Sydney Law School delivers one of the world’s largest postgraduate programs in climate and environmental law. Informed by the Australian Centre for Climate and Environmental Law (ACCEL), it accounts for up to 25 units of study per year. In 2010, there are four specialised units in Climate Law:

- Carbon Trading, Derivatives & Taxation
- Comparative Climate Law
- Energy & Climate Law
- US Climate Law

Sydney Law School was the first Faculty in Australia to teach a unit in Energy and Climate Law. In 1999, Professor Rosemary Lyster introduced this unit, taught on an interdisciplinary basis with input from scientists and economists.

The depth and innovation of the program is complemented by its well-reputed academic staff and visiting lecturers. The program includes an International Faculty which brings experts from various countries to lecture specialist units.

The program is open to Lawyers and Non-Lawyers alike.
CARBON TRADING, 
DERIVATIVES & TAXATION
Semester 2 Intensive 2010
8-9 & 11-12 October 2010
Professor Rosemary Lyster, Celeste Black, Dr Tim Stephens and Scott Farrell (Mallesons Stephen Jaques)
Location: Sydney Law School
Objectives:
Acquire a sound understanding of:
• International and domestic carbon trading legal frameworks.
• How to trade on the ‘spot’ and ‘derivative’ carbon markets.
• The legal documentation needed to support carbon derivative trading.
• The taxation implications of participating in the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.
Content:
• Carbon trading schemes at the international and domestic levels;
• Practical examples of how to trade on different carbon markets both internationally and domestically, carbon derivatives documentation; interface between Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme and Australian Taxation Law.
• Legal issues relating to the Clean Development Mechanism and Joint Implementation
• Legal framework for geosequestration in Australia
• Renewable energy and energy efficiency
• Climate change litigation, corporate governance and corporate social responsibility
Assessment:
• 1 x Take-Home Exam (100%)

ENERGY & CLIMATE LAW
Semester 1 Intensive 2010
7-8 & 10-11 May 2010
Professor Rosemary Lyster
Location: Sydney Law School
Objectives:
• Acquire an interdisciplinary and integrative approach to understanding the dynamics of one of the most pressing global environmental concerns - energy use in the context of global climate change.
• Identify current patterns of energy use in Australia and examine Australia's response to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
• Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of various political, legal and economic mechanisms that influence the choice of energy use.
Content:
• UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
• Kyoto Protocol
• Copenhagen Accord
• World carbon market
• Emissions trading schemes
Assessment:
• 1 x 7,000 Word Essay (80%)
COMPARATIVE CLIMATE LAW

Semester 2 Intensive 2010
19-22 July 2010

Professor Rosemary Lyster and Professor Kurt Deketelaere, Leuven University
Location: Moller Centre, Cambridge, UK - Sydney Law School in Europe

Objectives:
- Analyse the different ways in which three jurisdictions, the European Union, the United States and Australia, have responded to the phenomenon of global climate change.
- Consider their responses situated within the international legal framework for climate change, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Copenhagen Accord.
- Discuss the latest climate change science and economic modelling on climate change to provide a context for understanding the legal responses.

Content:
- Emissions trading
- Renewable energy
- Carbon capture and storage and energy efficiency
- Responses to global climate change
- International legal framework for climate change
- The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Kyoto Protocol
- The Copenhagen Accord.

Assessment:
- Class Participation (20%)
- 1 x 8,000 Word Essay (80%)

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (ACCEL)

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US CLIMATE LAW

Semester 2 Intensive
13-14 & 16-17 August 2010

Assistant Professor Michael Wara, Stanford University
Location: Sydney Law School

Objectives:
- Assess the response of the United States to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Copenhagen Agreement
- Analyse the climate change legislation passed by the US House of Representatives and the US Senate in 2010
- Discussion about the considerable efforts of state and local governments in the United States to address climate change.
- Review of renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives as well as the interface between the economic stimulus package and climate change.

Assessment:
- 1 x 8,000-10,000 Word essay (100%)
SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL’S ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM

DEGREE PROGRAMS & STRUCTURE

Master of Laws (LLM) - 48 Credit Points = Eights units of study
Master of Environmental Law (MEL) - 48 Credit Points = Eights units of study
Master of Environmental Science & Law (MEnvSci&Law) - 48 Credit Points = Eights units of study
Master of Global Law (MGlobL) - 48 Credit Points = Eights units of study
Graduate Diploma in Law (GradDipLaw) - 24 Credit Points = Four units of study
Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law (GradDipEnvLaw) - 24 Credit Points = Four units of study

FEES

Fees for local or domestic candidates are $2,760 per six credit point unit of study in 2010. Candidates can pay up-front each semester or defer their tuition fee payment through the Commonwealth Government’s FEE-HELP scheme – www.goingtouni.gov.au The estimated total fee for the Master of Environmental Law (MEL) is $22,080. The fee for international candidates is A$28,080.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A relevant undergraduate degree at an appropriate level.

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