

# Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Environmental Studies

## INTRODUCTION

The JD-MA in Environmental Studies program allows full-time students to earn advanced degrees in both Law (JD) and Environmental Studies (MA) in four years, rather than the five years required of students who complete each degree separately. The dual-degree program prepares students for careers in law firms, consulting firms, and in municipal, county, regional, and state environmental agencies.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The JD-MA program enhances the professional training and employment opportunities of students by equipping graduates to compete more effectively in the job market of the 21st century. The Cleveland-Marshall College of Law is in its 110<sup>th</sup> year and is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools. Graduates include many of the state's most prominent attorneys, judges, and public officials. The Levin College of Urban Affairs, which houses the MA in Environmental Studies program, is ranked in the top ten schools of Public Affairs by U.S. News and World Report. Faculty members are active in academic and professional associations, including the American Planning Association, The American Society of Public Administration, the Association of American Geographers,

the Regional Science Association, and the Institute of Management Sciences. Environmental Studies faculty have served on EPA-funded projects in Risk Analysis and Ohio's Blue Ribbon Panel on Balanced Growth, and received Fulbright scholarships.



## RESEARCH

JD-MA students have numerous opportunities to participate in legal research and gain experience through legal assistance to local agencies and organizations through work with the Law & Public Policy Clinic, the Environmental Law Clinic, the Housing Law Clinic and the Urban Development Law Clinic. Environmental Studies faculty have wide-ranging research interests, including urban and regional sustainability, Great Lakes water quality, environmental systems, brownfields redevelopment, neighborhood and community development, housing policy, economic development, historic preservation, land use and real estate, and conflict resolution. They have been published in the leading journals in these fields.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

JD requirements are fulfilled by completion of 80 credit hours in the College of Law and the transfer of ten credit hours from Environmental Studies courses. MA requirements are fulfilled by completion of 40 credit hours in the Environmental Studies program and the transfer of eight credit hours from Law courses. Students normally spend their first year in the College of Law, their second year in the Levin College, and split the third and fourth years between the two colleges.

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Cleveland, OH 44115  
(216) 687-5599  
[www.csuohio.edu/gradcollege/](http://www.csuohio.edu/gradcollege/)

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Admissions Office  
2121 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115  
(216) 687-2304  
<http://www.law.csuohio.edu/admissions/>

### For program information contact:

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Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, UR 205  
(216) 687-3884  
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