

LAW (NON-THESIS): ENVIRONMENT (LL.M.) (45 CREDITS)

Offered by: Law (Faculty of Law)

Degree: Master of Laws

Program credit weight: 45

Program Description

This program is currently not offered.

The 45-credit, LL.M. program, non-thesis option, in Environment is offered in collaboration with the Bieler School of Environment. The program considers how various dimensions (scientific, social, legal, ethical) interact to define environment and sustainability issues. It complements previous legal education through specialized graduate-level coursework and in-depth research. The program focuses on selected areas of legal scholarship and includes a written, supervised, substantial, and publishable paper in a area of interest related to the environment.

Candidates must remain in residence for three terms for which full-time fees will be charged. The third term is devoted to the Research Project, usually taken in the Summer of the first year, meaning that students usually complete their program within one calendar year. If the research project is not completed in this time, students must register for additional sessions as needed. All degree requirements must be completed within a maximum of three years of the date of first registration.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Research Project (15 credits)

The non-thesis option requires a substantial supervised research project during the third term of registration, a 15,000-word paper, assessed by the supervisor on a pass-fail basis, and typically completed in the Summer.

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Course	Title	Credits
CMPL 655	Research Project 1.	15

Required Courses (9 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
CMPL 610	Legal Research Methodology 1.	1.5
CMPL 611	Legal Research Methodology 2.	1.5
CMPL 615	Master's Thesis 4.	6
LAWG 601	Communication 1.	1.5
LAWG 602	Communication 2.	1.5

Complementary Courses (21 credits)

12-15 credits chosen from:

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Course	Title	Credits
CMPL 500	Indigenous Peoples and the State.	3
CMPL 546	International Environmental Law and Politics.	3
CMPL 580	Environment and the Law.	3

and/or other Faculty of Law offerings at the 500 level or higher.

3-6 credits chosen from:

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Course	Title	Credits
ENVR 610	Foundations of Environmental Policy.	3
ENVR 614	Mobilizing Research for Sustainability.	3

0-3 credits chosen from:

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Course	Title	Credits
ENVR 585	Readings in Environment 2.	3
ENVR 630	Civilization and Environment.	3
ENVR 680	Topics in Environment 4.	3

or 3 credits at the 500 level or higher recommended by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Environment Option Committee.