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Environmental & Land Use Law

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Environmental and Land Use Law is a broad practice area, encompassing natural resources and historic preservation, endangered species protection, pollution control, regulatory compliance, housing law, and land use planning. Lawyers working in this area can be found at many levels of state and local government as well as government agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and U.S. Department of the Interior. Many lawyers also work for law firms doing zoning work or as part of their environmental and natural resources practice areas. Industry abounds with opportunities for working in regulatory compliance roles as well. Regardless of what path you choose, you are certain to be working with a diverse group of professionals including land-use planners, city officials, regulators, business leaders, scientists and engineers.

Law students who are interested in concentrating their studies in environmental and land use law may now receive a certificate. Students may also explore environmental and land use law without enrolling in the certificate program, and this curriculum guide provides an introduction to the related offerings at the College of Law.

Learn

Environmental and Land Use Law is an interdisciplinary practice area. This list of advanced courses highlights some of the more popular courses taken; however, there are many other related courses in health law, historic preservation law, and urban studies that may interest law students. Students are encouraged to talk to the faculty advisors to tailor a course of studies to their interest area.

Additionally, some law students pursue a dual degree JD/Masters in City and Regional Planning at Georgia Institute of Technology. Students interested in the dual degree program should talk to one of the environmental and land use law faculty members for more information.

<i>These courses provide a good introduction to environmental and land use law</i>	<i>These elective courses are relevant for students interested in environmental and land use law . This list is a small listing of the options available in the GSU COL Curriculum.</i>	<i>Coursework to hone your writing skills and develop a portfolio of practicing writing in your field.</i>
Administrative Law (Law 7010) Environmental Law (Law 7200) Land Use Law (Law 7320)	International Perspectives on Urban Law & Policy (Law 7397) Natural Resources Law (Law 7203) Urban Environmental Law Seminar (Law 7204) State & Local Government Law (Law 7385) Real estate Transactions (Law 7435)	Urban Fellows (Law 7974) Advanced Property Seminar (Law 7242)

Experiential Courses:

Clinics <i>Students who participate in a clinic are exposed to a practice area through the representation of actual clients under faculty supervision. The following clinics are relevant to this career path:</i>	Externships <i>Externships place students in a wide variety of placements where they work directly under the supervision of a practicing attorney. Sample placements in for this career path include:</i>	Additional E-Courses <i>Georgia State College of Law has numerous other experiential opportunities. The following are some additional courses that should be considered for this career path:</i>
There are no clinics at this time	EPA Office of the Attorney General, State of Georgia City of Atlanta, Department of Law Federal Highway Administration U.S. Department of the Interior GreenLaw Southern Environmental Law Center	Interviewing and Counseling Partnership & LLC Taxation Lab Unincorporated Business Associations

All course descriptions are available online through the [COL Bulletin](#).

Network

Students should seek out connections with practitioners and other students, both within Georgia State and throughout the legal community. Adjunct professors can be an excellent resource both for guidance and employment opportunities. Professional Bar associations also welcome student participation and may offer reduced membership rates for students. Some bar sections and committees look for students to provide research or other assistance.

Professional Organizations

[State Bar of Georgia](#)

[Atlanta Bar Association](#)

[Commercial Real Estate Women \(CREW\)](#)

[American Bar Association: Affordable Housing & Community Development; Environment, Energy & resources; State and Local Government Law](#)

[Environmental Law Institute](#)

Student organizations:

Environmental Law Society

STUDENT COMPETITIONS

[Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition](#)

[ABA Affordable Housing & Community Development Law Student Legal Writing Competition](#)

ABA Environment, Energy & Resources Section Endangered Species Law Writing Competition

ABA Environment, Energy & Resources Section Energy Law Writing Competition

ABA Environment, Energy & Resources Section Public Land and Resources Writing Competition

ABA Environment, Energy & Resources Section Water Resources Law Writing Competition

[The Lawyer's Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation Law Student Writing Competition in Cultural Heritage Law](#)

[American Planning Association Planning and Law Division Daniel J. Curtin Jr. Fellowship Application](#)
