Certificate of Specialization in Energy and Clean Technology Law (JD)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Berkeley Law JD candidates have the option of earning a Certificate of Specialization in Energy and Clean Technology Law. The Certificate recognizes that the student has gained a broad understanding of key issues and concepts in these fields.

# REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must complete a substantial paper focusing on some aspect of energy and clean technology as well as the course requirements listed on the next page.

# ABOUT THE RESEARCH PAPER

The paper requirement can be fulfilled by completing the Environmental Law Writing seminar, the Environmental Law Clinic, an independent study (Law 299) or another seminar for which the student completes a major research paper that could satisfy Option 2 of the Writing Requirement. The paper must be at least 30 pages in length and must be revised at least once in response to comments from the supervising professor. \*\* In general, this paper should be supervised by a Berkeley Law faculty member with expertise in energy, environmental, land use, or natural resource law.

*\*\*Students enrolled in the Environmental Law Clinic may use a series of papers that total at least 30 pages to satisfy this requirement, so long as the papers could satisfy Option 2 of the writing requirement.*

# QUESTIONS AND WAIVERS

Questions about exceptions and waivers should be directed to Prof. Sharon Jacobs at [sharon.jacobs@berkeley.edu](mailto:sharon.jacobs@berkeley.edu) with copy to CLEE at [clee@law.berkeley.edu](mailto:clee@law.berkeley.edu).

For all other questions and help contact [clee@law.berkeley.edu.](mailto:clee@law.berkeley.edu)

# HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available via [law.berkeley.edu/research/clee/student-resources/certificates](https://www.law.berkeley.edu/research/clee/student-resources/certificates/)*.*

# Applications are due by Friday, March 14, 2025.

**TIER 1—Foundational Course (required):**

* 270.6 Energy Law & Policy (3 units)

# TIER 2—Advanced Courses (must take 2 of the following) \*:

* 223 Administrative Law (4 units)
* 270.65 Energy Project Development & Finance (3 units)
* 270.7 Renewable Energy Law & Policy (3 units)
* 271 Environmental Law & Policy (3-4 units)
* ERG C200 Energy & Society (4 units)
* 272.2 Environmental Justice: Race, Class, and the Environment (3 units)
* 272.2A Environmental Justice in Practice (1 unit)

*\*Advanced courses can fulfill Tier 2 or Tier 3 requirements but CANNOT be used to fulfill both.*

# TIER 3—Specialized Courses (must take 6 units from the following courses):

* 203 Property Law (4 units)
* 223 Administrative Law (4 units)
* 251.5 Corporate Finance (4 units)
* 251.75 Climate Change and Corporate Governance Reform (1 unit)
* 255 Venture Capital Finance (2 units)
* 256.9 Secured Transactions (3 units)
* 261.6 Science and Regulatory Policy (3 units)
* 270.4 A Just Transition to Clean Energy (1 unit)
* 270.65 Energy Project Development & Finance (3 units)
* 270.7(1) Renewable Energy Law & Policy (3 units) / Topics in Renewable Energy Law (1 unit)
* 270.72 Pathways to Carbon Neutrality (2 units)
* 271.4 Environmental Transactional Law (2 units)
* 271.71 International Environmental Law (2 units)
* 272.3 Climate Change and the Law (2 units)
* 272.34 The Law of Fire and Flood (2 units)
* 273.1 Land Use Law (3 units)
* 273.74 California Climate Law and Policy (2 units)
* 274.7 Environmental Law Colloquium (1 unit)
* 275.3 Intellectual Property Law (4 units)
* 275.65 Transnational Intellectual Property Law (3 units)
* 275.8 IP & Entrepreneurship (3 units)
* 277 Patent Law (3 units)
* TBD Environmental Law Practicum Seminar
* TBD Introduction to the Law of Hazardous Waste
* ESPM 217 Political Economy of Climate Change (3 units) \*\*
* ENVECON 147 Regulation of Energy and the Environment (4 units) \*\*
* HAAS 212 Energy & Environmental Markets (3 units) \*\*
* HAAS 212A Cleantech to Market (3 units) \*\*
* HAAS 212B Legal and Regulatory Frameworks for Energy and Infrastructure Project Finance (1 unit) \*\*
* CIV ENG 107 Climate Change Mitigation (3 units) \*\*
* CIV ENG 292A Technologies for Sustainable Societies (1 unit) \*\*
* ERG C200 Energy & Society (4 units) \*\*
* ERG C221 Climate, Energy & Development (3 units) \*\*
* ERG C276 Climate Change Economics (4 units) \*\*
* PUBPOL Renewable Energy Policy in the United States (3 units) \*\*

*Experiential education (up to 4 units can be counted)*

* 295.5 E/F Environmental Law Clinic (4 units)
* 295.6C Field Placement (2 units eligible)
* 299 Research with CLEE (2 units eligible)

*\*\*Enrollment in courses outside of the law school is permitted at the discretion of the instructor and eligibility may vary from year to year.*