To: LLM in Environmental Law Class of 2025  
LLM in Energy Law Class of 2025  
LLM in Food and Agricultural Law Class of 2025  
LLM in Animal Law Class of 2025  

From: Anne Linehan, Staff Director, Environmental Law Center

Greetings from Vermont Law and Graduate School. I am an academic planning advisor for students in our environmental degree programs. I have worked here for over 26 years and every year I enjoy welcoming a new group of LLM students to campus.

Here are some important dates to keep in mind as the fall semester approaches:

- Tuesday, August 1: Understanding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion module opens (online)
- Monday, August 12–Wednesday, August 14: individual advising sessions (virtual)

**Thursday, August 15: registration for fall and spring classes opens at 9:00 am (online)**

- Monday, August 19–Tuesday, August 20: Orientation sessions (online)
- Wednesday, August 21–Thursday, August 22: LLM Orientation (on campus)

International students who have not studied US law are encouraged to attend the full orientation for incoming JD students, August 19-23.

You will be registering for both fall and spring semesters but will have the opportunity to add and drop courses during the first two weeks of each semester. You will register for summer courses next spring.

It is a good idea to spend some time before Orientation thinking about what courses you want to take; whether you want to participate in a clinic, research team, or externship; and how you plan to fulfill all the degree requirements. To help you plan, I have enclosed the fall and spring class schedules and planning guidelines for your degree.

Please feel free to email me with any questions at alinehan@vermontlaw.edu. I look forward to meeting you soon!
LLM in Environmental Law, LLM in Energy Law, LLM in Food & Agriculture Law, and LLM in Animal Law

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

2:00-3:00 PM  Technology Services and CampusWeb | Microsoft Teams
3:15-4:15 PM  Financial Aid | Teams

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

3:30-4:30 PM  Important Policies, Wellness Resources, and Safety Information | Teams
4:45-5:15 PM  Your Alumni Community | Teams

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00-10:00 AM  LLM Welcome and Introductions | Hoff Lounge, Oakes Hall
10:00-10:30 AM  Campus Tour | Starts at Hoff Lounge
10:30-11:30 AM  Strategic Academic and Career Planning | Hoff Lounge
12:15 PM  Brown bag lunches available | Yates Common Room
1:45-3:15 PM  Diversity Session | Chase Community Center
3:15-4:30 PM  Break
4:30-5:30 PM  Academic Regulations & Plagiarism | Teams

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 (optional)

8:30-9:00 AM  Board buses for Montpelier | Oakes Hall Parking Lot
10:00-1:00 PM  Meet with State Officials | House Chambers
1:00-3:00 PM  Lunch on your own and explore downtown Montpelier

3:00-3:15 PM  Class Photo | Capitol Steps

3:15-3:30 PM  Board buses for South Royalton | Vermont State Capitol Parking Lot

5:00-7:00 PM  Welcome Picnic | Debevoise Back Lawn

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 (optional)

8:30 AM–12:00 PM  Environmental Field Trip | Meet at the Oakes Hall Parking Lot
We will travel by bus to visit local farms and other environmental sites

12:00 PM  Return to VLGS

2:00-4:00 PM  Beach Day | Paine’s Beach, South Royalton
## Fall 2024 MCEP/MERL/MPP/LLM Schedule Grid

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### Fall 1 Online: 8/26/24 - 10/13/24
- Climate Change & Law
- Energy Law & Policy
- Env Restorative Justice
- Fed Reg of Food/Ag
- Intro to Ag & Food L&P
- Intro to Public Policy
- Leg/Reg Survey
- Native Americans & Law
- Policy Design
- Professional Identity module
- Science of Animal Law
- Understanding DEI module
- Water Quality

### Fall 2 Online: 10/21/24 - 12/8/24
- Administrative Law
- Animal Protection Policy
- Energy Regulation
- Environmental Law
- Fund of Climate Change
- Fund of Env Justice
- Intro Policy Res & Writing
- Land Use Regulation
- Law & Pol of Local Food
- Natural Resources
- Negotiation module
- Public Participation module
- Structural Inequality
- Sustainable Transportation
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**Spring 1 Online: 1/13/25 - 3/2/25**
- Administrative Law
- Energy Regulation
- Intl Env Law & Pol
- Law of Animals in Ag
- Leg/Reg Survey
- LLM Seminar
- Natural Resources
- Policy Design
- Professional Identity
- Understanding DEI

**Spring 2 Online: 3/10/25 - 4/27/25**
- Animal Ethics
- Comms Advocacy Leadership
- Env Dispute Resolution
- Environmental Economics
- Fund of Climate Change
- Fund of Env Justice
- Global Food Security
- Intro to Policy Res & Writing
- Land Use Reg
- Negotiation module
- Public Participation module
- Quantitative Analysis
- Structural Inequality
- Sustainable Energy Proj Fin
- Water Resources
LLM in Animal Law Planning Guidelines

Requirements of the Degree
- A minimum of 30 credits, including all required courses
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.3 for successful completion of the degree

Required Courses
- ANM5307 Animals and the Law (3)
- ENV5105 Administrative Law (3)
- LLM9606 LLM Graduate Seminar (3)

Animal Law and Policy Electives (minimum of 6 credits)
There are animal law and policy elective courses offered during the academic year, in the Summer Session, and online. See Academic Regulations for an approved list.

Project/Writing Requirement (minimum of 2 credits)
- LLM Thesis (6) or LLM Research Project (2–6) on an animal topic
- LLM externship (4–10)
- Environmental Advocacy Clinic, Environmental Justice Clinic, Food and Agriculture Clinic, Energy Clinic, or Transnational Environmental Clinic (working on an animal law matter)
- Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic

Electives
Choose any remaining courses from the approved list in the Academic Regulations.

Transfer Credits
You may transfer in up to 6 approved, relevant credits from another LLM program. Courses completed more than 5 years prior to matriculation will not transfer. Grades for transfer credits must be “C” or better.

Academic Planning
During the registration process, work with your academic advisor to establish a tentative schedule of courses you plan to take for your degree, subject to later modifications. Consider what, if any, courses you want to transfer or waive. It is your responsibility to ensure fulfillment of all degree requirements. Check with the Registrar if you have questions regarding your degree status.

Tuition Billing
LLM students are billed on a per-credit basis. For further information: studentaccounts@vermontlaw.edu.

Summer Session
Summer Session registration begins in April. You can look at the previous year’s summer calendar to get an idea of what classes will be offered residentially.

Online Classes
All of the LLM required courses, as well as many electives, are available as online, asynchronous classes. Online semesters are divided into two terms; each online class is seven weeks long.

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LLM in Energy Law
Planning Guidelines

Requirements of the Degree
• A minimum of 30 credits, including all required courses
• Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.3 for successful completion of the degree

Required Courses
• ENG5226 Energy Law & Policy in a Carbon-Constrained World (3)
• ENG5228 Energy Regulation, Markets, and the Environment (3)
• ENV5105 Administrative Law (3)
• LLM9606 LLM Graduate Seminar (3)

Energy Electives (minimum of 4 credits)
There are energy elective courses offered during the academic year, in the Summer Session, and online. See Academic Regulations for an approved list.

Project/Writing Requirement (one of the following)
• CLI9427 Energy Clinic (3-6)
• CLI9437 Advanced Energy Clinic (3-6)
• LLM Thesis (6) or LLM Research Project (2–6) on an energy topic
• LLM externship (4–10)
• Env Advocacy Clinic, Env Justice Clinic, Food and Agriculture Clinic, Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic, or Transnational Energy Clinic (working on an energy topic)
• Institute for Energy and the Environment Research Team

Electives
Choose any remaining courses from the approved list in the Academic Regulations.

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- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.30 for successful completion of the degree

Required Courses

- LLM9606 LLM Graduate Seminar (3)
- ENV5105 Administrative Law (3)
- ENV5115 Environmental Law (3)

Thesis, Teaching Project, or Research Project

You have the option of writing a 6-credit thesis, which must be a substantial piece of written work of publishable quality. To write a thesis, you must submit a 10–15-page thesis proposal to be approved by your faculty supervisor and the Director of the Environmental Law Center. You also have the option of completing a 4-6 credit teaching practicum or a 2-6 credit research project. A 5-page project proposal must be approved by your faculty supervisor and the Director of the ELC.

Electives

Choose any remaining courses from the approved list in the Academic Regulations.

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LLM in Food and Agricultural Law
Planning Guidelines

Requirements of the LLM Degree
- A minimum of 30 credits, including all required courses
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.30 for successful completion of the degree

Required Courses
- LLM9606 LLM Graduate Seminar (3) (no waivers)
- ENV5105 Administrative Law (3)
- FAA5108 Intro to Agriculture and Food Law and Policy (3)

Food & Agriculture Electives (6 credits)
There are food and agriculture elective courses offered during the academic year, in the Summer Session, and online. See Academic Regulations for an approved list.

Project/Writing
You must complete at least one of the following.
- LLM Thesis (6) or Research Project (2-6) on a food/ag topic
- LLM externship (4-10)
- CAFS Research Associate Program
- Environmental Advocacy Clinic, Environmental Justice Clinic, Energy Clinic, Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic, or Transnational Energy Clinic (working on a food/agriculture topic)
- CLI9428 Food & Agriculture Clinic (4)

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