

Environmental Law

Code: 102227
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500786 Law	OT	4	0

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Use of languages

Principal working language: english (eng)
Some groups entirely in English: Yes
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites to take this subject. The student must have enough level of English to be able to read the materials provided and to follow the class in that language. The final exam could be taken in Catalan, Spanish, English, French, Italian or Portuguese.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The Environmental Law Course is willing to analyze the powers and main instruments of Environmental Law, at the international and domestic level but focusing specially on the law of the European Union, because European law is often the source of the law being applied at the Member State level. Environmental Law is nowadays an area of great importance. Over the years it has become a captivating branch of law, involving international institutions, European Union, lobbies, business, all the levels of domestic public administrations, NGOs, etc...

Students will have the opportunity to see how connected could be, in specific environmental cases, areas being apparently distant such as international law, European law, constitutional and administrative law, criminal and civil law.....

Besides analyzing which are the general principles of Environmental Law, we will examine all the most important areas of environmental policy (air, waste, water, nature and biodiversity, climate).

The purpose, overall, is to broaden your knowledge on such a fascinated area of the law by giving you the opportunity to use your legal skills and to realize how is nowadays the practice of the this area of great importance. Environmental Law involves today every institution, business and citizen...That is the reason why it is an interesting course for EU and non-EU students alike.

Skills

- Arguing and laying the foundation for the implementation of legal standards.
- Demonstrating a sensible and critical reasoning: analysis, synthesis, conclusions.
- Drawing up and formalising works, reports, documents, rulings.
- Efficiently managing information, being capable of assimilating a considerable volume of data in a limited amount of time.

- Identifying, assessing and putting into practice changes in jurisprudence.
- Mastering the computing techniques when it comes to obtaining legal information (legislation databases, jurisprudence, bibliography...) and in data communication.
- Memorising and utilising legal terminology.
- Orally and clearly defending ideas, works, reports, documents and rulings in a structured way.
- Students must be capable of communicating their points of view in a compelling way.
- Working in teams, being either a member or a coordinator of working groups, as well as making decisions affecting the whole group.

Learning outcomes

1. Analysing the jurisprudential evolution.
2. Applying the legal standards to concrete cases.
3. Critically reflecting on jurisprudential decisions.
4. Defining the legal administrative language.
5. Demonstrating a sensible and critical reasoning: analysis, synthesis, conclusions.
6. Distinguishing the jurisprudential evolution in the field of administrative law.
7. Drawing up and formalising works, reports, documents, rulings.
8. Efficiently managing information, being capable of assimilating a considerable volume of data in a limited amount of time.
9. Explaining the administrative legal standards.
10. Orally and clearly defending ideas, works, reports, documents and rulings in a structured way.
11. Reflecting on administrative standards.
12. Searching sentences, articles, etc. in legal databases.
13. Students must be capable of communicating their points of view in a compelling way.
14. Students must be capable of expressing themselves with legal-administrative terminology.
15. Using the computing legal sources of information.
16. Working in teams, being either a member or a coordinator of working groups, as well as making decisions affecting the whole group.

Content

Part I: General Section

The goal of protecting the environment and the law. Background. Main principles & features

International Environmental law. Actors. Principles. Main legal instruments. Globalization.

The importance of European environmental law; Powers, Governance, Decision-making; Enforcement and Implementation; the 7th Environmental Action Programme.

Domestic law.- powers , instruments, and administrative -public Entities- Organization for sustainability and protection of environment.

Part II: Cross-cutting instruments

Access to environmental information, Public Participation in Decision-Making procedures and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters.

Environmental Liability; criminal law, torts and environment

Strategic Environmental Assessment of plans and programs -SEA- and Environmental Impact Assessment of projects -EIA-

Preventing and controlling industrial emissions through permits

Voluntary instruments or Incentives for environmental protection. Environmental certification: ecolabel, EMAS, ISO's; Social Corporate Responsibility.

Part III: Substantive Environmental Law; Integration.

Water protection

Coastal and marine environmental protection

Air quality and air pollution; the law of Climate Change; noise; light pollution ; odor control laws

Waste; Land Pollution; Circular Economy; harmful substances.

Biodiversity; environmentalprotected areas and species; landscape protection

Integration of environment policy into other sectorial policies: Agriculture; Transport; Energy....

Methodology

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Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Type: Directed			
????	12	0.48	2, 12, 13, 10, 5, 14, 8, 7, 11, 16, 15
????	33	1.32	1, 4, 6, 9, 3, 11
Type: Supervised			
????	6	0.24	9, 14, 3, 11
Type: Autonomous			
????	34	1.36	2, 12, 6, 11, 15
????	37	1.48	1, 2, 12, 13, 10, 5, 8, 7, 16, 15
?????	20	0.8	12, 8, 16, 15

Evaluation

For the purpose of evaluation, students should know the final grade will be calculated the following way: 30% from a Midterm exam: 40% from another written exam to be taken at the end of the course; Finally, the last 30% of the assessment will derive from the assignments and participation of the student during the course.

Written exams could be taken in english, french, portuguese, italian, catalan or spanish language

In each teaching group, before the start of the teaching, the dates of the evaluation activities will be published on the Virtual Campus. Exceptionally and for reasons of force majeure, with sufficient notice and in advance, be modified.

Evaluation activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Assignments and participation of the student	30%	6	0.24	2, 12, 13, 10, 5, 9, 14, 8, 7, 3, 16, 15
Midterm and final written exam	30% & 40%	2	0.08	1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 15

Bibliography

The existing bibliography on environmental law is very rich. At the beginning of the course the professor will specify what is specially recommended.

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