



LAWS8055

Environmental Law and Sustainable Development

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Macquarie Law School

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Admission to LLM or MSusDev or M Env or (Admission to JD and LAWS600 or LAWS8001)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit introduces students to the specialised and burgeoning area of environmental law on both the national and international stage. It evaluates the effectiveness of current environmental law in the context of ongoing and emerging challenges. The unit adopts a multidisciplinary perspective to help augment understanding of the complexity of environmental challenges and enhance the analysis of relevant legislation and case law.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Identify and analyse the major global and Australian environmental challenges.

ULO2: Identify and critique key ethical and interdisciplinary perspectives on the environment and the relevance of different aspects of jurisprudential and legal theory that underlie environmental law including ecologically sustainable development and environmental justice

ULO3: Analyse the interaction of environmental law at multiple governance scales and the role of contextual factors.

ULO4: Critically analyse and evaluate different forms of environmental regulation and their suitability to regulate current and future sustainability challenges.

General Assessment Information

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved,

(a) a penalty for lateness will apply – 10 marks out of 100 credit will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and

(b) no assignment will be accepted seven days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline.

No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Students should carefully check that they submit the correct file for an assessment as no resubmissions will be accepted after the due date and time, including instances where students upload an incorrect file in error.

Word limits will be strictly applied and work above the word limit will not be marked.

Footnotes are only to be used for referencing. Substantive material in footnotes will not be marked. All assessments in the unit are to be submitted electronically via Turnitin. Plagiarism detection software is used in this unit. All assessments must be appropriately referenced, applying the Australian Guide to Legal Citation (4th ed). The Guide is available here <https://law.unimelb.edu.au/mulr/aglc>.

Assessment Tasks

| Name | Weighting | Hurdle | Due |
|---|-----------|--------|---------------------------|
| In class participation | 20% | No | Weeks 1-12 |
| Analytical Research Essay | 40% | No | 11:55pm, 30/04/22, Week 8 |
| Take home assessment | 40% | No | 9am-1pm, 09/06/22 |

In class participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **Weeks 1-12**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will prepare and participate in relevant discussion and problem solving tasks during tutorials

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- Analyse the interaction of environmental law at multiple governance scales and the role of contextual factors.

Analytical Research Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 35 hours

Due: **11:55pm, 30/04/22, Week 8**

Weighting: **40%**

Students will prepare a research essay that analyses a topic of environmental law.

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- Identify and critique key ethical and interdisciplinary perspectives on the environment and the relevance of different aspects of jurisprudential and legal theory that underlie environmental law including ecologically sustainable development and environmental justice
- Critically analyse and evaluate different forms of environmental regulation and their suitability to regulate current and future sustainability challenges.

Take home assessment

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **9am-1pm, 09/06/22**

Weighting: **40%**

Students will submit responses to questions based on a hypothetical scenario

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify and analyse the major global and Australian environmental challenges.
- Analyse the interaction of environmental law at multiple governance scales and the role of contextual factors.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

No prescribed textbook. Resources will be provided on iLearn.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.