The Master of Environmental Governance (Oceans, Polar and Climate) offers the opportunity to expand your career options through a practical and interdisciplinary course of study.

World-leading experts will teach you how global spaces and areas of common environmental concern are managed, using law, public policy and other governance approaches. Students or professionals with experience in marine science, law, public policy, political science and environmental studies will be highly suited to this course.

**DURATION**
1 year full time or equivalent part time

**INTAKE**
July

**CAMPUS**
Hobart

**Careers**

Graduates of this program will be well qualified to pursue professional careers in government or the private sector in a variety of environmental policy and management contexts.

This course will provide graduates the opportunity to pursue employment in Australian or international organisations whose work involves governance of marine environment, fisheries, climate change, and the Arctic and Antarctica. The knowledge and skills acquired will also be generically relevant to a range of environmental policy and governance contexts.

You will also benefit from gaining industry experience and contacts through a practical industry placement, ensuing you are best placed to pursue employment upon graduation.

**Course Structure**

You will have the unique opportunity to enter the industry through an organised one-month work experience internship, as arranged by the course director. This is in addition to an in-depth research project and classroom-based learning.

Each student completes a major supervised research paper (25% of the program), a one month work experience placement with a government or non-government organisation (25% of the program) and four traditional units that are offered through online or face-to-face learning (50% of the program). The core unit, Global Environmental Governance, is taught in an intensive format over one week in late August to early September.

This mix of learning ensures graduates are well qualified to pursue professional careers upon completion.
Learn from world-renowned experts

The Master of Environmental Governance is taught by internationally leading scholars at the University’s Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), Faculty of Law, the Australian Maritime College (AMC) and other parts of the University of Tasmania. They include:

**Professor Benjamin J. Richardson**

Professor Richardson is the inaugural Director of the Master of Environmental Governance (Oceans, Polar and Climate). He has 20 years experience in academia in law faculties in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United Kingdom. Prior to joining the University of Tasmania in mid 2014, Professor Richardson was at the University of British Columbia where he held the Canada Research Chair in Environmental Law and Sustainability. His teaching and scholarship expertise includes climate change law, marine governance, corporate social responsibility, and Aboriginal legal issues. Global recognition of Professor Richardson’s work includes earning the Senior Scholar Prize of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (in 2012) and co-recipient of the 2007 Outstanding Program Award in International Education from the Canadian Bureau of International Education.

**Dr Julia Jabour**

Dr Jabour is a Senior Lecturer and has been the Leader of the Ocean and Antarctic Governance Research Program at IMAS. She has been researching, writing and lecturing about Antarctica and the Southern Ocean for 20 years. Dr Jabour has travelled to Antarctica six times, and has been an advisor to the Australian Government at Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings. She has published widely on different facets of Antarctica policy and governance, and she is the co-editor of the book Looking South: Australia’s Antarctic Agenda (2007). She was a Visiting Erskine Fellow, at Gateway Antarctica - University of Canterbury. Dr Jabour has extensive experience teaching undergraduate and postgraduate units at IMAS in the subjects of international marine management and Antarctica governance.

**Dr Gail Lugten**

Dr Gail Lugten holds a PhD in international law and has 20 years university teaching experience. She has published extensively and she has been a recipient of Australian Research Council funding. She has been a legal consultant to various international organisations, including UN Food and Agricultural Organization, UN Environment Programme, Global Environmental Facility, International Union for the Conservation of Nature and the Pew Charitable Trusts. From 2011 – 2014, Dr Lugten was employed as a Fisheries Liaison Officer with the United Nations in Rome. In this role she also taught international fisheries law at the International Law of the Sea Tribunal in Hamburg. In 2015 Dr Lugten returned to the University of Tasmania where she is currently the Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning in the Faculty of Law.
Professor Marcus Haward
Professor Haward is one of Australia’s foremost scholars on marine and polar governance and policy, and has taught at the University of Tasmania over several decades. He has been a member the editorial boards of The Polar Journal and the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Law and Policy Occasional Papers. Professor Haward has been a consultant or advisor to Australian state and Commonwealth government agencies and to the UN Food and Agricultural Organization. He has been a member of Australian delegations to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, CCAMLR and to APEC Fisheries and Marine Resources Conservation Working Group meetings. His current research focuses on aspects of oceans governance related to fisheries management, climate change, knowledge systems in relation to coastal management and Australian Antarctic policy.

Dr Joanna Vince
Dr Vince is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Social Sciences, Politics and International Relations Program. Her research focuses on aspects of international and domestic ocean governance that include Australian oceans policy, comparative oceans governance, coastal zone management, and marine protected areas. Dr Vince is co-author of the book Oceans Governance in the Twenty-First Century: Managing the Blue Planet (2008) and co-editor of Marine Resources Management (2011). She has published in top international journals such as Marine Policy, Ocean and Coastal Management, and Coastal Management. She is also an Editorial Board member of the Australian Journal of Maritime and Ocean Affairs.

Dr Peter Lawrence
Dr Peter Lawrence is a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law where he teaches international law and supervises the University of Tasmania Law Review. Peter’s key area of research concerns the interface between ethics, justice, climate change and international law. He recently published Justice for Future Generations, Climate Change and International Law (Edward Elgar Press, 2014). Previously Peter worked for the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (1989-2004), which included working as the First Secretary for the Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva (1996-1999). In 2014 and 2015, Peter gave public presentations at Kobe University, Japan, University of Sydney Law School and the University of Oxford.

Professor Jan McDonald
Jan McDonald is Associate Dean (Research) for the Faculty of Law and President of the National Environmental Law Association. Her teaching and research spans a wide range of environmental and climate law issues. She co-directs the Risk and Resilience research theme in the Institute for the Study of Social Change and is involved in projects dealing with resilience and environmental governance within the Centre for Marine Socioecology. She has worked for the United Nations Development Program and consulted to the national governments of the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, as well as for Australian state and local governments on marine, climate change adaptation and environmental law and policy issues.

Dr Jeff McGee
Dr McGee is a Senior Lecturer specialising in global environmental governance. Educated at the Australian National University and Macquarie University, and with 14 years experiences as a litigator in private practice and with the Commonwealth Government. Dr McGee holds a joint appointment at the University of Tasmania with IMAS and the Faculty of Law. His diverse expertise includes environmental law, climate change law, international law, and legal theory. He has received several University and Faculty teaching awards for his work in environmental policy and law. Dr McGee’s research has been published in leading international journals in the field of environmental law and governance.
World class facilities

IMAS is an internationally recognised centre of excellence at the University of Tasmania, which is strategically located at the gateway to the Southern Ocean and Antarctica. IMAS’s award-winning building, where many of the learning activities for this course are located, is located in Hobart’s attractive waterfront precinct. Its research is innovative, relevant, and globally distinctive. Our education delivers first-class programs resulting in highly trained graduates serving the needs of academic institutions, industry, government and the community throughout the world.

Founded in 1893, our Faculty of Law is internationally recognised with a world class ranking. With international exchange programs, outstanding connections to the legal profession around the world, the Faculty of Law offers a boutique learning experience.

AMC is Australia’s national leader for maritime education, training and research. It is one of the seven founding members of the International Association of Maritime Universities, which represents five continents.

Living in Tasmania

Increasingly applauded as one of the world’s most beautiful and fascinating travel destinations, Tasmania is an exciting and liveable place that offers the ideal setting for students interested in environmental issues. With its vast world heritage wilderness, stunning beaches, historic sites and friendly inhabitants, Tasmania offers a wealth of opportunities for students looking for a life changing experience. Hobart itself, the capital of Tasmania, has been named in Lonely Planet’s worldwide top ten cities to visit. The salubrious climate, inspiring lifestyle and vibrant, welcoming communities are among the many reasons why Hobart is a very liveable city.

Entry Requirements

Admission is open to individuals who have completed:

– a bachelor degree with honours (at least lower second class honours) in law, environmental studies or other relevant discipline; or
– a bachelor degree in a relevant discipline, without honours (but with a credit average or better) and having at least 1.5 years of relevant professional experience.

This course also provides a direct pathway to the University’s PhD program.

It’s not too late to apply for 2016

You can apply directly for this course at apply.utas.edu.au

Although this course is currently only taught at our Hobart campus, we may be able to accommodate flexible learning options. To discuss the course in further detail or flexible learning please contact:

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