

Law Courses

Graduate Program - Environmental Law

During the last few years, growing environmental concern has resulted in rapid and far-reaching legal change, and a diverse range of organisations are now exposed to issues of environmental law and policy.

Graduate Program in Environmental Law at ACEL-ANU (Canberra)

ACEL-ANU has redesigned its Graduate Program in Environmental Law to meet the professional development needs of individuals living outside Canberra (as well as those inside) by enabling them to undertake study at the Australian national University whilst causing minimal disruption to their work commitments.

The Graduate Program is designed for both lawyers and those with no previous legal background (though the latter must also undertake a three-day bridging course). The non-lawyers will include

public and private sector managers, independent consultants, and others with environmental responsibilities in their organisation.

The Graduate Program involves eight modules (each two to three days in length) which may be undertaken over a period of two years, while the Masters degree requires, in addition, a research paper, or a further four modules. All face-to-face teaching is conducted in two to three day intensive modules within the Law Faculty at the ANU, in conjunction with structured reading and assignments which facilitate home study.

Admission to the program can take place at the beginning of the academic year in February or Mid Semester in July.

Particular benefits of the Program are that it:

- allows you to remain in your job and study part-time any location in Australia;

- offers flexibility of study, spread over two years;
- enables study in a centre with a strong reputation for the quality of its research work and graduate training;
- provides interaction with fellow mature-age students, many with considerable industry/government experience, enabling class dialogue which provides in-depth *practical* as well as theoretical experience; and
- is designed for lawyers and those without previous legal experience.

Forthcoming: An Introductory course to Environmental Law and Policy

(held in both Canberra and Sydney by Dr Gerry Bates and Professor Neil Gunningham).

This course provides an introduction to the major areas of environmental law that are most relevant to private and public sector managers, local government and utilities. Issues covered include: key features of environmental law; environmental liability and regulation; the new NSW environmental regime; environmental litigation and liability; challenges to decision-making; Commonwealth and NSW roles in resource management and biodiversity regulation; and use and development of resources. Course fee \$595.

The course will be presented on 2 & 3 November, at the ANU in Canberra; and on 5 & 6 November in Sydney

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