

Notice of VLGS Amendment to the Academic Regulations

Effective: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Students Affected: Effective immediately upon approval by faculty.

Amendment Type: MPP Degree and Section IV Amendments

Academic Regulation: Section IV and V

Amendment Description:

NEW LANGUAGE

Amend academic regulation section IV with the changes in red below.

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The provisions in regulations IV.A., IV.B., IV.C. and IV.D. apply to the EMEP, MCEP, MAPP, MELP, MERL, MFALP, MARJ, **MPP**, and MLS degrees.

2. CREDITS AND COURSE LOAD

The master's degree is granted for regular attendance and satisfactory completion of the prescribed course of study as indicated below. A cumulative grade point average of 2.30 is required for successful completion of a master's degree.

a. Master's-only Students:

- (1) For students taking residential classes, the minimum course load is six credits per semester for full-time students. The maximum course load is 14 credits per semester. The maximum course load for summer session is 11 credits.

No exceptions are allowed other than with the prior written approval of the ~~Program Director~~ **Dean** or the **Dean's** designee.

- ~~(2) For students taking online learning classes, the recommended course load is three credits per term. The online learning program offers six terms per academic year.~~

3. DURATION OF PROGRAM

- a. To obtain a master's degree, a student must complete the degree requirements within a period of five years from matriculation.
- b. Students may **usually** enter the master's program in the **spring**, summer or fall semesters only. The appropriate ~~Program Director~~ **Dean** or the ~~Director's~~ **Dean's**

designee shall have the discretion to ~~allow~~ **require** students to **enroll in a specific** ~~enter~~ the master's ~~program course in the spring semester upon entry.~~

~~e. Online learning students may enter the master's program in any term offered throughout the academic year.~~

4. TRANSFER OF CREDITS

A student enrolled in a master's program may be granted credit for summer or regular semester courses satisfactorily completed at an ABA-approved law school or at another accredited graduate school. A student may transfer a maximum of six such credits to the master's program with the approval of the appropriate ~~Program Director or the Director's~~ **Dean's** designee. Students may not transfer credits to the Executive Master of Environmental Policy (EMEP) program. Before granting such approval, the ~~Director~~ **Dean** or his or her designee must determine that the course is offered at the graduate level and that the course is relevant and important to the student's overall program of study. Courses eligible as transfer credit include only those courses with specific relevant substance. The Registrar must receive an official transcript showing that the course has been completed and that a grade of C or better (as defined in the Academic Regulations) has been awarded. Pass/Fail grades and grades for externships will not transfer. Transcripts from a foreign institution must be accompanied by a WES, ECE, or Spantran or AACRAO evaluation. Grades from transferred courses will not be used in computing the student's grade average. Once a student has enrolled as a degree candidate, prior approval must be obtained from the appropriate Program Director or the Director's designee to obtain credit for courses taken at another institution. No transfer credit will be given for a course completed more than five years prior to matriculation into the master's program.

Amend academic regulation sections IV.A.5, IV.C, IV.D, and IV.E.2.c with the changes in red below.

...of the appropriate ~~Program Director~~ **Dean** or the ~~Director's~~ **Dean's** designee.

Amend academic regulation section IV by adding the following text as section N.

N. MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY (MPP)

1. REQUIRED CURRICULUM

d. A minimum of 36 credits is required for the MPP degree.

e. MPP Students must satisfy the following requirements:

REQUIREMENT	COURSES THAT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT
Required Courses	
	Introduction to Public Policy (3)
POL5510	Introduction to Policy Research and Writing (3)
POL5530	Policy Design (3)

RSJ5122/ENV5122	Communications, Advocacy, and Leadership (3)
REQ7186	Legislation and Regulation Survey (3)
	Lobbying and Government Affairs (3)
EJU5110	Structural Inequality (1)
Required Non-Credit Modules	
EJU5100	Understanding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (0)
POL5200	Professional Identity Formation (0)
POL5300	Negotiation and Consensus-Building (0)
POL5100	Public Participation (0)
Track Credits	<i>(minimum of 12credits in track of choice)</i>
Animal Protection Policy Track (Required 6 credits)	
ANM5431	Animal Protection Policy (3)
ANM5433	Science of Animal Law (3)
Animal Protection Policy Track Electives (6 credits)	
ANM5408	The Law of Animals in Agriculture (3)
ANM5422	Animal Welfare Law (2)
ANM5437	Animal Ethics (3)
ANM7333	Animal Law and Ethics (3)
ANM5360	Undercover Investigations of Animal Operations (2)
CLI5336	Climate Change, Extinction, & Adaptation (3)
ENV5412	Biodiversity Protection (2)
ENV5423	Ocean & Coastal Law (3)
ANM5307	Animals and the Law (3)
ANM5435	International Animal Law (3)
Animal Protection Policy Track Experiential Credits (Required 5)	
	MPP Externship (on an animal protection topic) (4-10)
	JD Externship (on an-animal protection topic) (13)
CLI9428	Food and Agriculture Clinic (on an animal protection topic)
CLI9318	Environmental Justice Clinic (on an animal protection topic)
CLI9321	Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic (on an animal protection topic)
CLI9302	Environmental Advocacy Clinic (on an animal protection topic)
CLI9433	Transnational Environmental Clinic (on an animal protection topic)
Food and Agriculture Policy Track (Required 3 credits)	
FAA5180	Introduction to Agriculture and Food Law Policy (3)
Food and Agriculture Policy Track Electives (9 credits)	
ENV5238	Global Sustainability Field Study (1)

ENV5245	Water Resources Law (3)
ENV5246	Water Quality (3)
EJU5378	Land Use and Racial Justice (2)
ENV5472	Law of Ecosystem Management (2)
FAA5350	Farmworkers and the Law (1)
FAA5380	Food Regulation and Policy (3)
FAA5408	Law of Animals and Agriculture (3)
FAA5410	The Farm Bill (2)
FAA5411	Federal Regulation of Food and Agriculture (3)
FAA5478	Global Food Security and Social Justice (3)
FAA5479	Law and Policy of Local Food Systems (3)
FAA5381	Local Farm and Food Law in Practice (3)
INT7435	International Law of Food (2)
FAA 5310	Cannabis Law (3)
FAA 5370	Food Sys Equity & Critical Race Theory (1)
EJU 5120	Fundamentals of Environmental Justice (2)
ANM 5422	Animal Welfare Law (2)
ENV 5474	Land Conservation Law (2)
ENV 5125	Land Use Regulation (3)
ENV 5235	Natural Resources Law (3)
ENV 5115	Environmental Law (3)
Food and Agriculture Policy Track Experiential Credits (Required 5)	
	MPP Externship (on a food system topic) (4-10)
	JD Externship (on a food system topic) (6-13)
CLI9428	Food and Agriculture Clinic
CLI9302	Environmental Advocacy Clinic (on a food system topic)
CLI9318	Environmental Justice Clinic (on a food system topic)
CLI9321	Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic (on a food system topic)
CLI9433	Transnational Environmental Clinic (on a food system topic)
Clean Energy Policy Track (Required 6 credits)	
ENG5226	Energy Law and Policy in a Carbon-Constrained World (3)
ENG5228	Energy Regulation, Markets and the Environment (3)
Clean Energy Policy Track Electives (6 credits)	
ENG5230	Global Energy Law and Policy (2)
ENG5238	Global Sustainability Field Study (1)
ENG5344	Alternative Fuels and Renewable Energy (3)

ENG5425	Clean Transportation Law and Policy (2)
ENG5469	Oil and Gas Development and the Environment (3)
ENG5497	End Use Energy Efficiency (2)
ENG5510	Three Essentials of the Electric Grid - Engineering (1)
ENG5510	Three Essentials of the Electric Grid - Business (1)
ENG5510	Three Essentials of the Electric Grid - Legal (1)
ENG5544	Sustainable Transportation (3)
ENG5547	Energy Efficiency Law and Policy (3)
ENG5550	Renewable Energy Project Finance and Development (2)
ENG5556	Sustainable Energy Project Finance (3)
ENG5402	Offshore Wind Energy (1)
Clean Energy Policy Track Experiential Credits (Required 5)	
	MPP Externship (on an energy topic) (4-10)
	JD Externship (on an energy topic) (6-13)
CLI9428	Food and Agriculture Clinic (on an energy topic)
CLI9302	Environmental Advocacy Clinic (on an energy topic)
CLI9318	Environmental Justice Clinic (on an energy topic)
CLI9321	Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic (on an energy topic)
CLI9323	Advanced Environmental Advocacy Clinic (on an energy topic)
CLI9348	Advanced Environmental Justice Clinic (on an energy topic)
CLI9433	Transnational Environmental Clinic (on an energy topic)
Justice Reform Policy Track (Required 12 credits)	
RSJ7140	Applied Criminal Justice (3)
RSJ7230	Clemency, Pardon, and Expungement (3)
DIV7621	Disability Civil Rights (3)
RSJ7280	Drug Policy Reform (3)
Justice Reform Policy Track Experiential Credits (Required 5)	
CLI9446	RJ Externship (4-10)
RSJ7117	RJ Facilitation Training (1)
Public Policy Electives Track (Required 12 credits)	
	Any courses approved for master's credit
Public Policy Electives Track Experiential Credits (Required 5)	
	MPP Externship (4-10)

Any MPP student having completed a JD degree or enrolled in a JD degree program may have the Legislation and Regulation Survey and Introduction to Policy Research and Writing requirements

waived. Although the requirements may be waived, the total number of credits required for degree completion remains unchanged.

2. EXTERNSHIPS

The Master's Externship Program provides students with a field experience to develop their Public Policy Justice knowledge and skills. See regulation IV.B. for externship requirements and procedures.

Amend academic regulation section IV.F.1.b with the changes in red below.

~~Semester in Practice~~ JD Externship in environmental law and policy (12 13)

Amend academic regulation section IV.F.1.c by removing ADR6425 Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation (3) from the list of approved courses.

Amend academic regulation section IV.G.1.b with the changes in red below.

~~Semester in Practice~~ JD Externship in animal law and policy (~~12~~ 13)

Amend academic regulation section IV.J.1.b with the changes in red below.

~~Semester in Practice~~ JD Externship in food/agriculture law and policy (~~12~~ 13)

Amend academic regulations section IV. G and section IV.H with the changes in red below.

CLI9433 Transnational Environmental ~~Practicum~~ Law Clinic

Amend academic regulation section V.A with the changes in red below.

Vermont Law and Graduate School awards joint JD/MCEP, joint JD/MAPP, joint JD/MELP, joint JD/MERL, joint JD/MFALP, joint JD/MPP and joint JD/MARJ degrees. The requirements in regulation V.A.1. apply to all five joint degrees. Vermont Law and Graduate School awards joint JD/MCEP, joint JD/MAPP, joint JD/MELP, joint JD/MERL, joint JD/MFALP, and joint JD/MARJ degrees. The requirements in regulation V.A.1. apply to all ~~five~~ six joint degrees.

1.b. A joint-degree student may share credits between the two degree programs. JD/MELP and JD/MARJ joint-degree students must take a minimum of 21 non-shared Master's degree credits at Vermont Law and Graduate School. JD/MCEP, JD/MAPP, JD/MERL, JD/MPP, and JD/MFALP joint-degree students must take a minimum of 22 non-shared Master's degree credits at Vermont Law and Graduate School. All credits must be selected from the list of courses approved for the specific Master's degree program.

8. JOINT JD/MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY (MPP) DEGREE

The JD and MPP degrees are awarded for the satisfactory completion of a program which includes the requirements of the JD program as well as those of the MPP program.

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Approved by the VLGS Faculty: April 11, 2024

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