

Application to Undertake an Independent Research Project

General Information

An Independent Research Project (IRP) provides final year JD & LLB students with an opportunity to pursue advanced research in an area of their choosing, under the limited supervision of an academic staff member of Sydney Law School. The unit is available as a one-semester elective and can be undertaken as follows:

Unit code		Unit Name	Credit Points	Assessment
LLB	JD			
LAWS3260	LAWS5360	Independent Research Project	6	7500 words
LAWS3030	LAWS5330	Independent Research Project*	4	5000 words
LAWS3115	LAWS5315	Independent Research Project*	2	2500 words

* The 2 and 4 credit point IRP is only available to students who have a shortfall in the required number of credit points for their degree. Please seek advice from the [Law School](#) in the first instance to determine eligibility.

An IRP must involve original research and writing and must not include material which has been previously submitted for assessment in any other unit of study.

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 academic staff member of Sydney Law School who agrees to serve as supervisor and assessor of the project, and from the Associate Dean (Professional Law Programs), 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 IRP may be credited towards the requirements of the Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Laws degrees.

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 this elementary supervision, the supervisor's role will only be to assess the project upon completion.

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

Application Procedure

Students who wish to enrol in an IRP should complete the attached application form. Please ensure the application form is signed by the proposed supervisor as approved before submitting to the Law School. 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.

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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

Family Name:	Given Names:
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Student No:										Degree:
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Postal Address:	
	Postcode:

Daytime Phone Number:	Email:	@uni.sydney.edu.au
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2. Independent Research Project (IRP) Details

I wish to undertake an IRP in:

Semester 1
 Semester 2
 Summer Session

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Please tick which unit you are applying for:

Unit code		Unit Name	Credit Points	Assessment
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<input type="checkbox"/> LAWS3260	<input type="checkbox"/> LAWS5360	Independent Research Project	6	7500 words
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Title of IRP:

Proposed Supervisor:

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Abstract:

Reading Completed:

Reading Proposed:

3. To Be Completed By The Supervisor

This IRP is: Approved Not Approved

Comments:

Signature:	Date:
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Please return this application with a *Variation of Enrolment Request* form to:

**Professional Law Programs
Sydney Law School (F10)
The University of Sydney
NSW 2006**

**Closing dates: 2 March 2012 for Semester 1
 27 July 2012 for Semester 2**

4. To Be Completed By The Associate Dean (Professional Law Programs)

This application is: Approved Not Approved

Comments:

Signature:	Date:
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