



Master Programme in
Environmental Law



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Environmental Law, 60 ECTS

Stockholm, the place for transboundary environmental law

Stockholm is closely associated with transboundary environmental law and governance. The Master Programme in Environmental Law at Stockholm University adds to this position.

The United Nations Conference on the Human Environment – the first major UN conference on environmental matters – was held in Stockholm 1972. Since then, new environmental issues have emerged, and they have expanded in scale and scope so as to comprise the entire biosphere. Today, it is obvious how environmental matters – and environmental law – link to other issue areas, such as human rights, trade and investments, social rights and development, climate justice, social-ecological resilience, and corporate responsibility. This shows the importance of understanding environmental law in transboundary contexts – which are addressed in the Master Programme in Environmental Law.

This programme is intended for students from all over the world interested in dealing with transboundary environmental challenges. Take the opportunity to learn of environmental law and how to use and apply it in local as well as global contexts.

Structure and content of the programme

The **Master Programme in Environmental Law** centres on transboundary dimensions and cross-cutting issues. This is reflected in the development of international and EU law on cases where the adverse effects of human activities cross state borders. It is also seen in the development of general notions, principles and instruments of environmental law and governance. An example is how international human rights law has expanded to apply to environmental matters and climate change.

In the first semester two courses are studied.

Transboundary Environmental Law prepares the students for the deeper studies in the subsequent parts of the programme. It explores different fields of environmental law, on matters such as human health, climate change, air pollution, fresh water, marine environments, nature and biodiversity.

Cross-Cutting Issues in Environmental Law gives in-depth studies in four cross-cutting areas, with particular transboundary features:

- environmental law, trade and corporate responsibility,
- environmental law, climate and energy,
- environmental law and human rights, and
- environmental law and social-ecological resilience.

These courses involve lectures, seminars, short essays, mock trial and practical assignments, and teaching by external lecturers and experts.

In the second semester the students follow two courses in parallel.

Methods, Theories and Practices in Environmental Law deals with theoretical, methodological and practical matters. In addition to seminars and written assignments, the students engage in a mock negotiation of an international regulatory environmental framework. They also learn from lawyers working practically with transboundary environmental law. The students benefit from the knowledge and skills developed in this course while writing their master thesis in parallel.

Master Thesis in Environmental Law runs in parallel to Methods, Theories and Practices in Environmental Law. The students write a thesis about an environmental law issue in a transboundary context or from a transboundary perspective. The topic relates to one of the themes studied in the course Cross-cutting Issues in Environmental Law.

Applying for our LL.M. programme

Eligibility

To be eligible for admission, candidates shall hold a bachelors degree in law, 180 ECTS, of full-time law studies or a foreign degree in law of at least three years of full-time law studies, or a Swedish Master of Laws of 270 credits, or Swedish Bachelor's degree in law of at least 180 credits of full-time law studies.

Applicants also need to demonstrate a proficiency in English equivalent to level English 6 in the Swedish secondary school system. Applicants on the last year of their law degree can also apply.



Application

Our only application round is open between mid-October and mid-January every year, with commencement in the autumn. Applications must be submitted through the national Swedish application website University Admissions Sweden where students must document their eligibility for the chosen programme, and upload all the supporting documents required for the selection process.

Supporting documents

Applicants are required to upload the following documents, in accordance to the instructions on www.universityadmissions.se to fulfill the eligibility and selection criteria:

- Copy of diploma + full transcript or records
- Proof of English proficiency (see instructions from University Admissions)
- Statement of purpose (template provided)
- Two letters of recommendation
- A CV

Selection

Eligible applicants are selected on the basis of a weighted assessment of grades from earlier legal studies, relevant extra-curricular/professional experiences, one personal statement and two letters of recommendation. Typically, grades from legal studies and extra-curricular/professional experiences carry most weight.



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