To: Master of Climate and Environmental Policy Class of 2025
   Master of Energy Regulation and Law Class of 2025

From: Anne Linehan, Director of Graduate Programs

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

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–Friday, August 23: Orientation (on campus)

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 write a thesis; if you want to participate in a clinic, research team, or externship; and how you plan to fulfill your degree requirements. To help you plan, I have enclosed the fall and spring class schedules and planning guidelines for your degree.

Successful completion of the non-credit Understanding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion module is a **graduation requirement** for all MCEP, MERL, and MPP students. Please see the emailed memo from Admissions for more details.

Please feel free to email me with any questions at alinehan@vermontlaw.edu. I look forward to meeting you soon!
2024 Orientation Schedule

Draft Schedule – 6-18-24 – subject to change

Master of Climate and Environmental Policy (MCEP)
Master of Energy Regulation and Law (MERL)
Master of Arts in Restorative Justice (MARJ)

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

8:30-9:00 AM  Check-In | Chase Community Center
9:00-10:00 AM  Welcome Ceremony Breakfast & Oath Administration | Debevoise Back Lawn
10:00-11:00 AM Meet & Greet | Library Quad
Photo IDs, IT Assistance, State and Local Resource Application Assistance | Chase Community Center
11:15-12:00 PM MCEP & MERL Introductions | Oakes 208
11:15-12:00 PM MARJ Community Building and Open House | Rogers House
12:00-2:00 PM  Break
2:00-3:00 PM  Technology Services and CampusWeb | Microsoft Teams
3:15-4:15 PM  Financial Aid | Teams

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00-10:00 AM  Library Resources and Services | Cornell Library
10:15-11:15 AM  U.S. Legal System | Oakes 007
11:30-12:30 PM What’s Law Got to Do with It? Basic Training for Policy Students 1 | Oakes 208
11:30-12:30 PM Introduction to Restorative Justice | Rogers House
12:30-1:30 PM  Lunch with Student Ambassadors | Debevoise Back Lawn
1:30-2:15 PM  Master’s Career Planning | Oakes 208
1:30-2:15 PM  Master’s Career Planning | Oakes 208
2:15-3:30 PM  Break
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

9:00-10:30 AM  Reading and Briefing a Case | Oakes 110
10:45-12:15 PM Diversity Session (breakout groups) | Chase Community Center
12:15 PM Brown bag lunches available | Yates Common Room
1:00-2:00 PM What’s Law Got to Do with It? Basic Training for Policy Students 2 | Oakes 208
1:00-2:00 PM Program Pathways | Rogers House
2:00-4:30 PM  Break
4:30-5:30 PM  Academic Regulations & Plagiarism | Teams

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

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

8:30 AM–12:00 PM Environmental Field Trip | Meet in the Oakes Hall Parking Lot
We will visit local farms and other environmental sites
10:30 AM-12:00 PM  MARJ Field Trip | Meet at Rogers House
   We will visit the Orange County Community Justice Center

12:00 PM  Return to VLGS

2:00-4:00 PM  Beach Day | Paine’s Beach, South Royalton
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**Fall 1 Online: 8/26/24 - 10/13/24**
- Climate Change & Law
- Native Americans & Land
- Energy Law & Policy
- Policy Design
- Env Restorative Justice
- Professional Identity module
- Fed Reg of Food/Ag
- Science of Animal Law
- Intro to Ag & Food L&P
- Understanding DEI module
- Intro to Public Policy
- Water Quality
- Leg/Reg Survey

**Fall 2 Online: 10/21/24 - 12/8/24**
- Administrative Law
- Land Use Regulation
- Animal Protection Policy
- Law & Pol of Local Food
- Energy Regulation
- Natural Resources
- Environmental Law
- Negotiation module
- Fund of Climate Change
- Public Participation module
- Fund of Env Justice
- Structural Inequality
- Intro Policy Res & Writing
- 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
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Master of Climate and Environmental Policy (MCEP)
Planning Guidelines

Requirements of the MCEP Degree
- A minimum of 34 credits, including all required courses
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.3 for successful completion of the degree

Required Courses
- REQ7186 Legislation & Regulation Survey (3 credits, waived for JD students)
- POL5510 Intro to Policy Research & Writing (3) (waived for JD students)
- CLM5200 Fundamentals of Climate Change (2)
- EJU5120 Fundamentals of Environmental Justice (2)
- EJU5110 Structural Inequality (1)
- POL5520 Quantitative Analysis (2)
- ENG5220 Environmental Economics & Markets (3)
- POL5530 Policy Design (3)

Required Non-credit Modules
- EJU5100 Understanding Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
- POL5200 Professional Identity Formation
- POL5300 Negotiation & Consensus-Building
- POL5100 Public Participation

Research or Practice Track
Students must choose either the Research or Practice Track. Students who choose the Research Track must complete both POL5700 Thesis Seminar I (3) and POL5701 Thesis Seminar II (1). Students who choose the Practice Track must complete a minimum of four credits in at least one of the following:
- MCEP Externship
- CLI9302 Environmental Advocacy Clinic (JD students only)
- CLI9318 Environmental Justice Clinic
- CLI9321 Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic
- CLI9427 Energy Clinic
- CLI9428 Food & Agriculture Clinic
- CLI9433 Transnational Environmental Clinic

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

Transfer Credits
Master’s-only students may transfer in up to 6 approved, relevant credits from another law school or accredited graduate program. VLGS JD students and JD students from approved dual degree programs may transfer in up to 12 approved, relevant JD credits. 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**
Master’s students are billed on a per-credit basis. For further information, contact the Business Office at studentaccounts@vermontlaw.edu.

**Summer Session**
Summer Session registration begins in April.

**Online Classes**
All of the master’s 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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Master of Energy Regulation and Law (MERL)
Planning Guidelines

Requirements of the MERL Degree
- A minimum of 34 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 credits)
- ENG5228 Energy Regulation, Markets & the Environment (3)
- ENG5220 Environmental Economics & Markets (3)
- REQ7186 Legislation & Regulation Survey (3)
- POL5520 Quantitative Analysis (2)

Required Non-credit Modules
- EJU5100 Understanding Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
- POL5200 Professional Identity Formation
- POL5300 Negotiation & Consensus-Building
- POL5100 Public Participation

Energy Electives (minimum of 6 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
You must complete at least one project or course from this list.
- CLI9427 Energy Clinic
- Environmental Advocacy Clinic, Environmental Justice Clinic, Food and Agriculture Clinic, Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic, or Transnational Energy Clinic (working on an energy topic)
- Independent Research Project
- MERL Externship
- Institute for Energy and the Environment Research Team
- POL5700 Thesis Seminar I and POL5701 Thesis Seminar II (on an energy topic)

Remaining Electives
Other environmental and energy courses from the approved list in the Academic Regulations

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