

MARINE & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SPECIALIZATION CERTIFICATES



DALHOUSIE
UNIVERSITY

SCHULICH SCHOOL OF LAW
Marine & Environmental
Law Institute

Date		Year graduating
Name		1 st year student
Banner #		2 nd year student
Email		3 rd year student

MELP STUDENTS: Indicate the courses you plan to take or have completed in your second and third years.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SPECIALIZATION

REQUIRED COURSES		
2051.03 International Environmental Law	2159.03 Health Systems: Law and Policy	
2104.03 Environmental Law I	2191.03 Animals and the Law	
ELECTIVE COURSES		
2005.04 Private International Law	2203.03 Intellectual Property Law II	
2012.03 International Law	2213.02 /2214.03 Energy Law	
2015.03 Planning Law	2219.03 Regulatory Systems in Environmental & Health	
2020.02 Fisheries Law	2225.03 Environmental Law Placement	
2041.03 Coastal Zone Management*	2250.03 Willms & Shier Environmental Law Moot	
2056.03 International Trade Law	2270.03 Indigenous Governance	
2074.03 International Human Rights Law	2280.03 Aboriginal Peoples and the Law	
2079.02 Oil and Gas Law	2283.03 Cultural Property and Heritage Law in a Transnational Context	
2115.03 Health Care Ethics and the Law		
2125.03 Law of Marine Environmental Protection	2287.03 Revitalizing Indigenous Feminist Governance	
2133.03 Climate Change Law and Policy	2309.03 Stetson International Environmental Moot	
The Douglas M. Johnston Lecture (DJL) or the Meinhard Doelle Legacy Lecture (MDLL)		

MARINE LAW SPECIALIZATION

REQUIRED COURSES		
2001.03 Maritime Law & Practice	2068.03 Ocean Law and Policy	
2022.03 Law of the Sea	2074.03 International Human Rights Law	
	2079.02 Oil and Gas Law	
ELECTIVE COURSES		
2005.04 Private International Law	2125.03 Law of Marine Environmental Protection	
2012.03 International Law	2211.02/2212.03 Law of International Trade & Shipping	
2020.02 Fisheries Law	2280.03 Aboriginal Peoples and the Law	
2041.03 Coastal Zone Management*	2283.03 Cultural Property and Heritage Law in a Transnational Context	
2056.03 International Trade Law		
The Douglas M. Johnston Lecture (DJL) or the Meinhard Doelle Legacy Lecture (MDLL)		

Note: not all courses are offered every year

*Coastal Zone Management is offered by the Marine Affairs Program and is cross listed with the Schulich School of Law

REQUIREMENTS FOR MELP SPECIALIZATION CERTIFICATES:

Effective Fall 2025, the updated requirements apply to incoming first-year JD law students pursuing the MELP Specialization Certificate

- Students must complete the **two required** courses for their chosen specialization certificate (either the environmental law specialization or marine law specialization) and **must** complete a **total of 15 specialization course credits** from the corresponding list above.
- All courses counted towards satisfying the environmental law specialization and/or the marine law specialization must be completed with **no grade below C**, and with a weighted average in those courses of **at least B** (e.g., 70).
- MELP specialization certificate students are **required to attend** (in person) **at least one** of the Marine & Environmental Law Institute's (MELAW) annual events — either the **Douglas M. Johnston Lecture** or the **Meinhard Doelle Legacy Lecture**.

- For all paper courses listed on page one, students **MUST** have their paper topic approved by the MELP Director **PRIOR** to writing the paper. List the course name and number below, then email this form, along with your proposed paper topic and a brief paragraph describing it, to the MELP Director at MELP@dal.ca for approval. *Maximum three paper courses per academic year.*

a) Paper course	course #	Approved: MELP Director	Date
b) Paper course	course #	Approved: MELP Director	Date
c) Paper course	course #	Approved: MELP Director	Date
d) Paper course	course #	Approved: MELP Director	Date
e) Paper course	course #	Approved: MELP Director	Date
f) Paper course	course #	Approved: MELP Director	Date

- Students may take **one additional paper course in law**, not listed as a MELP course on page one, as an elective toward the MELP certificate. The paper topic must be approved by the MELP Director **PRIOR** to writing the paper. List the course name and number below and email this form, along with your proposed paper topic and a brief paragraph describing it, to the MELP Director at MELP@dal.ca for approval.

a) Paper course	course #	Approved: MELP Director	Date
b) Paper course	course #	Approved: MELP Director	Date

- Students may seek special permission from the MELP Director to take **one non-law course** as an elective to be credited towards the MELP specialization. Complete this form and email to the MELP Director at MELP@dal.ca.

Non-law course	course #	Approved: MELP Director	Date
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- Students participating in an **exchange program** can request that **one law course** from that exchange be credited towards the specialization certificate. The content of this **course cannot duplicate and should be substantially different** from the course content of courses the student has previously or will pursue to satisfy the requirements of the specialization. The course, if approved, can serve as **one of the electives; it cannot replace a required course in the specialization**. Complete this form and email it along with a **copy of the syllabus from the exchange institution** to the MELP Director at MELP@dal.ca.

Exchange program course name	Approved: MELP Director	Date
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- Students may graduate with a **maximum of two certificates**. Please indicate which certificates you are pursuing.

Aboriginal and Indigenous Law	Environmental Law	Law and Technology
Business Law	Health Law	Marine Law
Criminal Justice		

- Students seeking to complete a **third certificate** may be considered in **exceptional cases and must obtain approval** from both the MELP Director and the Associate Dean, Academic. To apply, check a third box above and email this form to the MELP Director at MELP@dal.ca for signatures.

Approved: MELP Director	Date	Approved: Associate Dean, Academic	Date
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- A maximum of **two individual courses in law** may be applied toward the requirements of **two different certificates**. Please indicate which course(s) you intend to duplicate.

a) Law course	Course #	b) Law course	Course #
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Students are encouraged to contact the **MELP Director** at melp@dal.ca, **prior to the last day to drop/add classes**, with any additional questions regarding course selection or the MELP requirements. We kindly ask that you complete this form each year to ensure our records remain current and to help us better support you in your course selection.

Please return this form to the **MELP Office** located in room 413 or drop in the MELP mailbox on the 1st floor or email to melp@dal.ca.