



The University of Sydney

FACULTY OF LAW



Application to undertake an Independent Research Project

General information

The goal of this unit of study is to provide final year students with an opportunity to pursue advanced research in an area of their choosing, under the limited supervision of a member of the Faculty. The unit is available as a one-semester, 8 credit point elective. Assessment is based on a research paper of 10,000 words.

Given the nature of the unit, there are no set topics. This will be determined on a case by case basis. The project must involve a fresh piece of research and writing. Obviously, material which previously has been submitted for assessment may not form part of the project.

Enrolment in the unit is contingent upon:

- the student having an academic background (in law) which is sufficient to handle the particular research project - a WAM of 70% or higher would be indicative, together with familiarity with the subject matter of the project;
- the student formulating, in advance of enrolment, a well-defined research project, including a statement of the methodology to be used, as well as a preliminary literature review;
- approval in writing from the member of Faculty who agrees to serve as supervisor and assessor of the project, and from the Associate Dean (Undergraduate), who must be satisfied that the above conditions have been met and that no other obvious course is being offered at the time which would permit the student to undertake study in the proposed area.

No more than 8 credit points of Independent Research Project may be credited towards the requirements of the Bachelor of Laws.

Supervisory assistance should not extend beyond considering the project's methodology, the literature review, and thus assessing the student's familiarity with the subject. It is expected of senior students undertaking advanced research that their work be "independent". Beyond that elementary supervision, the member of Faculty's role will then only be to assess the project upon completion.

The final day for submission of the project is the last day of classes for the semester.

Application procedure

Students who wish to enrol in the Independent Research Project should complete the attached application form (additional information may be attached where necessary). The proposal should be approved by the proposed supervisor and then submitted to the Undergraduate Team. Students are required to enrol in an alternate unit while their application is pending in the event that the application is unsuccessful. The application form should be accompanied by a *Variation of Enrolment Request* form when it is submitted to the Undergraduate Team. It should also be noted that an application for an Independent Research Project does not constitute a request to vary enrolment.



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Please complete Parts 1 and 2 and then forward the form to your proposed supervisor to complete Part 3.

1. Personal details

Surname:	Given names:
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^ If we have any queries relating to this application, we may contact you at this address. All standard University correspondence is sent to your University e-mail address.

2. Project details

I wish to undertake an *Independent Research Project* in:

February Semester
 July Semester
 Summer Session

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Research project title:

Proposed supervisor:

Abstract:

Reading completed:

Reading proposed:

3. To be completed by the Supervisor

This project is: approved not approved

Comments:

Signature:	Date:
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**Please return this form to: Undergraduate Team
Faculty of Law, The University of Sydney
Level 12, 173-175 Phillip Street
Sydney NSW 2000**

**Closing dates: 27 February 2009 for enrolment in February Semester
24 July 2009 for enrolment in July Semester**

4. To be completed by the Associate Dean (Undergraduate)

This application is: approved not approved

Comments:

Signature:	Date:
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