

A photograph showing four hands of different skin tones gently holding a globe. The globe is constructed from crumpled paper, with light blue paper forming the base and bright green paper forming the continents. The background is a plain, light grey surface.

LLM MASTER PROGRAMME

[Applications now open](#)

Next intake: September 2026

Programme duration: 18 months

Total ECTS: 90

SUSTAINABILITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS



University of Cyprus
Department of Law



LLM in Sustainability and Human Rights

The LLM in Sustainability and Human Rights examines how law can support sustainability and a fair green transition, linking environmental protection with human rights, social justice, and responsible business. You will explore how international and EU legal frameworks respond to complex sustainability challenges,

and develop the skills to analyse legal norms and policy reforms in a rapidly changing regulatory landscape.

Optional internship

Voluntary placements with local organisations working on human rights and/or environmental issues.

What you'll gain

- > Advanced legal and policy analysis skills in sustainability governance
- > Strong research and writing training through a supervised dissertation
- > A critical understanding of the links between climate, equality, business conduct and human rights

What you'll study

- > Environmental Law in Europe (15 ECTS)
- > Mobility of Persons in the European Union (15 ETCS)
- > Business and Human Rights (15 ECTS)
- > Gender and Human Rights (15 ECTS)
- > Dissertation (supervised independent research, 30 ETCS)

Typical questions explored

How should climate and sustainability regulation incorporate human rights and social justice in practice? What duties do businesses have in global value chains? How does EU law address mobility, borders, and vulnerability? How can legal tools support a transition that is both green and fair?

The Programme approaches sustainability broadly, covering environmental protection, human rights, social justice and responsible business. Students develop a rigorous understanding of EU and international legal frameworks, while strengthening research and writing skills through a supervised dissertation aligned with their interests.

- > Applicants must hold a **Law degree** or another **relevant degree** (indicatively: European Studies, Political Science/International Relations, Business/MBA) from a recognised university
- > Applicants are expected to meet **minimum GPA thresholds** depending on the awarding institution
- > Where applicable, **relevant professional experience** may be taken into account
- > **English language proficiency** is required (e.g., **IELTS overall band score 7.0** or another recognised equivalent). Applicants who are native speakers or who have studied at university level for at least one year in a predominantly English-speaking country may be exempted.

Internship opportunity (optional)

Students have the option to complete voluntary internships with local organisations active in human rights and/or environmental work. The internship is intended to provide practical experience aligned with the programme's academic content.

Full admission criteria and documentation requirements available [here](#).





Application Requirements

1. A Curriculum Vitae
2. Certified copies of university degrees or confirmation of graduation
3. Copy of English language certificate
4. Copies of Transcripts (with detailed record of grades) for all programmes of study completed
5. A brief statement of personal goals and research interests.

Applicants should provide contact details of **2 academic referees** who can comment on academic performance. Alternatively, one reference may be provided by an employer/supervisor who can comment on professional performance.



Scholarships

The Department will offer up to **three (3) scholarships** covering the total amount of **tuition fees** (excluding deposit).

Applicants interested in a scholarship should **indicate this in the online postgraduate programme application**. No separate scholarship application is required unless stated otherwise.

Scholarships are awarded based on the overall strength of the application, including undergraduate GPA and other academic and/or professional achievements (e.g., additional degrees, awards, publications, conference participation, dissertation grade, relevant work experience).



Further information on fees can be found [here](#).



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