

2019-2020



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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND LAW

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a residence permit
migri.fi



Participate in
the orientation
programme
kamu.uef.fi/orientation



Check course
information on
weboodi.uef.fi

Find online guides in
kamu.uef.fi

Register as
a student at UEF in
studyinginfo.fi
or in person

Apply for housing
joensuunelli.fi
in Joensuu, and
kuopas.fi
in Kuopio



Other important websites

- ▶ Student Union (ISYY) isyy.fi
- ▶ Language Centre uef.fi/kielikeskus
- ▶ Library uef.fi/kirjasto
- ▶ Student and Learning Services uef.fi/opintopalvelut
- ▶ Campus restaurants uef.fi/services/restaurants
- ▶ Finnish Student Health Services (YTHS) yths.fi

Schedule of the first week

TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

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THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

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FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

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Programme overview

The Master's Degree Programme in Environmental Policy and Law is a multidisciplinary two-year programme that combines group teaching and independent research with the objective of providing participants with professional skills in environmental law and policy. The programme consists of advanced study of law and policy in relation to the environment, climate change and natural resources.

All students will complete basic courses on environmental law and environmental policy. They will choose between **two alternative majors: Natural Resources Governance or Environmental and Climate Change Law**.

1) **Natural Resources Governance:** The scientific background for the major is environmental policy which offers the social scientific perspective to current environmental problems and their solutions. Within the major, you can specialise in global and local governance issues and in policy formulation and implementation. Your target degree will be Master of Social Sciences (MSocSc).

2) **Environmental and Climate Change Law:** Environmental law includes a number of specialized areas of legal practice, such as climate change law and natural resources law. Environmental lawyers can also specialize in international legal issues, EU law or national environmental legislation. Your target degree will be Master of International and Comparative Law (MICL).

Who are we?

The Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change is a joint Master's degree programme organized between two disciplines; environmental law and environmental policy. The Master's degree programme is fully administrated through the UEF Law School, although the environmental policy major is based at the UEF Department of Geographical and Historical Studies.

In addition, the programme is part of the Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law (CCEEL), established in 2013. UEF Law School is the leading Finnish research institution in the area of natural resources, climate change, energy and environmental law. The CCEEL brings together a range of activities from UEF Law School and provides a common platform for discussion, research and education.

The programme also benefits from the research and education network of the Institute for Natural Resources, Environment and Society (LYY) operating at the UEF, representing several disciplines including geography, forest economics and policy, environmental law, history, aesthetics and policy, sociology, education, and tourism studies.

The LYY network brings together the expertise of researchers from a variety of traditional and new fields of study to craft socio-cultural scrutiny of the environment and the use of its resources, with the results then offered to the world. The Institute's researcher network includes over 100 researchers and postgraduate students, as well as 12 professors, representing several disciplines including geography, forest economics and policy, environmental law, history, aesthetics, and policy, sociology, education and tourism studies.

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Degree structure

STUDIES

Master's programme in Environmental Policy and Law comprises 120 ECTS credits (cp) and takes approximately 2 years of full-time studying. The language of the programme is English. Students are required to complete at least 80 % of the courses in English.

Degrees:

Students successfully completing the programme are awarded with one of the following degrees, depending on their previous degrees and major:

- 1) **Master in Social Sciences (MSocSc)**
- 2) **Master of International and Comparative Law (MICL)**

DEGREE STRUCTURE

Major Studies 100 cp	
Compulsory Studies (25 cp) 5319105 Introduction to Master's Degree Studies, Environmental Policy and Law 2 cp 5311738 Introduction to Environmental Law 5 cp 5119161 Sustainability and Natural Resources 5 cp 8015012 Academic Legal Writing 3 cp 5119175 Environmental Policy Instruments and Natural Resources Governance 5 cp 5311721 Climate Change Law and Policy 5 cp	
Student has to complete 75 credits (inc. Master's Thesis) according to the chosen major.	
5319102 Major Subject: Natural resources governance (75 cp) Compulsory (13 cp): 5119154 Theories and Methods for Social Studies of Environmental Issues 5 cp 5119156 Community Relations and Conflict Mediation in Natural Resources 3 cp 5119155 Natural Resource Governance 5 cp	5319103 Major Subject: Environmental and climate change law (75 cp) Compulsory (25 cp): 5311093 Public International Law 5 cp 5311737 European Environmental Law 5 cp 5311720 International Environmental Law I 5 cp 5311105 Public EU Law 5 cp 5311722 Seminar on International and European Environmental Law 5 cp

Major-specific studies (choose 22 cp):

5119157 Community Relations and Conflict Media-
tion in Natural Resources Management, literature
3 cp

5119176 Contemporary issues in environmental
policy 5 cp

5119169 Voluntary Schemes for Sustainability in
the Extraction of Natural Resources 5 cp

5119162 Mining, environment and society 5 cp

5119163 Mining, environment and society II 5 cp

5119164 Food and Society I 5 cp

5119165 Food and Society II 5 cp

5311717 Environmental and Social Impact Assess-
ment 5 cp

5119174 Environmental Collaboration and Conflict
Resolution 5 cp

5319109 Global Environmental Politics 5 cp

3513150 Co-management of natural resources 5
cp

3513151 International Forest Governance and En-
vironmental Policy 5 cp

3622111 Basic statistics in English 5 cp

5319305 Workshops, conferences, doctoral disser-
tations and other extra-curricular activities 1-10 cp

Compulsory (40 cp):

5119242 Master's Thesis, Seminar and Maturity
Test 40 cp

Major-specific studies (choose 20 cp):

5311736 International Environmental Law II 5 cp
5311115 International Energy Law and Policy 5
cp

5311732 WTO: Environment, Clean Energy and
Natural Resources 5 cp

5311731 International Water Law 5 cp

5319109 Global Environmental Politics 5 cp

5311014 Seminar on International Dispute Set-
tlement 5 cp

5319111 International Law and Forests 5 cp

5311114 EU Energy Law and Policy 5 cp

5311717 Environmental and Social Impact As-
sessment 5 cp

5311923 Comparative Law 5 cp

5311641 EU Food Law 5 cp

5311654 Food Law and Policy 5 cp

5311640 Animal Law and Policy 5 cp

5319110 International Environmental Negotia-
tions: Simulation Exercise 5 cp

5319305 Workshops, conferences, doctoral dis-
sertations and other extra-curricular activities 1-
10 cp

Compulsory (30 cp):

5319112 Master's Thesis and Maturity Examina-
tion in Environmental Policy and Law (30 cp)

Elective Studies (20 cp)

Students are free to choose the elective studies according to their Personal Study Plan. If students complete at least 15 credits in the same subject, those studies will be registered as "Other Studies" on their degree certificate under the title Minor.

If students' major is Natural Resources Governance it is highly recommended that students complete 15 or more credits in Environmental and Climate Change Law (and vice versa).

Other suitable combinations for Elective studies:

- Courses offered by the Law School
- Courses offered by the Department of Geographical and Historical Studies
- Practical Training
- Courses offered by the Other Faculties or Departments

I can – I am a Master!

WHY ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND LAW?

Climate change has become one of the defining issues of our generation, and the uncertain future availability of natural resources – including forests, food, water, energy and minerals – poses unprecedented socio-economic and environmental challenges and opportunities. Achieving sustainable development requires strong and in-depth knowledge of multi-level and multi-actor governance, legal and regulatory institutions, and social and community practices.

” *Studying the Master's in Environmental Policy and Law has been one of the best decisions I have made as it has helped me to deepen my knowledge of the environment and learn how to formulate innovative solutions to some of the world's most wicked problems. All the lecturers are highly professional and always provide assistance when needed. Besides several mandatory courses, students have the flexibility to choose from a wide range of courses that can be customized to match their interests and career aspirations. This allows students to not only complete their degree, but have the opportunity to combine theoretical coursework with practical experience and work at the same time. During my time in Joensuu I created many lasting friendships and really enjoyed my time in the programme.*

Eftimiya Salo

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After completing the programme, the student has the required theoretical knowledge to understand the manifold environmental challenges we face today, and to contribute into resolving them on a practical level. All students gain basic knowledge on the contemporary legal and policy perspectives in addressing these issues. In their major studies, each student will choose a major, Natural Resource Governance or Environmental and Climate Change Law, and specialize in either discipline, further deepening their knowledge and skills through advanced studies in order to become experts in their respective fields. Students have a lot of freedom in choosing their studies and field of specialization within the environmental subject matter of the programme. The programme qualifies the student to work in, *inter alia*, private and public organizations, companies, public sector positions and to continue with PhD studies.

Welcome to Master's Degree Programme in Environmental Policy and Law

Notwithstanding the progress made in the past 50 years, a wide range of environmental problems – including climate change, biodiversity loss, air pollution and the unsustainable use of natural resources – continue to lead to alarming consequences. Developing appropriate responses to these socio-environmental challenges through policy and law will be an essential task for societies in decades to come.

Through this Master's Degree Programme, we hope to provide you with a skill set that will allow you to contribute to these responses, be it as a policymaker in your home country, a legal adviser or consultant, a campaigner for an NGO, or a sustainability officer in a company. We further hope that through conversations with your fellow students and teachers, you will be able to critically reflect on the root causes of environmental issues, the adequacy of existing environmental laws and policies, and the pathways for reform.

Last but not least, we hope that you will enjoy your experience in Joensuu and at UEF!

Harro van Asselt, Professor of Climate Change Policy and Law, Academic head of Environmental and Climate Change Policy and Law

Academic calendar at UEF

The academic year is based on a two-semester system. The official academic year starts on 1 August and ends on 31 July. However, in the autumn semester lectures are scheduled mainly between September and mid-December, and in the spring semester between early January and May. The Christmas break is about three weeks and during the spring semester, there is a week-long Easter break. There is generally no teaching during the summer and on public holidays.

Check the up-to-date information on <https://kamu.uef.fi/en/student-book/academic-calendar/>.

DATE	EVENT/HOLIDAY
3-5 September 2019	Orientation for new Master's Degree students in Kuopio and in Joensuu
15 September 2019	Registration for new students ends
5 September 2019 (in Joensuu)	Opening ceremony of the academic year
29 September 2019 (in Joensuu)	Climate afternoon
2 October 2019	Sports afternoon
7 October 2019 (in Kuopio)	Climate afternoon
18 December 2019 – 3 January 2020	Christmas break
20 February 2020 (in Kuopio)	10 th Anniversary of the university
25 February	Sports afternoon
9-15 April 2020	Easter break

Teaching will not be arranged during the opening ceremony, sports afternoon, climate afternoon, Independence Day (6 December), Maundy Thursday (9 April) and the First of May (30 April – 1 May).

Save the date! Important events

2019:

- **September/October 2019:** Law School hiking excursion to Kuhasalo, Joensuu. Students and staff are welcome to join for little hike and some snacks!
- **October 2019:** Application period of scholarships for practical training opens

2020:

- **April 15th:** Selection of Major: Students are expected to select their major for their master's degree studies by 15th April 2020.
- **September 2020:** Master's thesis seminars begin

2021

- **April 30th:** Final deadline for submitting master's thesis for formal evaluation.
- **May 31st:** Final deadline for applying the degree from the Faculty.
- **June 2021:** Graduation

Master's degree programmes at UEF Law School – yammer group

Events, deadlines and other important dates related to the programme and studies will be announced in the closed Yammer information sharing platform where all new students are encouraged to join. You can find the yammer group in the Office365-services that you will have access to during your studies at UEF.

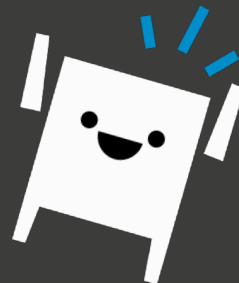
*Welcome to Eastern Finland, the University of Eastern Finland and our **Student Union!***

At first, everything can feel new and confusing, but luckily you have joined a student community where you will surely find all the support you need. Students are a wonderful bunch and we at the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland will provide you recreational activities, sports services and opportunities to make a difference. We also look out for your interests, so that you can focus on your studies. Your Student Association is the link to other students of your field, while the Student Union is the gateway to all the joys and benefits of student life.

The Student Union, or ISYY for short, may already be familiar to you. Once you have registered to the University, you can pay our membership fee, which also includes the Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS) fee. We are a service and lobbying organisation for students, and that means You. From students to students, with love.

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO OUR MEMBERS INCLUDE:

- Interest advocacy
- Recreational activities and events
- SYKETTÄ Sports Services
- Rental equipment and venue hire
- Clubs
- International Services
- Communications services, e.g. newsletters
- Student card and the term stickers
- Customer service office
- Anti-Harassment Contact Persons
- Opportunities to make a difference in the Student Union and the University
- Support and services for Student Associations (e.g. grants and training)



Visit our website to learn more about the Student Union, our operations, services, and all the fun and useful things ISYY membership offers you. Our expert staff is also ready to help you anytime! If you really get excited about our work, you can stand in the ISYY Representative Council elections in the fall of 2019, or vote for the candidate that you think is best suited to run the Student Union's affairs.

We wish you the best in your studies this semester and a happy student life!

READ MORE: isyy.fi/en/services/for-new-students



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isyy.fi

ESN for international students

WHO ARE WE?

ESN Joensuu and ESN Kisa are part of ISYY dedicated to the international students. We are part of Erasmus Students Network (ESN) with more than 527 local sections in 39 countries. The most important task of the ESN sections is to introduce Finnish culture and lifestyle to international students and give Finnish students an opportunity to gain international experiences by arranging events and activities. We are active in promoting intercultural understanding and social inclusion.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER?

Every member of ISYY is an ESN member. You can participate in our events (most of them free of charge) and to our trips, if you are interested in gaining international experiences. Become a board or active member?

Becoming a board or active member gives you the opportunity to participate in the organization of events and decision making. The tasks of board members are the planning and management of events and trips, communication, finding partners and being part of the decision making in the Erasmus student network (ESN). Active members can participate in organizing events and trips. If you wish to participate, please join our meetings. Contact us for meetings schedule and location.

EVENTS WE ORGANISE

Kuopio: We organise get to know each other nights, movie nights, International food festivals, SitSits, Wine and cheese nights, Board game nights, Barbeques and picnics, Futsal tournaments, Ice hockey watching, Smoke Sauna and the list is open to your suggestions! We have at least one event per week so check out our facebook!

Joensuu: Join sledging, travel to Lapland and hire skis in the Winter. During the warmer months, you can come and participate in events such as the famous Vappu celebrations and Colourfest! ESN members also have the right to borrow skis, skates, frisbees free of charge at the Student Union. We also organise trips to Koli, Saariselkä, Lapland; Lofoten, Norway and St. Petersburg, Stockholm, and other international events!

GET INVOLVED!

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INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE
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UEF// DIGITAL TOOLS FOR STUDENTS

The University of Eastern Finland uses a wide range of digital tools that help you with your studies, work and communication. Using these tools is the best way to stay updated on matters pertaining to your studies and the university.

UEF// KAMU

The Student Handbook **KAMU** is an ever-evolving information bank, where you can find instructions that concern all students, as well as links to various services.

kamu.uef.fi

A **STUDY COMMUNITY** is a community created for and featuring information aimed at students of a specific department, unit, major subject or degree programme. General studies-related information is also shared in the study communities. The study communities are part of the Office 365 environment, and you can log in with your UEF credentials. You can find links to the study communities in Kamu.



YAMMER is an internal communication channel for students and staff. Everyone can join in the discussion, follow different groups and create new ones. The UEF Students group is intended for information that concerns all students, and the Yammer group of your study community is good source of the latest information in your field. It's a smart move to join and follow both of these groups. You can find a link to Yammer on the university's home page.



AN EMAIL ACCOUNT is automatically created for you in the form username@student.uef.fi. Log in to your email and other O365 services by entering your username in the form username@uef.fi. You can find a link to student email on the university's home page.

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WEBOODI is your most important tool right from the start! Use WebOodi to register for the academic year, exams and courses, and to make your PSP.

weboodi.uef.fi



TUUDO is a free mobile app (for iOS and Android) via which you can register for courses and exams. In Tuudo, you can also find your study records and automatically created schedule, as well as campus maps and public transport timetables.

tuudo.fi

Feeling lost? *Kamu* will help you out!

All our latest information can be found in the online student handbook **KAMU**. There is information for all the phases of your studies – from freshman year to graduation. Besides guides, information on our services and UEF news, you can search for tips to improve your study skills, or check what kind of campus activities are available. Please check this online material to ensure your smooth start at UEF. Your orientation programme will start on 3 September 2019. The schedule of the orientation week can be found in

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