As pressure on energy resources grows, the search for new and renewable form of energy intensifies. Issues regarding the use and exploitation of energy have also become of increasing societal and international concern, and issues in energy and environmental law and policy have become of great importance to people and countries across the world.

There is consequently an explosion of interest in the field. This is mirrored in employment prospects, which are excellent.

In the legal profession the majority of international firms - and even large national law firms - now have distinct and separate energy and environmental law divisions. Energy scientists, economists and policy and environmental specialists are also in increasing demand.

The LLM Energy and Environmental Law at the University of Stirling offers a unique, multi-disciplinary approach to this topic by combining perspectives from law, economics and science. Energy and climate change are interrelated issues and students who study in this area will have the opportunity to contribute at some level to one of the world’s greatest challenges as we advance in the 21st century.
An LLM prepares our graduates for many destinations. In a world of globalisation your knowledge of international energy law and policy will set you apart from the crowd. Whether you’re interested in working in the legal profession, as an energy scientist or a policy specialist, this is the programme for you. Those who wish to continue in education may proceed on to do a PhD in an area which is still under-researched.

Making the Most of Masters aims to improve collaboration between employers and universities by providing opportunities for masters students to undertake work based projects. These are adaptable across all disciplines and key economic sectors in Scotland and the LLM in International Energy and Environmental Law is an enthusiastic participant in this initiative. A number of students have already engaged in successful projects with energy companies and law firms.

Funded by the Scottish Funding Council, as part of the Learning to Work 2 initiative (LTV2), MMM is an award-winning partnership project between the universities of Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Stirling.

You can find out more about funding opportunities at:

stir.ac.uk/scholarships

Is an LLM Energy and Environmental Law for me?

Students come to the LLM Energy and Environmental Law from a wide range of backgrounds. There is no expectation that students have a background in law or any other specific discipline, nor any prior academic training in this area, but an interest in the topic – demonstrated through academic study, voluntary or paid work – is an advantage. In addition to students applying straight from undergraduate programmes, we welcome applications from people who are returning to Higher Education after a period away. Applicants who do not meet the normal requirements for entry will be considered on a case-by-case basis and are encouraged to contact the Course Director before application.
Five Reasons
YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1. You will benefit from a specially-designed curriculum and a unique, multi-disciplinary learning and teaching approach.

2. You will be taught by experienced, committed and supportive academic staff.

3. You will gain in-depth knowledge of an increasingly topical-area and stay ahead of the crowd in doing so.

4. You will benefit from our course’s clear and consistent focus on employability and market needs.

5. You will have significant freedom in tailoring the course to your individual needs through the option of doing an industry-led, collaborative dissertation project.
COURSE OVERVIEW

The taught component of the course facilitates staged intellectual progress in key areas relevant to international energy law and policy. This stage consists of six modules which are taken over two semesters (two compulsory and choice of one optional each semester). The modules provide an overview of current developments in the field from the standpoint of the various disciplines involved.

MODULES

**Semester 1:** Training for Masters in the Arts and Humanities LLM (compulsory); International Law and Sustainable Development (compulsory);

AND, either

- International Organisations; OR Environmental Economics; OR Environmental Policy and Management.

**Semester 2:** Environmental Law (compulsory); Energy Law and Policy (compulsory);

AND, either

- Low Carbon Energy Law; OR Environmental Impact Assessment; OR Climate Change, Human Security and Resource Conflicts

DISSERTATION

The culmination of the course is the 10,000-word dissertation, which – subject to employer needs and availability of supervision – can be completed as a work-based dissertation project in collaboration with external organisations.

KEY TEACHING STAFF

Professor Simon Marsden
Professor Gavin Little, Professor of Environmental and Public Law
Dr Annalisa Savaresi, Senior Lecturer

University courses, services and procedures are continually reviewed, enhanced and revised, and this may result in some changes between the time of publication and the date when the student enters the University. Where any changes will affect an applicant, the University will keep the applicant fully informed.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of a second class Honours degree (2.1 preferred) or equivalent. Applicants without these formal qualifications but with significant appropriate work experience are encouraged to apply.

Energy and environmental law and policy practitioners come from a wide range of backgrounds, and the profession is keen to encourage applicants from the arts, humanities, business, sciences, and the social sciences. Applications are welcomed from applicants from the broadest range of disciplines.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence of proficiency such as a minimum IELTS score of 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each skill.

If you don’t meet the required score you may be able to register for one of our pre-sessional English courses. To register you must hold a conditional offer for your course and have an IELTS score 0.5 or 1.0 below the required standard. View our range of pre-sessional courses.

TUITION FEES & FUNDING

Details of tuition fees can be found at: stir.ac.uk/1ku

For Scottish students and EU domiciled students, this course is currently approved for PTFL (Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan) funding from SAAS. For more information, please visit: saas.gov.uk

You can find up to date financial information and funding opportunities here: stir.ac.uk/scholarships

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