Florida State University College of Law  
*Environmental, Energy, and Land Use Law Program*  
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM  
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This memorandum outlines the requirements for the Certificate Program in Environmental Law & Policy. Please note: students pursuing a joint degree must consult with the Associate Dean for Environmental Programs because the rules for joint degree programs affect students’ options for meeting Certificate requirements.

**Certificate Requirements:**

1. 91 credits to graduate
2. At least 21 credits total of approved Program courses (see Program web site)
3. Environmental Law (for a grade) (counts toward 21 credits)
4. Land Use Regulation (for a grade) (counts toward 21 credits)
5. Administrative Law (for a grade) (counts toward 21 credits)
6. At least 9 additional credits of approved Program electives (see Program web site), at least one of which must be a seminar on an environmental, land use, natural resources, or energy law topic for which the student produces a ULWR-quality research paper, and all taken for a grade if a grade is an option. Service on the Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law counts toward this electives requirement. All electives count toward the 21-total-credit requirement.
7. A practical experience requirement, designed to expose students earning the Certificate to aspects of practice in the area before they graduate. To fulfill this requirement, students have four options:
   a. **EXTERNSHIP/INTERNSHIP:** Students may fulfill this requirement through an approved, official externship or internship in environmental, land use, natural resources, or energy law. The College of Law offers a number of these externships and internships, and summer Public Interest Fellowships are another possibility. **NOTE:** Up to three (3) credits earned for approved externships and internships will count toward the 21-total-credit requirement for the Certificate but NOT toward the 9 credits of electives.
   b. **PRO BONO:** Students may fulfill this requirement by completing forty (40) hours of pro bono work in environmental, land use, natural resources, or energy law, for a government agency, a law firm, or a public interest organization/NGO. **NOTE:** Paid work does not qualify.
   c. **MOOT COURT:** Students competing in the Environmental Moot Court Competition (Pace) or the International Environmental Moot Court competition (Stetson) automatically fulfill this requirement. Subject to the approval of Program faculty, other moot court competitions may qualify if the problem focuses on environmental, natural resources, land use, or energy law. **NOTE:** Up to three (3) credits earned for approved moot court competitions will count toward the 21-total-credit requirement for the Certificate but NOT toward the 9 credits of electives.
   d. **PRACTICAL SKILLS COURSE:** Take an environmental/land use/natural resources/energy law course that fulfills the College of Law's practical skills requirement. **NOTE:** The credits for practicum courses will count toward the 21-total-credit requirement for the Certificate but NOT toward the 9 credits of electives.
8. Participation in at least **three** Certificate Program enrichment events (including *Distinguished Lectures* and *Environmental Forums*) each semester (if offered).