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LLM IN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 2023-2024



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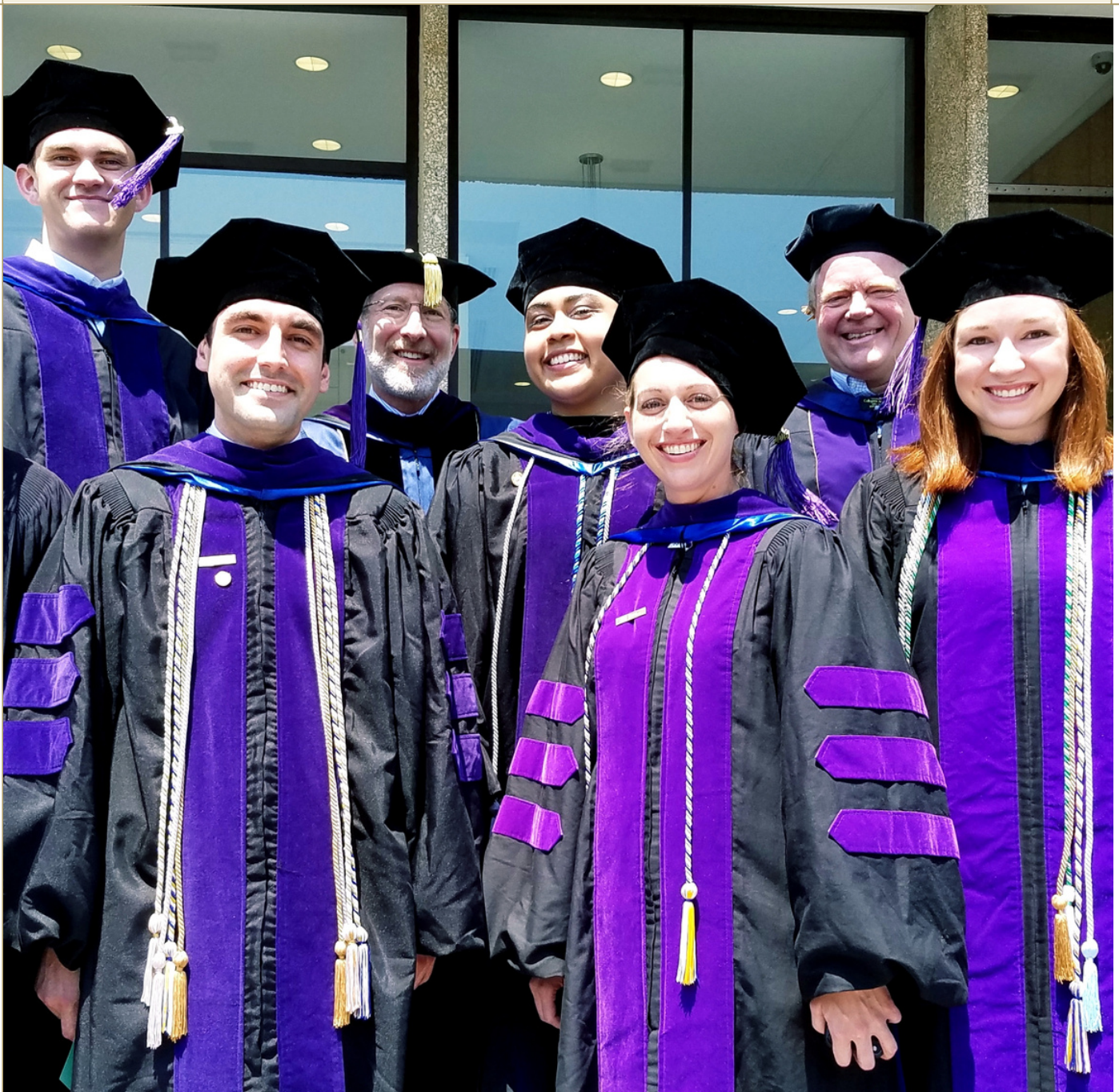
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LLM DEGREE OVERVIEW

Sustainable or “Green” Procurement is a procurement process where governments use their purchasing power to buy goods and services with a reduced environmental impact. As governments increasingly integrate sustainability goals into procurement policies, there is a growing demand for knowledgeable attorneys who can navigate this emerging area of the law. Our LLM in Government Procurement & Environmental Law provides our students with the competitive advantage they need to excel in this critical area of the law.



FLEXIBLE COURSES

At GW Law, our degrees offer students maximum flexibility to design a course load that works with their schedules. Students can complete the LLM program through a mix of online and on-campus courses and on a full-time (3 semester) or part-time (6 semester) basis.



ONLINE AND ON CAMPUS

Students can take a mix of online and on-campus courses. Our best-in-class online courses are taught by the same nationally-recognized experts as our on-campus courses. Our courses also offer a low student-faculty ratio and online synchronous discussion sessions designed to facilitate full engagement with the materials.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

LLM students must complete 24 credits to graduate, which are divided into foundational government procurement courses (≥ 6 credits); foundational environmental law courses (≥ 6 credits); the writing requirement (4 credits); and electives (≤ 8 credits). These requirements may vary for graduates of non-U.S. law schools and may be amended from time to time as offerings at the Law School change. For more information about degree requirements and course offerings, please see the Law School Bulletin at law.gwu.edu/bulletin.



REQUIREMENT 1: GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT COURSES (≥ 6 CREDITS)

Students must take a minimum of 6 credits from the following courses in government procurement law:

6518 - Overview of Government Contracts (1 CR)

This course is an introduction to our curriculum and faculty, the vocabulary, and key principles of government contracts, plus the functions of Congress, the executive branch, and the courts in the procurement process. (Quizzes)

AND AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:

6502 - Formation of Government Contracts (3 CR)

This course covers the contract formation process, including techniques for awarding contracts, and litigation and protests involving awards. (Midterm; final exam)

6503 - Performance of Government Contracts (3 CR)

This course covers the substantive problems that most frequently arise during the performance of government contracts, the interpretation of specifications, and the most generally used contract clauses. (Midterm; final exam)

6506 - Government Contracts Cost and Pricing (2 CR)

This course covers issues concerning government contract accounting principles, cost allowability, cost accounting standards, and cost allocation. This course also discusses issues concerning the negotiations of costs, profits, and prices, as well as issues concerning disclosure of cost accounting data. (Problem assignments)

REQUIREMENT 2: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW COURSES (≥ 6 CREDITS)

Students must take a minimum of 6 credits in environmental law, including at least 3 of the following courses:

6432 - Air Pollution Control (2 or 3 CR)

An in-depth analysis of the Clean Air Act. Topics include the history of air pollution control, air quality planning, standard setting, technology-based controls, incineration, indoor air pollution, permitting, and control of electrical utilities. (Exam or take-home exam)

6434 -Water Pollution Control (2 CR)

Introduction to water pollution control and the Clean Water Act, with emphasis on water quality requirements and policies affecting industrial, municipal, and agricultural/development interests. Related federal laws and policies involving wetlands, watersheds, coastal pollution, oil spills, groundwater, and safe drinking water. (Exam)

6438 - Energy Law and Regulation (2 or 3 CR)

Survey of the law and regulation of energy production, distribution, and use. Topics include fuel production, electricity and natural gas utility regulation, nuclear and hydroelectric facility regulation, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy tax policy and financial incentives. Legislation and regulations developed in response to climate change concerns. (Take-home exam and class participation, or writing assignments and class participation, or exam and class participation)

6442 - Control of Solid and Hazardous Wastes (2 or 3 CR)

Principal federal statutes governing the management and cleanup of hazardous substances and waste. Site and remedy selection processes, liability regime, and government and private enforcement rights under the Superfund statute. Rules for identifying industrial and commercial waste as hazardous; treatment, storage, and disposal standards; regulation of recycling; and operation of underground storage tanks. (Take-home exam)



REQUIREMENT 3: THE WRITING REQUIREMENT

THESIS OR NON-THESIS TRACKS

Students must complete the writing requirement by either writing a thesis or two research papers (each at least 8,000 words in length) written in connection with two separate 2-credit courses.

THESIS TRACK (4 credits)

Students must write a thesis on a government procurement and environmental law topic and take the following courses:

- LAW 6690 - Thesis I (2 CR)
- LAW 6691 - Thesis II (2 CR)

**Students will work a faculty member, who will serve as their "thesis advisor," throughout the thesis writing process.*

NON-THESIS TRACK (4 credits)

Students must write two research papers in connection with two of the following 2-credit seminar courses:

- LAW 6435 - Trade and Sustainable Development
- LAW 6449 - Environmental and Toxic Torts
- LAW 6508 - Comparative Public Procurement
- LAW 6750 - Foreign Gov't Contracting
- LAW 6752 - Procurement Reform
- LAW 6751 - State & Local Procurement
- LAW 6509 - Sustainable Procurement (not offered for AY23-24)
- LAW 6516 - Procurement in Int'l Development
- Law 6696 - Graduate Independent Legal Writing (2 CR)

**Each paper must be at least 8,000 words long and students must notify the professor at the beginning of the semester that they plan to use the research paper to satisfy the LLM writing requirement. One paper must be on a combined environmental law and government procurement law topic, while the second paper can be on a combined topic or, with permission of the program directors, on a topic focused solely on environmental law or government procurement law.*



OPTIONAL: ELECTIVE COURSES

Students may take no more than 8 credits of electives, which could include choices from the following non-exhaustive list of courses related to government procurement law and environmental law (≤ 8 credits). Additionally, with permission of the program directors, up to 6 credits of related coursework from other schools within GW University may be credited towards the LLM degree.

- LAW 6232 - Federal Courts (3 or 4 CR)
- LAW 6266 - Labor Law (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6296 - Business Planning (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6302 - Corporate Taxation (3 CR)
- LAW 6351 - Reading Group (BlockChain Law & Tech) (1 CR)
- LAW 6390 - Employment Discrimination Law (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6400 - Administrative Law (3 CR)
- LAW 6402 - Antitrust Law (3 CR)
- LAW 6406 - Regulated Industries (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6410 - Health Care Law (4 CR)
- LAW 6416 - Legislation (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6418 - Legislative Analysis and Drafting (2 CR)
- LAW 6422 - Local Government Law (2 CR)
- LAW 6424 - Animal Law Seminar (2 CR)
- LAW 6426 - Public Law Seminar (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6430 - Environmental Law (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6431 - Wildlife and Ecosystems Law (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6435 - Trade and Sustainable Development (2 CR)
- LAW 6437 - Coastal, Navigation, and Wetlands Resource Law (2 CR)
- LAW 6438 - Energy Law and Regulation (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6440 - Natural Resources Law (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6441 - Energy Law (2 CR)
- LAW 6443 - Oil and Gas Law (2 CR)
- LAW 6444 - Regulation of Toxic Substances Risk (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6449 - Environmental and Toxic Torts (2 CR)
- LAW 6450 - Federal Facilities Environmental Law Issues (2 CR)
- LAW 6452 - Environmental Issues in Business Transactions (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6454 - International Environmental Law (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6471 - Patent Law (2 or 3 CR)

OPTIONAL: ELECTIVE COURSES (CONT.)

- LAW 6755 - Government Contracts Claims (2 CR)
- LAW 6754 - Government Contracts Bid Protests (2 CR)
- LAW 6508 - Comparative Public Procurement (2 CR)
- LAW 6750 - Foreign Government Contracting (2 CR)
- LAW 6752 - Procurement Reform (2 CR)
- LAW 6751 - State & Local Procurement (2 CR)
- LAW 6509 - Sustainable Procurement (2 CR)
- LAW 6511 - Anti-Corruption & Compliance (2 CR)
- LAW 6512 - Government Procurement of IP (2 CR)
- LAW 6513 - Selected Topics: Model Procurement Code (1 CR)
- LAW 6758 - Federal Appropriations Law (1 CR)
- LAW 6756 - Acquisition Policymaking (2 CR)
- LAW 6757 - Negotiations (2 CR)
- LAW 6753 - Suspension & Debarment (1 CR)
- LAW 6759 - Other Transactions (1 CR)
- LAW 6514 - Federal Grants Law (2 CR)
- LAW 6515 - Gov't Contracts Moot Court (2 CR)
- LAW 6516 - Procurement in Int'l Dev. (2 CR)
- LAW 6521 - Int'l Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism (3 CR)
- LAW 6522 - International Business Transactions (3 CR)
- LAW 6568 - Human Rights Lawyering (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6602 - Law and Accounting (2 or 3 CR)
- LAW 6671 - Government Lawyering (2 CR)
- LAW 6676 - Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (3 CR)
- LAW 6681 - Negotiation & Conflict Management Systems Design (3 CR)
- LAW 6879 - Cybersecurity Law and Policy (2 CR)
- LAW 6880 - Disaster Law (2 CR)

COURSE CURRICULUM

The GW Law Government Procurement and Environmental Law Program offers over three dozen government procurement and environmental law courses per academic year. Our diverse curriculum includes foundational courses, upper-level seminars, and experiential skills-based courses. The majority of our courses are now offered online. Full biographical information of our faculty members is available at www.law.gwu.edu/faculty.



CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Our students receive the support, resources, and opportunities listed below to advance their careers and connect to the government procurement bar and community.

1. CAREER SERVICES

All government procurement and environmental law students have a designated career counselor who helps them develop personalized career plans. Our staff and faculty also meet with and assist our students in securing government procurement and environmental law related jobs, internships, and other professional experiences.



2. CONFERENCES & COLLOQUIA

Each academic year, our Program hosts numerous in-person and virtual conferences, webinars, and colloquia on emerging and timely government procurement and environmental law issues. In-person events are live-streamed and recorded for our distance students, ensuring that everyone can participate and network no matter their physical location.



3. PUBLICATIONS & AWARDS

We encourage and prepare our students to publish their academic papers in professional government procurement and environmental law publications, including the leading legal journal in the government procurement field, GW Law's very own *Public Contract Law Journal*, and the *George Washington Journal of Energy and Environmental Law*. Many of our students go on to win awards from leading professional organizations for their academic research.



4. FREE & DISCOUNTED MEMBERSHIPS

Our students receive free and discounted access to various government procurement and environmental law professional organizations and academic subscriptions, including membership in the National Contract Management Association (NCMA), a discounted American Bar Association membership, and a subscription to Law 360. With such access, students keep up to date with legal and policy developments.



ALUMNI NETWORK

Our students become members of one of the largest and most enthusiastic law school alumni networks.



AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY

Alumni of our Program often speak at on-campus programming and conferences, guest lecture, serve as mentors, and become future employers of our students.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Hai Anh Tran
LLM '22
World Bank
Office of Suspension
and Debarment

"[The GW Law Government Procurement and Environmental Law LLM] program provided me with great mentorship and guidance. . . . The program allowed me to further my concentration on sustainable procurement in an international context and further accelerate my professional goals in law."

SAMPLE COURSE MAP

**Course that satisfies writing requirement*

FALL 2023

- Overview of Gov't Contracts (1 CR)
- Formation of Gov't Contracts (3 CR)
- Energy Law and Regulation (2 CR)
- Government Procurement of IP (2 CR)
- Thesis I (2 CR)*
- Negotiations (2 CR)
- **SUBTOTAL = 12**

SPRING 2024

- Performance of Gov't Contracts (3 CR)
- Control of Solid and Hazardous Wastes (2 CR)
- Air Pollution Control (2 CR)
- Thesis II (2 CR)*
- Moot Court (2 CR)
- **SUBTOTAL = 23**

SUMMER 2024

- Other Transactions (1 CR)
- **TOTAL = 24**

LLM:
FULL TIME,
THESIS
TRACK

SAMPLE COURSE MAP

**Course that satisfies writing requirement*

FALL 2023

- Overview of Gov't Contracts (1 CR)
- Formation of Gov't Contracts (3 CR)
- Water Pollution Control (2 CR)
- Trade and Sustainable Development (2 CR)*
- Negotiations (2 CR)
- **SUBTOTAL = 10**

SPRING 2024

- Performance of Gov't Contracts (3 CR)
- Air Pollution Control (2 CR)
- Control of Solid and Hazardous Wastes (2 CR)
- Comparative Public Procurement (2 CR)*
- Moot Court (2 CR)
- **SUBTOTAL = 21**

SUMMER 2024

- Bid Protests (2 CR)
- Other Transactions (1 CR)
- **TOTAL = 24**

LLM:
FULL TIME,
NON-THESIS
TRACK

SAMPLE COURSE MAP

**Course that satisfies writing requirement*

FALL 2023

- Overview of Gov't Contracts (1 CR)
- Formation of Gov't Contracts (3 CR)
- Water Pollution Control (2 CR)
- **SUBTOTAL = 6**

SPRING 2024

- Performance of Gov't Contracts (3 CR)
- Air Pollution Control (2 CR)
- **SUBTOTAL = 11**

SUMMER 2024

- Bid Protests (2 CR)
- Appropriations (1 CR)
- **SUBTOTAL= 14**

FALL 2024

- Government Procurement of IP (2 CR)
- Thesis I (2 CR)*
- **SUBTOTAL= 18**

SPRING 2025

- Thesis II (2 CR)*
- Control of Solid and Hazardous Wastes (2 CR)
- Suspension and Debarment (1 CR)
- **SUBTOTAL = 23**

SUMMER 2025

- Other Transactions (1 CR)
- **TOTAL = 24**

LLM:
PART TIME,
THESIS
TRACK

SAMPLE COURSE MAP

**Course that satisfies writing requirement*

FALL 2023

- Overview of Gov't Contracts (1 CR)
- Formation of Gov't Contracts (3 CR)
- Water Pollution Control (2 CR)
- **SUBTOTAL = 6**

SPRING 2024

- Performance of Gov't Contracts (3 CR)
- Air Pollution Control (2 CR)
- **SUBTOTAL = 11**

SUMMER 2024

- Bid Protests (2 CR)
- Appropriations (1 CR)
- **SUBTOTAL= 14**

FALL 2024

- Energy Law and Regulation (2 CR)
- State and Local Procurement (2 CR)*
- **SUBTOTAL= 18**

SPRING 2025

- Comparative Public Procurement (2 CR)*
- Control of Solid and Hazardous Wastes (2 CR)
- Suspension and Debarment (1 CR)
- **SUBTOTAL = 23**

SUMMER 2025

- Other Transactions (1 CR)
- **TOTAL = 24**

LLM:
PART TIME,
NON-THESIS
TRACK



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