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# Master in Environmental Sustainability Law and Policies

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How can humans tackle environmental challenges including threats to biodiversity, the degradation of renewable resources such as water or soil, and how do we address the technological risks over security and health?

What are the best socioeconomic and political incentives in business, finance and administration? What are the core concerns and opportunities for governments and businesses in relation to environmental impacts, climate change, natural resource preservation (e.g. water) and waste management? How can we develop skills in sustainability management, green finance, environmental politics and policy analysis?

Every country must now achieve economic prosperity by creating blueprints for sustainability that clearly defines environmental, social and economic goals. Sorbonne Abu Dhabi's students develop detailed analytical skills to scrutinise the

environmental impact of global business and socio-economic forces. They are also encouraged to actively participate in projects and workshops, and maintain constant dialogue with faculty and regional or international experts to explore the most effective strategies to respond to various sustainability challenges in the UAE, GCC and on the international level.

Throughout this degree programme, future leaders in environmental sustainability have the opportunity to maximise their skills and career potential to complement the UAE's rapid and ambitious progress.







# Overview



# **Programme highlights**

## International recognition

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi provides the combined experience of Sorbonne University and Université Paris Cité. This rich heritage of joint excellence is now available in Abu Dhabi under the Ministry of Education and is recognised worldwide.

## Enhancing individual & national development

Within the next decade, the UAE is poised to dedicate its focus towards socio-economic sustainability. The curriculum at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi will be crucial in creating and encouraging a new generation passionate about global business initiatives to complement the country's rapid and ambitious progress.

## Networking

Each class will have a select number of students from different countries. A strict entry selection procedure will guarantee the quality of the degree and will allow you to expand your personal network with high potential peers.

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**The Master in Environmental Sustainability Law and Policies is taught in English and covers a total of four semesters across two years. The exclusively designed course schedule includes evening classes, in consideration of students who intend to combine their studies with work.**

## Structure

In year 1, applicants will have to enrol into one of the following paths:

- a) Public Law
- b) Private Law

### First Year Public Law - Semester 1

	Courses Credits
History of Legal and Political Systems	7
International Public Law	7
International Affairs	4
International Dispute Settlement	4
Comparative Law	4
Environmental issues	4

### First Year Public Law - Semester 2

Advanced Public Law	7
International Humanitarian Law	7
International Organisations	4
Space, Telecommunications and Media Law	4
Public Business Law	4
Natural and Technological Risk Management	4

### First Year Private Law - Semester 1

Company Law - General Principles and UAE Practice	7
Advanced Contract Law	7
Insolvency Law	4
Law of the EU Internal Market	4
Common Law - Contract, Tort and Trust	4
Environmental issues	4



## Internship

For nonworking students, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi recommends students complete an internship. The internship will encourage critical thinking and improve students' reasoning abilities by blending academic theory with real life work experience. Students will benefit from a greater depth of experience working in a professional environment.

The internship also provides an excellent opportunity to gain crucial insights and improve access to various career opportunities in the region and beyond. Students will discover that this collaborative learning process can lead to enduring professional relationships, which will open doors and forge new career paths.

### First Year Private Law - Semester 2

	Courses Credits
Private International Law	7
Banking Law	7
International Trade Law	4
European Business Law	4
Public Business Law	4
Natural and Technological Risk Management	4

### Second Year - Semester 1

Climate Change Law	6
Sustainable Development in a Global Context	6
International Environmental Law	6
Energy Transition Strategies and Policies	6
Renewable Energy Law and Policy	6
Environmental Policies and Economics	6

### Second Year - Semester 2

Water Law and Natural Resources Management	6
Planning and Building Sustainable Cities: Legal and Institutional Aspects	6
Energy Project Development and Finance	5
Corporate Social Responsibility	5
Environmental Justice	5
One optional subject: Adaptation and Mitigation to Environmental Change or Moot Court and Dispute Resolution	5
Master Thesis or Capstone Project in Environmental Sustainability	8

# Assessment & graduation requirements

Throughout the year, students will be evaluated through individual assignments, internship presentations and reports and examinations, which usually take place towards the end of every semester. Attendance at all classes is mandatory and it is important that students are punctual and observe university regulations at all times. In their second year, students will conduct a Capstone research project that will be presented at the end of the programme.







# Career prospects

Employment opportunities within the government, political, media, and environmental sustainability fields are lucrative and competitive as graduates with a specialisation in Environmental Sustainability Law and Policies are highly sought after.

For emerging and experienced professionals, career prospects are remarkably high and vary from senior positions in government, legal and diplomatic institutions, NGOs, legal advisors in the private sector or as consultants for major multinational corporations.

At the end of their studies at SUAD (Master 1 required), students have the opportunity to present the Bar exam at the Université Paris Cité. The courses of the Institute of Judicial Studies (IEJ) are now also given in a dematerialized way and can thus be followed in addition to the completion of their Master.

Admission to our postgraduate programmes is selective and competitive with each applicant considered on his/her own merit. Our admissions process ensures that every course has an ideal mix of people with talent, impressive interpersonal skills and a positive attitude.

# Admission requirements

## General entry requirements:

- Bachelor in a relevant field with a CGPA of 3 out of 4 or equivalent. Candidates with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.99 (or equivalent scores as per the equivalency table) may be conditionally admitted under probation during the first semester. The student will be authorized to continue in the program only if they secure an average of at least 12 out of 20 which is obtained by the end of the first semester. The decision is based on academic performance and will be made official after the completion of the first semester
- or
- Bachelor with minimum of 2nd class honours
- or
- Bachelor with an average of 12 out of 20
- Bachelor students with a GPA below 3 may be admitted on the ground of their professional and/or personal experience, in case they are granted a VAPP by SU's or UP's VAPP commission
- IELTS certificate with minimum overall

band of 6.0 with a validity of 2 years or TOEFL certificate with minimum score of 79 (or equivalent) with a validity of 2 years or Minimum EmSAT English score of 1400 with a validity of 18 months or, Native English speaker who completed 3 full years in an English-medium institution within a maximum period of 3 years

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to attend an interview to assess the candidate's motivation, career expectations and relevant professional experience in the degree area. Applicants who earned their undergraduate degrees from universities outside the UAE must present a Certificate of Equivalency for their graduation certificates from the UAE Ministry of Education. Applicants, who are holders of undergraduate degrees issued by a licensed higher education institution in the UAE, are required to submit a copy of their degrees attested by the UAE Ministry of Education. For details on requirements, kindly visit the Ministry's website:

**[www.moe.gov.ae](http://www.moe.gov.ae)**

## Tuition Fees

**AED 166,400** (approximately US\$ 45,344)

## Scholarships are available for this programme\*:

- 20% alumni discount
- 25% academic excellence scholarship
- 25% discount upon enrolment on a second master's degree
- 5%-15% corporate offer

Visit our website for more information.

\*Conditions apply





# Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

In today's fast-paced and globalised economies, knowledge and languages both serve an important role in creating progressive and vibrant societies. The French education system is known for its high level of rigorous critical thinking and debating skills, which play a significant role in developing future pioneers and leaders.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised education institution that serves as a bridge between civilisations by offering a multicultural environment, which promotes and develops a strong culture of tolerance, curiosity, harmony and cultural awareness for today's modern economy. Students have access to internationally acclaimed faculty, world-class facilities and internationally renowned degrees, which places them firmly on the right path in preparation for a successful career.

This degree is awarded by Université Paris Cité and officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation ([www.caa.ae](http://www.caa.ae)).

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