

Sample Course Plan – M.S. / J.D. Concurrent Degree Student

Student: Kathryn Moore (Kat) J.D., M.S. class of 2006

Concentration Areas: Natural Systems, Natural Resource Policy, and Law

Terminal Project: Conservation Easement Stewardship: A Pilot Program for the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)

First year – Environmental Studies

Fall term

Courses	
PPPM 610	Collaborative Planning (4 quarter credits)
GEOG 563	Geography, Law and the Environment (4 quarter credits)
BI 572	Community Ecology (4 quarter credits)
ENVS 607	Grad Seminar (1 quarter credit)

GTF: Teaching Assistant, GEOG 461 Environmental Alteration

Winter term

Courses	
ENVS 550	Political Ecology (4 quarter credits)
OSU Zoology	Marine Conservation and Science. Course taken at Oregon State University in Corvallis (3 quarter credits)
OSU Forestry	Forest Policy Analysis. Course taken at Oregon State University in Corvallis (3 quarter credits)
PPPM 543	Natural Resource Policy (4 quarter credits)
ENVS 607	Grad Seminar (1 quarter credit)

GTF: ENVS Undergraduate Advisor

Spring term

Courses	
ENVS 510	Wetland Ecology (4 quarter credits)
SOC 510	Forest, Fires and Society (4 quarter credits)
ENVS 607	Grad Seminar (1 quarter credit)

GTF: ENVS Undergraduate Advisor

*Summer term**

Courses	
BI 512	Coastal Forest Biology at Oregon Institute of Marine Biology (OIMB) in Charleston, OR (4 quarter credits)

* Kat received a “summer sandwich” tuition waiver for her summer studies.

Second year – Law School (1L)

Fall Semester**

Courses	
LAW 611	Contracts (3 semester credits)
LAW 613	Torts (3 semester credits)
LAW 615	Civil Procedure (4 semester credits)
LAW 618	Criminal Law (3 semester credits)
LAW 622	Legal Research and Writing (2 semester credits)

** The law school is on semesters while the rest of the University operates on a quarter calendar.

GTF: ENVS Undergraduate Advising

Spring Semester

Courses	
LAW 612	Contracts (3 semester credits)
LAW 614	Torts (3 semester credits)
LAW 617	Property (4 semester credits)
LAW 643	Constitutional Law I (3 semester credits)
LAW 623	Legal Research and Writing (2 semester credits)

GTF: Undergraduate Advising

Extracurricular activities: Volunteer organizer for the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC), Board member for the Public Interest Public Service (PIPS) program at the law school

Summer Semester*

Courses	
LAW 664	Administrative Law
ENG 325	Literature of the Northwest

* Kat received a “summer sandwich” tuition waiver for her summer studies.

Summer work experience: Kat worked as a research assistant for natural resource law professor Mary Wood.

Third year – Law School (2L)

Fall Semester

Courses	
LAW 668	Land Use Law (3 credits)
LAW 670	Public Land Law (3 semester credits)
LAW 680	Federal Income Tax I (3 semester credits)
LAW 707	Environmental Law Clinic (3 semester credits)

GTF: Teaching Assistant, BI 130 Introduction to Ecology (fall quarter)

Extracurricular Activities: PIPS board member, Conference Co-Director for PIELC

Spring Semester

Courses	
LAW 607	Nonprofit Organizations (3 semester credits)
LAW 637	Trusts and Estates (3 semester credits)
LAW 649	Legal Profession (3 semester credits)
LAW 688	Hazardous Waste Law (2 semester credits)
ENVS 609	Terminal Project (8 quarter credits)

GTF: Teaching Assistant, BI 213 General Biology II (spring quarter)

Extracurricular activities: Extracurricular Activities: PIPS board member, Conference Co-Director for PIELC, ENR Fellow for the Conservation Trust Project

Summer work experience: Kat worked as a policy intern at the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB). At OWEB Kat helped design a monitoring program for conservation easements held by OWEB. This work was the research for her terminal project.

Fourth year – Law School (3L)

Fall Semester

Courses	
LAW 607	Accounting for Lawyers (3 semester credits)
LAW 607	Seminar in Tax Policy (3 semester credits)
LAW 669	Water Resources Law (3 semester credits)

GTF: Teaching Assistant, BI 131 Introduction to Ecology (fall quarter)

Extracurricular Activities: PIPS Co-Director, ENR Fellow for the Conservation Trust Project

Spring Semester

Courses	
LAW 644	Constitutional Law II (3 semester credits)
LAW 652	Evidence (3 semester credits)
LAW 681	Federal Income Tax II (3 semester credits)
ENVS 609	Terminal Project (3 quarter credits)
LAW 704	Lane County Court Externship (3 semester credits)

GTF: ENVS Office Assistant, (spring quarter)

Extracurricular activities: PIPS Co-Director, ENR Fellow for the Conservation Trust Project, Kat served as an extern for a judge at Lane County Circuit Court

Special financial note about credits:

The law school is on a semester calendar while the rest of the University is on the quarter system. This means that if you mix and match M.S. courses and J.D. courses you may have some trouble determining the number of credits you are allowed to take each term without incurring additional fees. While paying law school tuition you are allowed to take a maximum of 16 semester credit hours without paying additional fees. While paying graduate school tuition you are allowed to take a maximum of 16 quarter hours without paying additional fees.

Here are the conversions:

1 semester credit x 1.5 = quarter credits

1 quarter credit ÷ 1.5 = semester credits

In determining the amount of credits you are being charged for, the registrar rounds *down*. This is to your advantage. For example, in the spring semester of Kat's third year she took 11 semester credits and 8 quarter credits. 8 quarter credits converts to 5.33 semester credits, but is rounded down to 5. Therefore she took a total of 16 semester credits, the total allowed before extra fees are incurred.