Individual Study Policy – Doctor of Legal Science (Research) Students

1. Overview

This policy sets out the current practice in relation to Doctor of Legal Science (Research) student’s entitlement to complete two individual studies and to allow for the completion of a third individual study in the case of a student whose studies have a theme or focus not catered for by the postgraduate elective program.

In the case of an individual study credited towards an Doctor of Legal Science (Research) it is contemplated that a student will provide a 10,000 word assignment in satisfaction of the requirements of the subject and will regularly meet with a faculty member during the semester to finalize a topic, determine methodology and discuss progress. The faculty member will provide advice and assistance, and mark the produced paper. It is expected that the individual study will be completed in time to allow marking and confirmation at the Board of Examiners meeting of that semester.

2. Definitions

3. The Policy

3.1. A student undertaking postgraduate studies for the Doctor of Legal Science (Research) may complete up to two coursework subjects by two individual studies subject to the approval of the Associate Dean (Research) based upon the following criteria:

Related policies: [Link](#) (to the collection of relevant corporate policies)

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a. A Bond Faculty of Law member must be prepared to supervise the student on an agreed topic within their area of expertise and the topic should be a discrete area of study not covered in research work undertaken in previous UG or postgraduate studies by that student to avoid ‘double dipping’.

b. The student will normally be required to have a 75% and above average in their prior 15 CP postgraduate coursework subjects at Bond Faculty of Law for a minimum of two subjects.

c. The student will not be entitled to obtain credit using individual studies for more than 50% of their total postgraduate coursework component for the Doctor of Legal Science (Research) attempted at Bond Faculty of Law.

d. There is no subject offered or intended to be offered within the term of the expected length of their candidature that would adequately satisfy the topic area of the individual study.

3.2. A student may complete a third coursework subject by an individual study if necessary to complete a theme or focus developed in their prior postgraduate studies subject to the approval of the Associate Dean (Research) based upon the above criteria, but with the additional criterion that there should be more than one supervisor for the three individual studies.

4. Related Policies/Procedures

Links

5. Related Guidelines and Forms

Links
APPLICATION FOR
INDIVIDUAL STUDY IN LAW –
Doctor of Legal Science

Please Note:

- Individual studies in Law are available in exceptional circumstances only and are not available in an area in which a course is being offered in the semester.

1. INDICATE YOUR STUDENT NUMBER AND NAME:

   STUDENT NUMBER  FAMILY NAME  GIVEN NAMES

2. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT ACADEMIC PROGRAM?

3. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED AN INDIVIDUAL STUDY IN LAW?  YES  NO

4. WHAT SEMESTER AND YEAR DO YOU WANT TO COMMENCE THE INDIVIDUAL STUDY IN LAW?
   JANUARY 20__,  MAY 20__,  SEPTEMBER 20__

5. LIST THE PROPOSED SUBJECT AREA:

6. LIST THE PROPOSED SUBJECT TOPIC:

7. STUDENT SIGNATURE: ____________________________  DATE: __________________

8. SUPERVISOR NAME: _____________________________________________

9. SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE: ____________________________  DATE: __________________

Completed minimum of 2 X 15CP postgraduate electives?  YES  NO

Minimum 75% average met to undertake individual study?  YES  NO

Is the student completing a Minor Dissertation (30 CP)?  YES  NO

Student Enrolled  Subject Code: ____________________________  Date: __________________