

# Postgraduate Virtual **Open Days**

LLM in Global Environment  
and Climate Change Law

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# Why Edinburgh?

- The University is ranked 34<sup>th</sup> in the world, 10<sup>th</sup> in Europe and 6<sup>th</sup> in the UK (QS World University Rankings 2026)
- We are ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the world, 5<sup>th</sup> in Europe and 5<sup>th</sup> in the UK for Law (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025 by subject: law)
- The city of Edinburgh is ranked =15<sup>th</sup> Best Student City in the world and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UK (QS Best Student Cities 2026)



# 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



# Beyond the classroom

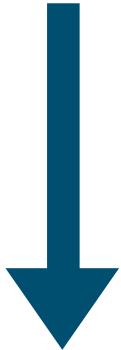
- A world-class library of resources
- Extracurricular lectures and seminars by invited experts
- Student organised social events
- Edinburgh Earth Initiative
- Edinburgh Climate Change Institute
- Edinburgh Futures Institute



# LLM Degree Structure

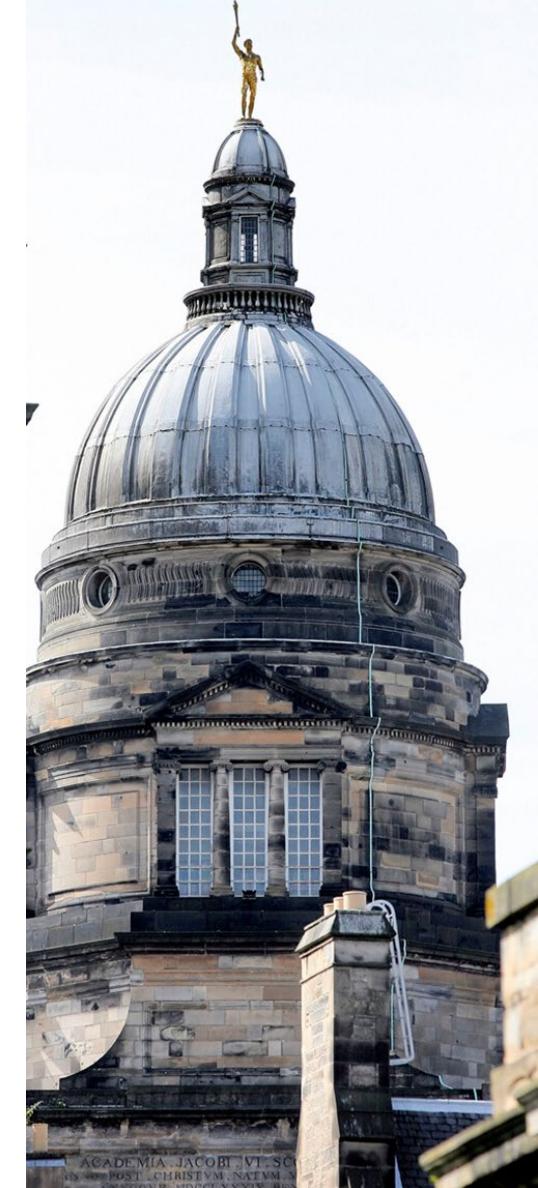
Basic requirements - Completion of 180 credits

120 credits in taught courses



Contingent on successful completion of taught element

60 credit dissertation

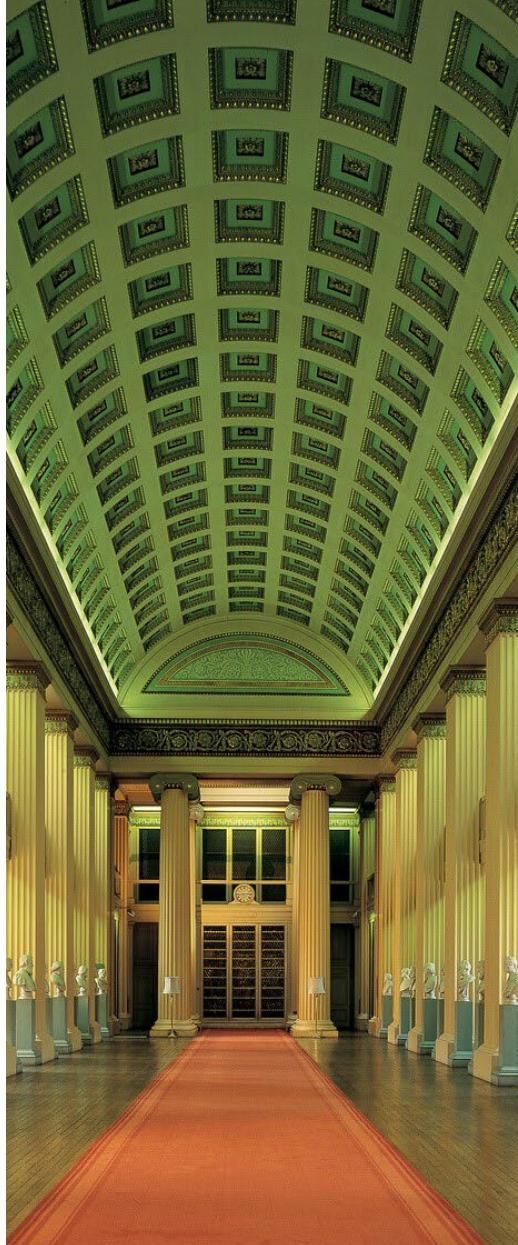


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# LLM in Global Environment and Climate Change

- 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 courses:

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

\*An illustrative list of the courses that may be offered in the 2026-27 academic year.  
Please note that not all of the courses listed will be offered and these will be confirmed in May 2026.



# Core courses

Select between 20 and 60 credits from the following:

- International Ocean Governance and the Protection of the Marine Environment (20 credits)
- Transnational waste law and circular economy (20 credits)
- New Perspectives on International Law and the Environment (20 credits)
- Energy Transition and the International Economic Legal Order: Governance, Challenges and Innovation (20 credits)
- The Law of Carbon Management: Regulating Carbon Dioxide Removals and CCS (20 credits)



# External School course collection

Option to select between 0 and 40 credits from the following:

- Values and the Environment (P) (20 credits)
- Global Environment: Key Issues (20 credits)
- Sustainable Marine Development (20 credits)
- Marine Ecosystems and Policies (20 credits)
- Environmental Justice and Development (20 credits)
- Public Participation in Policy (20 credits)

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



# Law School optional courses

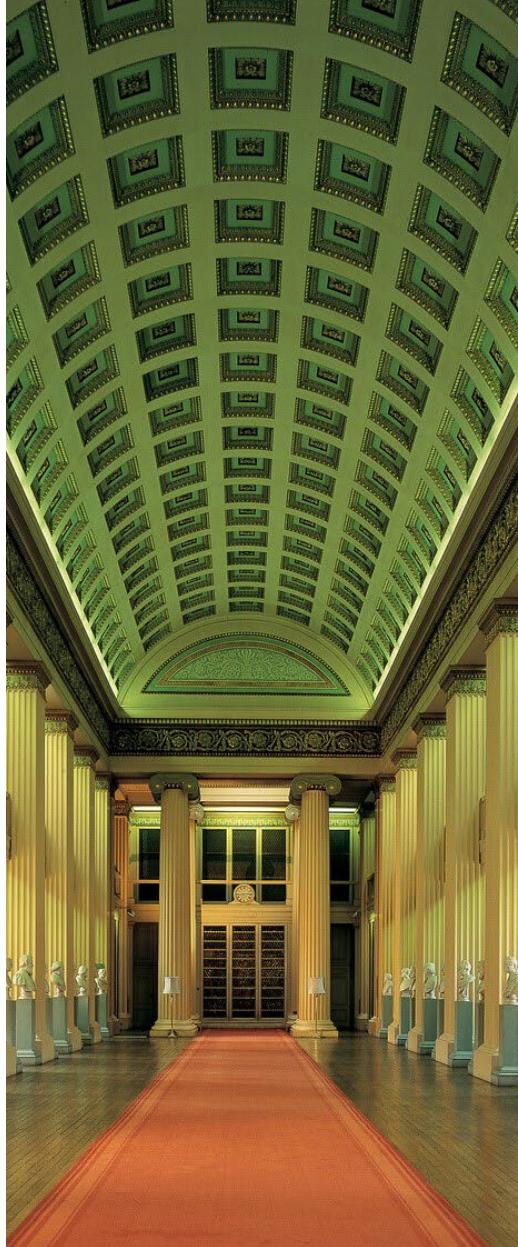
You will have the option to take between 0 and 40 credits of the following courses from different subject areas offered by the Law School, depending on availability and with the express permission of the programme director.

- Advanced Comparative Constitutional Law (20 credits)
- Economic and Social Rights (20 credits)
- Fundamental Issues in International Law (40 credits)
- Global South Actors in International Relations and International Law, 1945-present (20 credits)
- International Intellectual Property Law (20 credits)
- International Investment Law (20 credits)
- International Law of the Sea (20 credits)
- Law and Development (20 credits)
- Legal Decision-Making (20 credits)
- Making International Law (20 credits)
- Outer Space Law and Policy (20 credits)
- Sustainable Finance and the Law (20 credits)
- WTO Law 1 (20 credits)
- WTO Law 2 (20 credits)



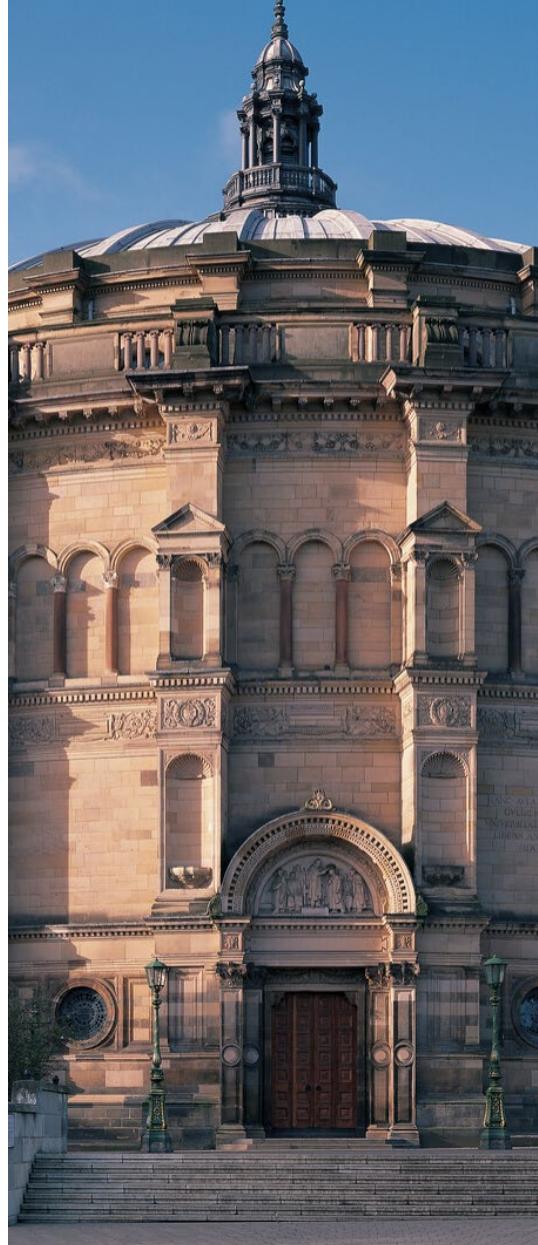
# Dissertation (60 credits)

- 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
- English Language Education
- Careers Service
- The Advice Place
- Student Wellbeing Service
- IT Support



# Application deadlines

Round	Application deadline	Decisions by
1	15 December 2025	19 March 2026
2	04 May 2026	30 June 2026

- We will make as many offers as possible to the strongest candidates on an ongoing basis.
- We recommend that you apply as early as possible.
- Applications may close earlier than published deadlines if there is exceptionally high demand.





# 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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