



School of Law  
Office of the Registrar

University of San Francisco School of Law

**Fall 2026 & Spring 2027 Graduates Only**

## APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CERTIFICATE

**Priority Deadline: Monday, September 14, 2026** (December grads must submit by this date)

For Spring/Summer grads, submission by the priority deadline allows for a certificate-eligibility audit prior to registration for spring.

**Last Day to Submit Applications: Monday, February 1, 2027.**

I expect to graduate and am applying to receive the Environmental Law Certificate. I have read and understand the Program requirements found on the law school's website at: [Environmental Law Certificate Information Page](#) and further understand and acknowledge that award of the Certificate is conditional upon meeting those requirements.

Name:

USF ID:

Signature:

Date:

### COURSES & PROCEDURE:

**COURSES:** To earn an Environmental Law Certificate, a student must complete:

- 1) at least 9 units of approved course work in the subject area. The course work **must** include Administrative Law and Environmental Law. Any remaining units (to reach the minimum 9 units) must be completed by taking additional core courses and/or courses from the approved trial advocacy elective courses.
- 2) a practicum requirement related to environmental Law
- 3) an Upper-Level Research and Writing Requirement analyzing an issue related to environmental Law.

*All course work for the certificate must be taken for a letter grade except for any approved elective course in which credit/no credit grading is mandatory. For any course in which a letter grade is not provided, a "credit" must be achieved in order for the course to be applied to meet the certificate requirements. Students must achieve a grade of C+ or higher in each letter-graded course applied to the certificate and achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.70 or higher for all courses applied to the certificate. A student achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher for all courses applied to meet the requirements of the certificate is awarded the certificate with honors.*

**Procedure:** Indicate the letter grade and units received in the courses (below) that you wish to apply to the Certificate. Indicate "in progress" by marking "IP" for courses being taken during the current semester. **(If you indicate more than the required units of coursework, the Registrar's Office will choose courses with the highest grades to count toward the certificate.)**

Note: the curriculum is subject to change and not all courses are offered every year.

#### Required Courses:

| Term | Grade | Units | Reg | Course                     | Term | Grade | Units | Reg | Course                    |
|------|-------|-------|-----|----------------------------|------|-------|-------|-----|---------------------------|
|      |       |       |     | Administrative Law (req'd) |      |       |       |     | Environmental Law (req'd) |

#### Elective Courses:

| Term | Grade | Units | Reg | Course                                      | Term | Grade | Units | Reg | Course                       |
|------|-------|-------|-----|---------------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-----|------------------------------|
|      |       |       |     | Animal Law                                  |      |       |       |     | Env Negotiation Comp Team    |
|      |       |       |     | Animal Law & Policy:<br>Contemporary Issues |      |       |       |     | Federal Courts Seminar       |
|      |       |       |     | Animals & Justice Sem                       |      |       |       |     | State Constitutional Law Sem |
|      |       |       |     | CA Land Use Practice                        |      |       |       |     | Water Law                    |
|      |       |       |     | Energy Law                                  |      |       |       |     |                              |

#### Courses taken in the USF Masters in Environmental Management Program:

| Term | Grade | Units | Reg | Enter MSEM classroom course below |
|------|-------|-------|-----|-----------------------------------|
|      |       |       |     |                                   |
|      |       |       |     |                                   |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

USF ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRACTICUM REQUIREMENT**

To earn the certificate, a student must participate in a three-unit externship focused on environmental law. Students can extern in federal, state, or local government offices, at public interest organizations, or in private firms.

| Practicum Requirement: Please fill out the grade, year, semester and units for the component you completed                                                   |       |       |     |            |      |       |        |                |                                    |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----|------------|------|-------|--------|----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Term                                                                                                                                                         | Grade | Units | Reg | Course     | Term | Grade | Units  | Reg            | Course                             |  |
|                                                                                                                                                              |       |       |     | Externship |      | n/a   | n/a    | n/a            | Paid Position ( <i>see below</i> ) |  |
| If completing the practicum requirement with a minimum of 141 hours of supervised legal work through a paid position, please complete the information below. |       |       |     |            |      |       |        |                |                                    |  |
| Organization:                                                                                                                                                |       |       |     |            |      |       |        | Dates:         |                                    |  |
| Address:                                                                                                                                                     |       |       |     |            |      |       |        | Total # Hours: |                                    |  |
| Supervisor:                                                                                                                                                  |       |       |     |            |      |       | Title: |                |                                    |  |
| Email:                                                                                                                                                       |       |       |     |            |      |       | Phone: |                |                                    |  |
| Types of Assignments:                                                                                                                                        |       |       |     |            |      |       |        |                |                                    |  |

**UPPER-LEVEL WRITING REQUIREMENT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CERTIFICATE**

To earn the certificate, a student must complete a substantial research paper analyzing an issue relevant to environmental law. The paper must demonstrate the ability to identify, describe and analyze the subject matter and should, where possible, propose a resolution.

The paper must meet the standards for an Upper-Level Research and Writing Requirement project and also satisfies this graduation requirement. It may also satisfy the requirements of a course taken (sort by "Certificate" and "Writing Req't" on the course schedule for acceptable courses) or a Directed Research (*see Registrar's Office*).

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervising Professor: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO APPLY FOR THE CERTIFICATE, YOU MUST:**

- Submit this completed application to the Law Registrar's Office by your second to last semester.
- Submit a writing requirement enrollment form by the last day to add classes for the semester the writing requirement is being completed. *The "Certificate" box on the form must be checked.*

| Law Registrar Staff Only |                        |                           |                       |               |  |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--|
| First Audit Date: _____  | Writ Req Status: _____ | Final Audit Date: _____   |                       |               |  |
| Grades Verified: _____   | Units: _____           | IP as of: _____           | GPA: _____            | Units: _____  |  |
| On Track: _____          | Date Notified: _____   | Practicum Verified: _____ | Receiving Cert: _____ | Honors: _____ |  |