

5.00 credits

30.0 h

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Teacher(s)	Dussauge Olivier ;
Language :	English
Place of the course	Bruxelles Saint-Louis
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	Student learning outcomes are assessed through a written in-class exam conducted in person. The exam is individual and covers the legal concepts studied during the course. It aims to evaluate the student's understanding of legal principles, analytical skills, and quality of reasoning. The exam may include theoretical questions, practical case studies, or commentary on court decisions.
Teaching methods	The course combines lectures with readings that must be completed at home. Class time also includes discussion, where students can exchange views and test their understanding in an interactive way.
Content	This course introduces students to the foundations and evolution of EU environmental law, tracing its development across six phases and examining the key legal principles that guide it, such as subsidiarity, proportionality, integration, and precaution. It explores the objectives and principles enshrined in the Treaties, the legal bases for environmental action, and the relationship with other EU policies, including energy, agriculture, transport, and trade. Students will analyse harmonisation methods, the implementation and enforcement of directives, and the role of the Commission. The course also addresses legal protection, focusing on direct effect, consistent interpretation, state liability, and access to justice under the Aarhus framework. Finally, it considers the intersection of environmental protection with the free movement of goods and competition law.
Bibliography	Nicolas de Sadeleer, <i>Environmental Principles: From Political Slogans to Legal Rules</i> (Second edition, Oxford University Press 2020); Josephine van Zeven and Arden Rowell, <i>A Guide to EU Environmental Law</i> (University of California Press 2021); Patrick Thieffry, <i>Handbook of European Environmental and Climate Law</i> (2nd edition, Bruylant 2021); Ludwig Krämer and Christopher Badger, <i>Krämer's EU Environmental Law</i> (Ninth Edition, Hart 2024); JH Jans and Hans Vedder, <i>European Environmental Law: Treaty Based Law</i> (Fifth edition, Europa Law Publishing 2024); Josephine van Zeven and Chris Hilson (eds), <i>A Research Agenda for Environmental Law</i> (Edward Elgar Publishing 2025).
Faculty or entity in charge	IEEB

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Advanced Master in EU Environmental Governance (POLLEN)	EUPB2MC	5		