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Dear LLM students,

I hope you are all well.

I am writing to you about your LLM dissertation.

Please see the attached 'LLM Dissertation Guide' https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/student-hub/pg/extra/dissertation_guidance_23-24.pdf

where you will find information about the dissertation proposal, role of the supervisor, marking and feedback guide and key dates.

The dissertation is an integral part of the LLM programme. It provides an opportunity for you to think about ideas and research in depth an area of the LLM that interests you.

It is worth 60 CATS, which counts for a third of the 180 CATS of the LLM degree. It is no more than 10,000 words.

The Proposal and Legal Research & Writing

You should start to think about your dissertation topic and proposal. The proposal should be submitted on **8 March 2024. I will provide details of the submission process soon. You can find information about the proposal in the Dissertation Guide.**

Term 2 of the Legal Research & Writing programme is devoted to assisting you with the formulation of a research topic and the dissertation proposal. You will gain advice on the research and writing process, presentation of the dissertation, academic integrity, legal citation and formatting.

The Student Experience team will also hold writing boot camps and a dissertation Workshop/Conference in Term 3.

Supervision

After the proposal is submitted, each student will be allocated a supervisor. While every attempt is made to match topics with the expertise of the relevant supervisor, this is not possible in the vast majority of cases. Students should not expect specialist supervision. You will receive assistance with the overall writing process and structure of the dissertation.

Supervision meetings

The formal supervision period takes place in Term 3. Students are provided four supervision meetings. Three of those meetings are in the form of individual meetings with their supervisor, where the supervisor may comment on previously submitted drafts. The fourth meeting will be in the form of the **LLM dissertation Workshop/Conference** to be held on **Thursday, 23 May 2024**. **All students are required to attend this conference**. You will have the opportunity to present your research questions to a thematic panel of academics and your peers to gain feedback.

You should get in touch with your supervisor early in Term 3 to organise a meeting to agree the dissertation topic and refine the proposal.

The final supervision meeting will take place by the end of 2nd week of July, which is the end of the supervision period.

Please make sure that you take advantage of the supervision period during Term 3. **Supervisors are not required to read or comment upon any drafts submitted after 28 June 2024**.

All meetings are to be recorded on Tabula.

Good luck with the formulation of your dissertation topic and proposal.

Best wishes,

Kathryn