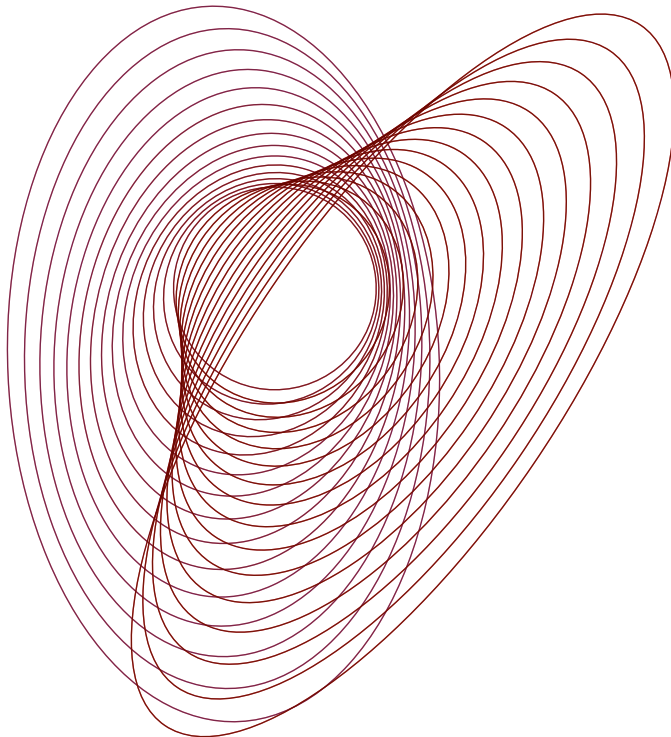


# Environmental Health Law

## Postgraduate Programmes 2010



LLM

## Environmental Health Law

This is a part-time Master of Laws (LLM) in Environmental Health Law by distance learning with residential weekends, starting in September.

This programme is aimed at environmental health professionals seeking to enhance their qualifications, and will be particularly attractive to environmental health practitioners and lawyers specialising in environmental and public health law.

Teaching is provided by a blend of online distance learning and weekend residential sessions held in Guildford.

The programme aims to provide an academically rigorous, taught programme leading to a prestigious postgraduate qualification. It offers in-depth study of environmental health law, examined from a number of different perspectives.

The programme will provide students with a sound postgraduate education in key aspects of environmental and public health law with particular emphasis on the role of law. It covers legal and regulatory aspects of the main areas of environmental health law and the process of enforcement.

The objective is to enable students to analyse critically the key principles, policies, concepts and doctrines in this field of law while improving their understanding of the legal controls, regulation and enforcement techniques at the UK, European and international levels.

## Programme Structure

The LLM comprises two compulsory modules, two optional modules from a range of four, and a dissertation of 15,000 words on a selected field of environmental health law. Students will also attend five compulsory residential weekends throughout the two years of the programme.

## Compulsory Modules

### The Framework for Environmental Health Law: Enforcement and the Regulatory Process

This module introduces key legal concepts which underpin environmental health law. It examines both national and international sources of law, the role of decision-making bodies and the impact of basic issues of governance relating to environmental health. The range of enforcement aspects explored will include the powers of environmental health officers, human rights law, the Local Government Ombudsman and prosecution processes in English courts.

### Europe and World Trade: The Environmental Health Law Dimension

This module focuses on European and international legal issues informing the development of environmental health law today. The roles of the European Union and of the World Trade Organization are examined to provide an overview of the evolutionary nature of environmental health law and its relationship with international economic law, and an appreciation of the conflicting policy objectives at supranational and international level. Finally, the module will explore recent developments linked to the alleged impact climate change has on environmental health.

## Optional Modules

### Food Safety Law

This module examines the law regulating the production, marketing and supply of food. The development and operation of food law are explored in detail, along with the enforcement processes and alternative enforcement regimes. Aspects of food law of particular relevance to food safety will be examined in detail.

### Law Relating to Housing Standards and Conditions

This module examines the development of housing policy and law, and the various approaches, both past and present, used to address problems of inadequate and unhealthy housing. Emphasis is placed on the range of legal instruments currently available to implement public policy in this area and whether the use of the appropriate legal procedures can resolve housing problems.

## Occupational Health and Safety Law

This module examines the development and current context of health and safety law with a view to understanding the legal framework presently promoting health and safety in the workplace. The range of options available to law makers and their implications for enforcement in private and public law will be considered in detail, as will the increasing importance of European and international legal developments. This module has been designed to deliver the knowledge components of key competencies specified in the 2009 health and safety competence framework (RDNA Tool). Further details of the competencies developed via this module will be provided on application.

## Statutory Nuisance and Local Pollution Controls

The objective of the module is to enable students to better understand the development of law which seeks to control pollution and other factors which affect the quality of life in local neighbourhoods. It will address the development of law in this field and how it has been and can be used to address problems of poor quality of life. This module focuses on the legal basis for the regulation of nuisances and other causes of pollution and the reasons for the development of statutory nuisance law in this area. It also covers other legal regimes and remedies for improving clean and safe neighbourhoods and takes into account the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. It also examines the law regarding local atmospheric controls.

## Dissertation

The dissertation allows students the maximum flexibility to tailor their studies to meet their particular requirements by engaging in an extended piece of supervised research. The research topic is agreed between the student and their supervisor, and should be in the field of environmental health law. The dissertation provides the opportunity to ensure that students research in an area which is or may be of direct relevance to their future careers, thereby enhancing their employability.

## Factfile

### Typical entry requirements

Applicants should normally possess a first degree (First or Second class or equivalent) awarded by a UK university or recognised overseas institution. Exceptionally, equivalent professional experience may be accepted.

Students whose first language is not English will be expected to have achieved a minimum of 6.5 IELTS.

### Programme length

24 months part-time by distance learning

### Planned intake

12

### Start date

September

### Professional recognition

Continuing professional development accreditation of 16 CPD points per year for each year of the programme

### Programme Leader

Mr Francesco Sindico

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LLM Environmental Health Law



## Programme Structure

Every module is one weekend long. Sessions begin on a Friday afternoon and run until Sunday lunchtime. Exact dates for all modules will be scheduled as soon as possible.

### Module 1

The Framework for Environmental Health Law: Enforcement and the Regulatory Process  
*Compulsory (30 credits)*

### Module 2

Food Safety Law  
*Option (30 credits)*



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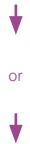
Law Relating to Housing Standards and Conditions  
*Option (30 credits)*

### Module 3

Europe and World Trade: The Environmental Health Law Dimension  
*Compulsory (30 credits)*

### Module 4

Occupational Health and Safety Law  
*Option (30 credits)*



### Module 4

Statutory Nuisance and Local Pollution Controls  
*Option (30 credits)*

### Dissertation module

*Compulsory (60 credits)*



## Assessment

The LLM is assessed entirely by coursework. Each taught module assessment consists of written coursework of a maximum of 5000 words, while the dissertation module requires the completion of a 15,000-word dissertation on an approved topic, with the guidance of a supervisor.

## Residential Sessions

As part of the programme, students will be required to attend five residential weekends, which will take place at Barnett Hill near Guildford.

Barnett Hill is a beautiful Queen Anne-style mansion set in 26 acres of stunning landscaped gardens and woodlands, just outside Guildford in Surrey. The English country house character and convenient location between Gatwick and Heathrow has gained Barnett Hill a reputation as the premier venue for international meetings, training programmes, assessment and development centres.

Details will be posted to all students confirming the dates and arrangements closer to the time.

## Technical Requirements

The LLM in Environmental Health Law is a blended learning programme. It comprises online delivery, supplemented with hard-copy texts and face-to-face sessions during residential weekends. Online materials may be obtained from any computer with Internet access and a supported web browser.

The software package that is used to deliver the LLM programme's online materials is called ULearn within the University and is otherwise known as Web CT Vista (version 3). This software has certain technical requirements and students should check thoroughly, before signing up for the programme, that their computer is capable of running this software.

The University has provided a specific ULearn UserSupport set of web pages for this purpose. Visit <http://portal.surrey.ac.uk/ulearn> and select the 'User Support For ULearn' section.

## Teaching Staff

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### Mr Francesco Sindico

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## Cutting-edge Research in Environmental Law

The Environmental Regulatory Research Group (ERRG) is based at the School of Law in the University of Surrey. The Group deals with four main areas and is actively involved in research, teaching and consultancy in all of these areas.

### Climate Change

Researchers are investigating local and global climate change regulatory frameworks. Work is being undertaken on the legal implications of climate measures based on sustainable consumption models. Furthermore, work is being undertaken on the emerging linkages between climate and energy security, such as the links between energy security, rural development and sustainable tourism.

### Environmental and Public Health

Members of the Group are working on the enforcement of food legislation on the implementation of EU regulations on food safety and hygiene in the UK. Furthermore, in relation to public health the regulation of the use of nanotechnologies for environmental and health protection is one of the key fields in which researchers of the Group are actively involved.

### Natural Resources

Researchers within the Group are focusing on forestry and oil exploitation in developing countries, looking at the necessary legal paths that would open the way to sustainable forest management and to a sustainable use of the remaining oil resources.

### Water Law and Policy

The Group is actively involved in a project exploring regulatory frameworks for independent water providers in developing countries. Members are also focusing on the law and policy of transboundary aquifers, with a special emphasis on the Guarani Aquifer in Latin America.

[www.surrey.ac.uk/errg](http://www.surrey.ac.uk/errg)



Staff  
Profile:  
Stephen  
Battersby

Stephen Battersby is an independent Environmental Health and Housing Consultant and Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) and currently is also the CIEH President (2008-10) having chaired the Council of the CIEH in 2005.

He is a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Robens Centre for Public and Environmental Health (University of Surrey) and also at the School of Law, University of Warwick.

He is a Visiting Lecturer at Kings College, London where he teaches on the Living Environment and Integrative Studies in Environmental Health Practice modules of the MSc in Environmental Health.

He has been an expert adviser to the World Health Organization (European Office) on urban pest management, the environmental burden of disease from poor housing, and housing and health regulations in Europe. He has published a number of papers and articles on housing and pest management and presented papers at housing, environmental health and pest management conferences throughout Europe.

Stephen is also a member of the Core Group on Housing Health and Fuel Poverty (convened by the UKPHA) and is also a member of the Department of Health-sponsored Steering Group on Climate Change and the Public Health Workforce Development Programme.

He is Consultant Editor of *Croner's Environmental Management* and is the newly appointed editor of *Clay's Handbook of Environmental Health* (20th Edition). Other publications include *Dictionary of Environmental Science for Lawyers* (Wiley) and *Living with the Concise Tenant (the control of rats)* (CHGL).



Staff  
Profile:  
Tony Lewis

Tony Lewis is a Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner (EHP) and has worked as Principal Education Officer at the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) for the last six years.

Tony is responsible for the ongoing development of curricula and professional assessments for students seeking to qualify as EHPs. Tony also advises CIEH Council, Boards and Committees on the impact of education policy whether at the national, local or institutional level.

Tony represents CIEH on the HSE's Long Term Training Needs Board that has developed and is about to launch the common competence framework for health and safety regulators. Tony is also a member of the national steering group developing the National Occupational Standards for Health Protection.

Prior to joining CIEH, Tony was employed as a Senior Lecturer in Environmental Health (specialising in environmental protection and health and safety) at Manchester Polytechnic, Nottingham Trent University; the School of Public Health Medicine at Nottingham University and, more recently, has contributed to the Master of Studies programme in Public Health at Homerton School of Health Sciences at Cambridge University.

Tony has an extensive record of publications and conference papers – one of the most recent being at the World Congress on Environmental Health held in Brisbane in May 2008.



Staff  
Profile:  
Professor  
Rosalind  
Malcolm  
Head of  
School of Law

Rosalind is a member of barristers' chambers in Guildford and an associate member of the University's Centre for Environmental Strategy.

She is regularly invited to speak at national and international conferences on environmental law and policy. She sits on an expert research review panel for the Belgian Federal Office for Scientific, Technical and Cultural Affairs.

She also organises continuing professional training for environmental and commercial lawyers and environmental health professionals at the University of Surrey.

“For environmental health professionals, a Masters in Law will give a deeper knowledge of the field and will enhance their career development.

Francesco Sindico, Programme Leader

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Student Profile:  
Michael Eade

Principal Environmental Health Officer  
LLM Environmental Health Law

As a Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner currently working in an enforcement role in local government, the Environmental Health Law LLM was the obvious choice for professional development.

The job I undertake involves the investigation and preparation of civil enforcement action and criminal prosecutions for a wide range of environmental health-related matters. The programme provides knowledge and skills that can be routinely applied in the course of my work.

Legal compliance is a key issue for business as well as for regulators so the programme is attractive to practitioners sitting on either side of the fence and particularly useful for industry professionals.

The choice of modules allows you to tailor the course to meet your own needs and examine the subject areas that are of interest to you. While assisting in expanding knowledge of national and European law, it also provides an insight into topical and global environmental health issues.

The course is delivered at a number of weekend schools, providing a good opportunity to socialise as well as learn, and is facilitated in between by the online learning system.

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