### **Independent Project (Master Thesis)**

Within the framework of the course expectations, students shall complete an independent project (Master Thesis) worth 15 ECTS in environmental law.

### **Courses**

#### **First Semester**

- Mandatory course "Transboundary Environmental Law", 15 credits,
- Advanced course "Cross-cutting Issues in Environmental Law", 15 credits.

#### **Second Semester**

- Advanced course "Methods, Theory and Practice in Environmental Law", 15 credits, half time, in parallel with
- Master Thesis in Environmental Law, 15 credits, half time.

**Degree**

Students who complete the programme with passing grades will obtain a Master of Laws (LL.M.) (60 credits) in Environmental Law.

**Misc**

Courses that are part of the degree that make a student eligible for this programme cannot be counted for the Master Degree.