



The University of Sydney
FACULTY OF LAW
Undergraduate



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 elective and can be undertaken as follows:

Unit code	Unit Name	Credit Points	Assessment
LAWS3260	Independent Research Project	6	7500 words
LAWS3030	Independent Research Project*	4	5000 words
LAWS3115	Independent Research Project*	2	2500 words

* The 2 and 4 credit point Independent Research Project is only available to students who have a shortfall in the required number of credit points for their degree, due to the transitional phase of the Bachelor of Laws to new resolutions. Please seek advice from the [Undergraduate Team](#) in the first instance to determine eligibility.

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:

- A WAM of 70% or higher and 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.

Please note: only one 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 deadline 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. Please ensure the application form is signed by the proposed supervisor as approved before submitting to the Undergraduate Team. Please note: the application form *must* be accompanied by a *Variation of Enrolment Request* form. Applications will not be considered without this accompanying form. Students are required to enrol in an alternate unit while their application is pending, in the event that the application is unsuccessful.

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 application with a *Variation of Enrolment Request* form to:
Undergraduate Team
Faculty of Law (F10)
The University of Sydney
NSW 2006**

**Closing dates: 26 February 2010 for Semester 1
 23 July 2010 for Semester 2**

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

This application is: approved not approved

Comments:

Signature:	Date:
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