# Environmental and Natural Resources Law (LLM)

The Environmental and Natural Resources (ENR) Law track in the LLM program at the University of Oregon School of Law is designed for students who want to specialize in environmental and natural resources law and gain a deeper understanding of the legal framework that governs these areas in the United States. The program is intended to provide students with the knowledge and skills they need to address complex environmental issues and work effectively with clients in this field.

In this program, students take 15 credits of environmental and natural resources law-specific courses, such as Climate Change Law & Policy, Environmental Law, Ocean and Coastal Law, Land Use Law, and Natural Resources Law. The remaining 4 credits needed to complete the LLM program can be achieved through any elective courses offered at the law school unless restricted to JD students.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate the knowledge and ability necessary to practice substantive and procedural law and understand the dynamic processes through which law is created, developed, and changed by completing an organized program of courses in a selected specialization.
- Employ sound and articulate legal reasoning to identify, research, and analyze legal problems.
- Communicate effectively with clients, decision-makers, and other relevant stakeholders.
- Recognize the responsibility of lawyers to serve as informed and professional leaders.
- Appreciate the critical role that lawyers play in ensuring meaningful access to the legal system, promoting the just application of its laws, and serving their clients and the community.
- Learn how lawyers work together by demonstrating team lawyering skills, managing conflict, and forging relationships.
- Additional outcomes for students on the two-year pathway: \ • Students develop advanced proficiency in legal English, including reading, writing, and comprehension skills specific to the legal profession.\ • Students acquire a foundational understanding of the American legal system and its principles.\ • Students master legal research and writing, demonstrating the ability to conduct legal research and articulate legal arguments effectively.\ • Students gain comparative and international legal analysis skills, understanding the global context of law.\

## Environmental and Natural Resources Law Requirements

### One-Year Program (Two-Year Program Second Year)

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|---|---|
| LAW 782 | Introduction to American Law and Practice | 3 |
| LAW 783 | LLM Advanced and Persuasive Legal Writing | 2 |
| Track Specific Courses in Environmental and Natural Resources Law | | 15 |
| Elective Courses | | 4 |
| **Total Credits** | | **24** |

## Additional Requirements

- Master of laws students must complete a written comprehensive paper or project in connection with one of the required courses.
- Students must take at least five courses from the core Environmental and Natural Resources Law offerings indicated by the LLM Program Director.
- Students enrolled in the two-year program must successfully complete the following sequence of required courses:

### Two-Year Program First Year

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|---|---|
| LAW 785 | American Legal System | 2 |
| GRST 635 | Reading for the Legal Profession | 4 |
| GRST 637 | Master of Laws Reading | 2 |
| LAW 784 | Comparative Law | 2 |
| GRST 636 | Writing for the Legal Profession | 4 |
| GRST 638 | Master of Laws Writing | 2 |

- Prior to the second year, students will be required to successfully demonstrate a level of English language proficiency at or above the standard minimum English proficiency requirements for graduate admission to the University of Oregon on the TOEFL, IELTS, an assessment by AEI, or other method accepted by the University of Oregon. Students in the two-year pathway who do not meet the University's general graduate-level English language requirement within two years of matriculation are not eligible to continue in the LLM program.