

Postgraduate Virtual Open Days

LLM in Global Environment and Climate Change Law

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Why Edinburgh?

- The University is ranked 27th in the world, 8th in Europe and 5th in the UK (QS World University Rankings 2025)
- We are ranked 13th in the world, 4th in Europe and 4th in the UK for Law (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024 by subject: law)
- The city of Edinburgh is ranked 13th Best Student City in the world and 2nd in the UK (QS Best Student Cities 2025)



Our Community

- Become part of a diverse and welcoming student community
- Student-led social life: Edinburgh Law School Postgraduate Student Society
- Law School's world-class facilities based in historic Old College



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Beyond the classroom

- A world-class library of resources
- Extracurricular lectures and seminars by invited experts
- Student organised social events



LLM Degree Structure

Basic requirements - Completion of 180 credits

120 credits in taught courses



Contingent on successful
completion of taught element

60 credit dissertation

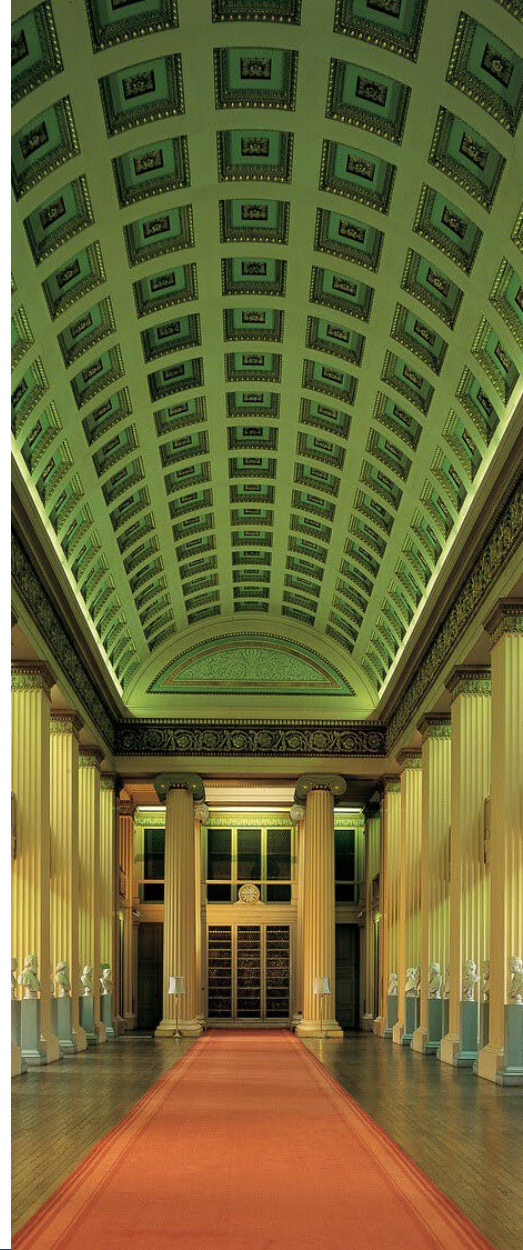


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LLM in Global Environment and Climate Change

- Develop the specialist legal knowledge and skills to tackle the environmental challenges facing the world today.
- Focus on international law and its application to global environmental challenges, such as climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution control.
- Edinburgh offers a thriving network of climate and environmental researchers and postgraduate students working and studying across many disciplines.



Courses

Compulsory course:

- International Environmental Law (40 credits, 2 semesters)
- International Climate Change Law (20 credits)

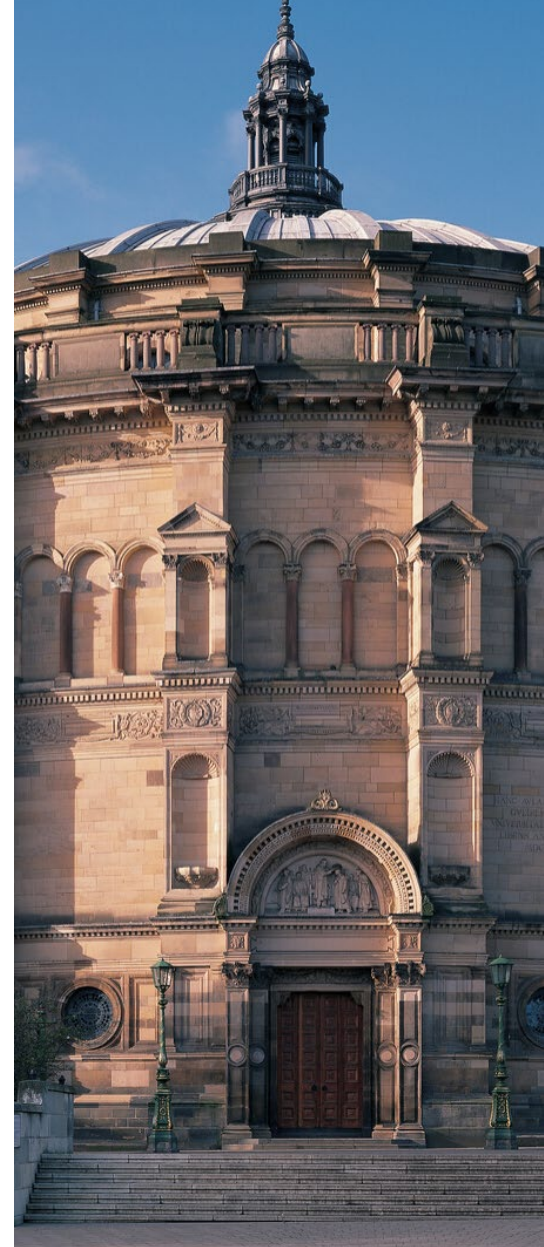


Projected courses (subject to change)

Core courses

Select between 20 and 60 credits from the following:

- Climate Law Litigation: Practice and Theory (20 credits)
- International Law and the Protection of the Marine Environment (20 credits)
- Transnational Waste Law and Circular Economy (20 credits)



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External courses (select between 0 and 40 credits)

- Public Participation and Policy (20 credits)
- Global Environment: Key Issues (20 credits)
- Sustainable Marine Development (20 credits)
- Marine Ecosystems and Policies (20 credits)

Limited places may be available on these external courses, depending on demand

Courses for the 2025-26 academic year will be confirmed in May 2025.

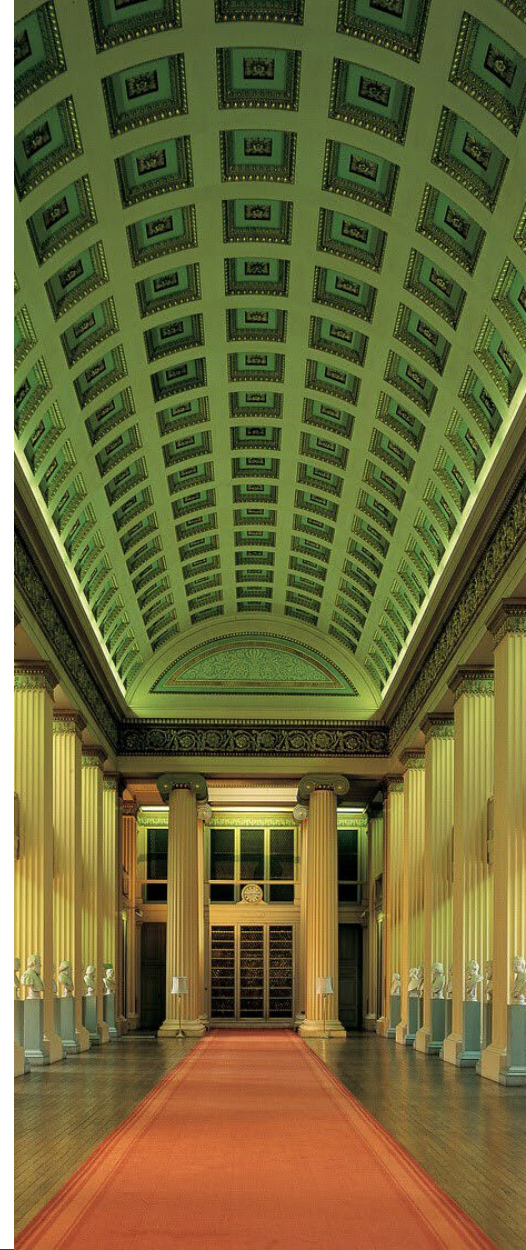


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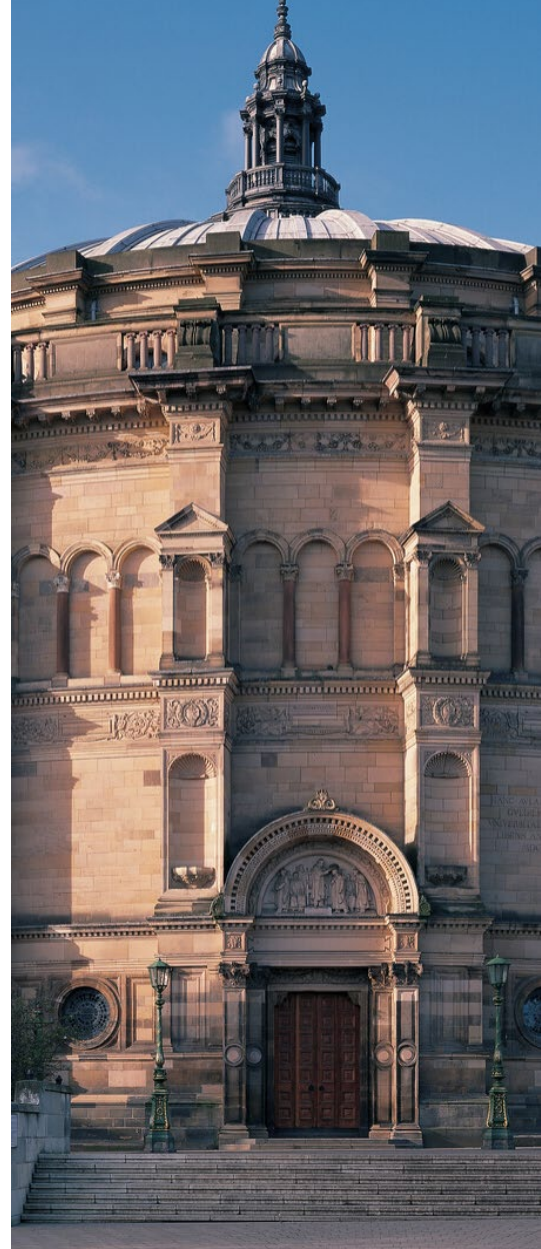
Dissertation (60 credits)

- Approved topic in the field of Global Environment and Climate Change Law
- 10,000 words
- Written between April-August
- Structured supervision to support your independent scholarly research
- An excellent foundation for doctoral research



How you will learn

- Weekly two-hour interactive seminars per semester for each subject
- Active participation in discussions and advance reading expected
- Classes may also involve lectures, class debates, individual presentations, or group exercises for example.
- No exams
- Courses use a range of take-home assessments (e.g. essays, reports) or in-class work (oral presentations, class participation).



Career opportunities

“I'm doing a legal internship with CIEL, which stands for the Centre for International Environmental Law. They have offices in Geneva and in D.C. so I'm currently doing that from Edinburgh at the moment. I work with the crime and energy team, as well as the environmental health team.”

Anna

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Sources of support during your studies

- Student Advisor
- Postgraduate Team
- Institute for Academic Development
- English Language Education
- Careers Service
- The Advice Place
- Student Wellbeing Service
- IT Support





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Thank you Any questions?

You can find a lot of useful information about the programme and how to apply on the Edinburgh Law School website.

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