



# LUND UNIVERSITY

International Institute for  
Industrial Environmental Economics

## Course Curriculum for IMEN31 Policies and Approaches to Sustainability II

### 1. General information

Course code: IMEN31

Course name: Policies and Approaches for Sustainability II

Main field: Environmental Management and Policy

Master level. Advanced level A1F.

Credits: 5 ECTS

Language of instruction: English

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Valid from Autumn semester 2014

### 2. General Description of the Course

This course is a compulsory course in the third semester of the EMP (MSc in Environmental Management and Policy) programme. The course builds on the knowledge obtained during the first and second semesters of the programme, and provides a basis for both professional activities in the area, course work in the third semester, and the final thesis semester.

### 3. Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall be able to

- Explain key principles and concepts underlying the development and implementation of international environmental law
- Describe the most important multilateral environmental treaties
- Describe policy approaches and instruments for environmental product policy
- Understand and analyse legal texts and policy documents
- Present examples of policy interventions in written and orally to an audience with university education

### 4. Course content

The course has two main topical foci:

**International environmental law and policy:** This part builds on introductory lectures on environmental law in Policies and Approaches to Sustainability I. It continues to familiarise the students with environmental legislation and policy in the global and multinational context by examining important multilateral treaties: their history, content, implementation and challenges met in practice, as well as, important actors and their role in multilateral environmental policy formation and implementation. Further some important regional environmental policy initiatives are examined with a focus on EU legislation and policies.

**Environmental Product Policy:** This part is devoted to exploration of the development and implementation of environmental product policies. This includes key concepts and approaches, such as eco-labelling, extended producer responsibility, deposit-refund systems and chemicals policy. The students will during the course read law text and policy documents. These will be examined in seminars where the implications and possible implementation of these documents will be discussed.

An important part of the course is a small research project that is presented in written and in a lecture/seminar conducted by each individual student. These projects are also used to exemplify important parts of international law and policy and environmental product policy.

### 5. Teaching and assessment

The course involves lectures, seminars, and an assignment. Grading is based on individual performance, via a written exam, seminar activities and the assignment.

#### *Grading scale*

The following grades are used: Fail -3 – 4 – 5 (TH).



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**6. Prerequisites**

Students should have completed the first semester, and 24 out of 30 credits from the second semester, of the EMP programme.

**7. Literature**

The final reading list is issued by the Institute no later than five weeks before the course starts.