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The environmental and energy curriculum is grounded in foundation courses on pollution control, natural resources law and administrative law. More advanced courses cover hazardous and solid waste law; land use regulation; international environmental law; toxic torts; oil and gas law; wetland and coastal management; wildlife and endangered species protection; and preservation and urban issues. Tulane is also home to the Institute for Water Resources Law and Policy, an environmental think-tank promoting responsible management of the state’s water resources. The institute gives students access to courses, lectures, and symposia in the unique area of water law, which is of key importance to Louisiana’s coastal regions.

The Energy and Environmental Law Society hosts the annual, award-winning Summit on Environmental Law and Policy, drawing practitioners and scholars nationwide and giving students the opportunity to meet key leaders in the field. An all-student staff publishes the Tulane Environmental Law Journal, running articles by academics, practitioners and students. The journal has sponsored symposia and colloquia on toxic torts, fisheries, biodiversity, and international environmental law.

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