



# MSc Environmental & Climate Law

(One year Full-Time or Two years Part Time)



## Introduction

Environmental degradation and the climate and biodiversity crises are amongst the most important issues of our time. At their heart are questions of intersectionality and justice. This interdisciplinary programme enables law and non-law graduates to develop core knowledge and skills that will be needed to help address these challenges, whose significance will continue growing in the years ahead.

The programme draws on UCD Sutherland School of Law's established strength in climate and environmental law and policy, while also benefiting from teaching and research expertise from across the university, including from the Schools of Geography, Economics, Biology & Environmental Science, and Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy.

## Programme Highlight

**An interdisciplinary legal degree for tomorrow's environmental leaders**

This unique programme allows law and non-law graduates to combine a legal degree with the development of expertise in a range of other vital environmental disciplines.

## Programme Content and Structure

90 credits  
Taught Masters

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60 credits  
Taught Modules

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30 credits  
Dissertation

### Core modules:

Students must choose the following four core taught modules (40 credits in total):

- Foundations of Environmental Law
- Climate Change Law and Policy
- Natural Resources Law
- Environmental Moot Court

*Please see online for a full list of modules.*

### Optional modules:

Students choose 2-4 of the following optional modules (20 credits in total), which includes a field trip for those who opt for Planning Law:

- Practical Environmental Assessment
- NGOs: Law, Governance and Social Change
- The Market for Labour, Land & SDGs
- Ecology and its Applications
- Peatlands and Environmental Change
- Culture, Heritage and Human Rights
- Sustainable Cities
- Planning Law
- International Law of the Sea

All core modules are online only. Depending on the optional modules chosen, students can complete the programme fully online or partly online and partly in person.

September and January start dates are available for this programme. It can also be studied part-time - see [www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies](http://www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies)

## Why study at UCD?



### Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



### Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



### Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



### Global Community

9,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 184 countries



### Global Profile

UCD Sutherland School of Law is ranked in the Top 100 Law Schools in the World



### Bespoke Law School

The Sutherland School of Law offers a world-class university experience in a modern, state-of-the-art building



## Career Opportunities

The aim of this programme is to equip graduates to work in the fields of climate and environmental law/policy, internationally or in Ireland, as a practising lawyer, legal adviser, policy maker, advocate, researcher, consultant or academic. Career opportunities exist for example in inter-governmental organisations (e.g. United Nations, European Union, Council of Europe), in government departments and agencies, in local government, in international and domestic non-governmental organisations and think tanks, and in leading planning and environmental consultancies and law firms.

## Applicant Profile

- This programme is intended for applicants with a degree in law or another relevant discipline, including the social and natural sciences.
- Exemption may be given to those with significant, relevant, practical experience or those with a relevant graduate qualification.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 and 6.5 in reading and writing), or equivalent.

Several UCD careers events are held throughout the year, including dedicated law careers fairs which are attended by top employers from Ireland, the UK and international markets.

In addition to the unrivalled Careers Network in UCD, Sutherland School of Law has its own dedicated faculty member with responsibility for careers.

## Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on [www.ucd.ie/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/fees). Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see [www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships](http://www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships) for further information.

## Related Masters

- LLM General
- MSc Environmental Sustainability

## Staff Profiles



**Dr. Andrew Jackson,**  
Assistant Professor of Environmental Law

Andrew Jackson has diverse research interests in the fields of climate and environmental law and is an accomplished litigator, having been involved in public interest environmental cases for many years, including before the Irish, English and EU courts. He acted for Friends of the Irish Environment in the landmark 'Climate Case Ireland' before the Supreme Court of Ireland. His previous roles include working for a large law firm in London and Paris, for the UK government's Department for Environment, and as in-house lawyer for an environmental NGO in Ireland.



**Prof. Suzanne Kingston,**  
Professor of Environmental Law

Suzanne Kingston is Professor of Environmental Law at UCD and a Judge of the EU General Court. Suzanne has published widely in the fields of environmental and climate law and is co-author of 'European Environmental Law' (Cambridge University Press), described by reviewers as an "essential text" and a "major contribution to the literature".

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