

**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES**

**SCHOOL OF LAW**

**Making the most of your  
Postgraduate Studies**

**M.A. Security and International Law**

**Students 2015-16**

**PREFACE**

This document contains details of important information you will need during your period of study within the School of Law. It is being provided to you on a pen drive and is also available online on Blackboard, where there is lots of other useful information. It also should be read in conjunction with the University's *Crucial Guide* and the *Student Charter* which can be found here: <http://www.studentnet.manchester.ac.uk/enhancing-my-experience/charter/>

The *Crucial Guide* provides information and advice on a range of topics including finance, examinations, accommodation and health; it also contains details about the University's policy for students with additional support needs and its equal opportunity and race equality policy: <http://www.studentnet.manchester.ac.uk/crucial-guide/>

**DISCLAIMER**

The information contained in this handbook was accurate at the time of production. The School of Law reserves the right to make any necessary changes during the course of the academic year. Any such changes will be notified to students as appropriate. All students taking School of Law course units will be treated under the School Law's policies and regulations. You should refer to the Postgraduate Taught Students (School of Law) Blackboard page for the most update version of the document.

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## **WELCOME TO THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES**

As Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all students in The University of Manchester. The Faculty of Humanities is one of four faculties in the University and consists of five Schools. We offer an unprecedented range of innovative programmes at undergraduate and graduate level, embracing disciplines as diverse as business and management, social sciences, law, education, languages, arts and environment and development.

This rich mix of opportunities makes study at The University of Manchester an exciting and stimulating experience, where you will benefit from the experience of leading scholars in your field and also from being part of a large, diverse and international student community.

Within the Faculty we are committed to providing a student experience of the highest standard. During this year we will be asking you how effective we are in meeting your needs and fulfilling your aspirations. I urge you to participate in this conversation, and use every opportunity to let us know how we can improve the quality of education we provide.

In this Handbook you will find material specific to the programme of study or the discipline area in which your studies will be based.

**Keith Brown**  
**Vice-President and Dean, Faculty of Humanities**  
**September 2015**

For more information on the Faculty of Humanities please see Appendix B and web link below:

<http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/>

## **WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL OF LAW**

Welcome to the School of Law! This is the start of an exciting journey of discovery for you and we're here to support you all the way.

You've made a great choice to come to Manchester and join our community. The city is vibrant and friendly, and was recently named the best in the UK to live in. The University is amongst the very best in the world and has ambitious plans to become one of the top 25 universities globally by 2020. And our Law School is outstanding, too! I can't think of a better place for you to come and study.

We will provide a high-quality learning experience for you and you will be taught by leading scholars in their fields. You will find your programme exciting, engaging and also challenging, but we will be here to help and guide you when you need it. As well as studying, you will have opportunities to do so much more whilst you are with us, from sporting and cultural activities, to volunteering and work placements. Your Manchester experience will equip you for success in the future and I am certain you will have a fantastic time here.

I very much look forward to meeting you and wish the very best for your time with us in Manchester.

**Professor Toby Seddon**  
**Head of School**

**September 2015**

## **KEY DATES 2015-16**

### **Semester Dates**

#### **First semester**

##### Attendance

21<sup>st</sup> September – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

18<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016

##### Reading Week

2<sup>nd</sup> November - 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

##### Holiday

21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016

#### **Second semester**

##### Attendance

1<sup>st</sup> February – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016

11<sup>th</sup> April – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016

##### Holiday

21<sup>st</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### **Coursework Submission Dates**

Submission deadlines will be publicised to students via email, blackboard and the coursework guidelines document at the start of the academic year. It is your responsibility to ensure your coursework is submitted by the published deadline.

All coursework has to be submitted electronically by 4.00pm at the latest on the specified date.

Feedback is provided electronically. It is your responsibility to download a copy of your coursework feedback from Blackboard, whilst it is still available, for future use.

### **Research Paper Submission Dates**

Submission deadlines will be publicised to students via email, blackboard and the Research Papers guidelines document at the start of the academic year. It is your responsibility to ensure your Research Papers are submitted by the deadline.

All Research Papers have to be submitted electronically by 4.00pm at the latest on the specified date.

Feedback is provided electronically. It is your responsibility to download a copy of your coursework feedback from Blackboard, whilst it is still available, for future use.

### **Examination Dates**

Semester 1 Examinations: 18<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Semester 2 Examinations: 19<sup>th</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Re-sit Examinations: 22<sup>nd</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

## **PART 1**

# **KEY POSTGRADUATE INFORMATION**

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.1 STAFF

The School of Law currently has 68 academic members of staff which includes 19 Professors. The Professors within the School all contribute to teaching whether at undergraduate or/and postgraduate level. There are 25 administrators, 10 of which work directly in the area of UG and PGT teaching and student support. The rooms of individual members of academic staff are on the second, third and fourth floors of the Williamson Building. A full list of staff members' rooms is posted on the Law School notice boards, and also on the staff page of the School of Law website.

#### Senior Staff

Position	Name	Responsibility
Head of School	Prof Toby Seddon <a href="mailto:headoflaw@manchester.ac.uk">headoflaw@manchester.ac.uk</a>	Responsible for the academic management and leadership of the School to ensure that the School makes a full contribution towards the objectives of the Faculty and the University.
Deputy Head of School	Dr Carolyn Abbot <a href="mailto:Carolyn.Abbot@manchester.ac.uk">Carolyn.Abbot@manchester.ac.uk</a>	Responsibility for academic staff and assists the Head of School.
Director of Teaching and Learning	Prof Rebecca Bennett <a href="mailto:rebecca.bennett@manchester.ac.uk">rebecca.bennett@manchester.ac.uk</a>	Responsible for Teaching and Learning policy and Quality Assurance in the School.
Director of Social Responsibility	Dr Graham Smith <a href="mailto:Graham.r.smith@manchester.ac.uk">Graham.r.smith@manchester.ac.uk</a>	Responsible for leading the Social Responsibility agenda in the School of Law.
Director of Research	Prof Nicola Glover-Thomas <a href="mailto:Nicola.glover-thomas@manchester.ac.uk">Nicola.glover-thomas@manchester.ac.uk</a>	Responsible for providing strategic research leadership within the School of Law.



## PGT Programme Directors

A Programme Director is responsible for ensuring you have a good induction and has oversight of all teaching and assessment. Your first port of call for many issues will be your academic advisor or course tutor. But the programme director also acts as a senior advisor for students on the programme.

Programme	Name
LL.M Co-ordinator	Dr Jasem Tarawneh <a href="mailto:Jasem.tarawneh@manchester.ac.uk">Jasem.tarawneh@manchester.ac.uk</a>
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LL.M/M.A./Diploma & Certificate in Health Care, Ethics and Law by Distance Learning	Dr Simona Giordano <a href="mailto:simona.giordano@manchester.ac.uk">simona.giordano@manchester.ac.uk</a>

## Other Officers

Position	Name	Responsibility
Director of the Student Experience	Dr Javier Garcia Oliva <a href="mailto:Javier.oliva@manchester.ac.uk">Javier.oliva@manchester.ac.uk</a>	Responsibility for enhancing the student experience in the School of Law.
Director of Postgraduate Studies	Dr Bruce Wardhaugh <a href="mailto:Bruce.wardhaugh@manchester.ac.uk">Bruce.wardhaugh@manchester.ac.uk</a>	To promote a culture which positively encourages graduate recruitment and education and to contribute to developing appropriate high quality systems and policies for PGT education within the School, Faculty and in the wider University context.
PGT Assessment Co-ordinator	Dr Yenkong Hodu <a href="mailto:Yenkong.ngangjhhodu@manchester.ac.uk">Yenkong.ngangjhhodu@manchester.ac.uk</a>	Management of arrangements for preparation, scrutiny and marking of all PG examination papers; supervision of examination processes during examination periods, including dealing with special arrangements and mitigating circumstances; ensuring that exam papers are marked and processed to deadlines.
Web and Social Media Co-ordinator	Dr Alan Cunningham and Dr John Pearson <a href="mailto:Alan.cunningham@manchester.ac.uk">Alan.cunningham@manchester.ac.uk</a> <a href="mailto:John.pearson@manchester.ac.uk">John.pearson@manchester.ac.uk</a>	Responsible for coordinating web and social media activity for the School.

Contact details of members of staff can be found on the following page from the School of Law website: <http://staffprofiles.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/StaffList.aspx?ou=14074>

## 1.2 THE SCHOOL OF LAW TEACHING AND STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICE

Position & Name	Responsibilities
Teaching and Student Support Manager Abi Robinson <a href="mailto:abi.robinson@manchester.ac.uk">abi.robinson@manchester.ac.uk</a>	Responsible for managing the School of Law's teaching activities in line with strategic objectives. This will include planning and coordinating support for teaching and learning, preparation of documentation and involvement in the development and implementation of quality assurance procedures and new teaching initiatives.
Teaching and Student Support Deputy Manager  Sam Green <a href="mailto:Sam.green-1@manchester.ac.uk">Sam.green-1@manchester.ac.uk</a>  Works Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	Responsible for Student Records work in the School and oversees UG Examinations. Deputy for the Teaching Support manager.  Disability Coordinator  Mobility Coordinator
Teaching and Student Support Deputy Manager PGT and PGR  Helen Davenport. <a href="mailto:helen.davenport@manchester.ac.uk">helen.davenport@manchester.ac.uk</a>	Responsible for contributing to developing appropriate high quality systems and policies for PGT and PGR education within the School.
Teaching and Student Support Deputy Manager Quality Assurance  Nikola Keogh <a href="mailto:nikola.keogh@manchester.ac.uk">nikola.keogh@manchester.ac.uk</a> Works Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	Responsible for contributing to developing appropriate high quality systems and policies for UG education within the School.
Student Support Co-ordinator TBC	Facilitates, collates and disseminates policy, procedure and guidelines for disability support issues for UG and PGT students within the School; and liaises with the Disability Support Office regarding individual and students' support needs.  Deals with UG Special Circumstances. Coordinates Study Abroad Students. Coordinates UG student Reps
Student Support Administrator Ceri Wilson <a href="mailto:ceri.wilson@manchester.ac.uk">ceri.wilson@manchester.ac.uk</a>	Monitors work and attendance of all UG and PGT students according to the regulations and guidance and Tier 4 requirements.  Deals with UG Special Circumstances

Examinations Administrator UG Philip Spencer <a href="mailto:Philip.spencer@manchester.ac.uk">Philip.spencer@manchester.ac.uk</a>	Provides administrative support for the School's activities in the area of UG Examinations and Student Services.
System Support Administrator Zoe Day <a href="mailto:zoe.day@manchester.ac.uk">zoe.day@manchester.ac.uk</a>	Web and eLearning administration
LL.M Programme Administrator Myra Knutton <a href="mailto:myra.knutton@manchester.ac.uk">myra.knutton@manchester.ac.uk</a> Works Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	Registration, examination, progression, student records and graduation.
PGT Programme Administrator for Criminology & CSEP(CB) Nuria Hortiguela <a href="mailto:nuria.hortiguela@manchester.ac.uk">nuria.hortiguela@manchester.ac.uk</a>  Works Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	Registration, examination, progression, student records and graduation.
PGT Programme Administrator for CSEP DL and CPD PGT Student Rep Coordinator  Leanne Tuite <a href="mailto:Leanne.tuite@manchester.ac.uk">Leanne.tuite@manchester.ac.uk</a> Part-time hours over 5 days	Administration of CSEP distance learning and continuing professional development programmes. Coordinates PGT student Reps
PGR Administrator Jackie Boardman <a href="mailto:Jackie.boardman@manchester.ac.uk">Jackie.boardman@manchester.ac.uk</a>  Works Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	Co-ordinates, supports and promotes the provision of a prompt, efficient, welcoming and sensitive service to the research students and academic staff of the School with respect to registration, progression, thesis submission, examination and student records.
PGR Administrative Assistant TBC	Registration, progression and student records.
Teaching and Student Support Office Receptionist Stephen Manifold <a href="mailto:Stephen.manifold@manchester.ac.uk">Stephen.manifold@manchester.ac.uk</a>	First port of call to students, staff and visitors to the Teaching and Student Support Office.

Details on all law staff, including their email addresses, are available on the School website:

<http://staffprofiles.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/StaffList.aspx?ou=14074>

## Administrative Offices

The Law School's administrative offices are located in the Williamson Building as follows:

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|---|-----------------|
| • Teaching and Student Support Office           | Room 3.03/ 3.05 |
| • Teaching and Student Support Manager          | Room 3.44       |
| • Recruitment and Admissions Office (UG and PG) | Room 3.51b      |
| • Staff Resources                               | Room 3.51a      |
| • Research Administration Offices               | Room 3.03/ 3.05 |
| • Head of School Administration                 | Room 3.49       |

The **Teaching and Student Support Office** in the Law School is located on the third floor of the Williamson building, room 3.03/ 3.05, tel: 0161 306 1260, 0161 275 3560/7551/7552, Email: [tssso.law@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:tssso.law@manchester.ac.uk)

**Enquiries on any matters should initially be directed to the Teaching and Student Support Office**, (normal opening hours 10.00am to 4.00pm; with extended hours during induction and examination periods).

### 1.3 LECTURE ROOMS AND CAMPUS GUIDES

Most of your teaching will take place in the Williamson Building. A campus guide for the location of other buildings is available from the Teaching and Student Support Office. The campus guide is also available on the University website at: <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=6507>

#### **Access to Williamson Building**

Access to the building is from 8.30am and the main door is shut at 5.30pm. It is possible to get out of the building later than 5.30pm but it is not possible to gain access after this time.

### 1.4 COMMON ROOMS

There are common rooms on the third and fourth floor of the Williamson Building for student use. Room 3.34 is a larger common room for use by both undergraduate and postgraduate students. There is also a smaller common room with a kitchen exclusively for use by postgraduate students (room 4.45).

### 1.5 HEALTH AND SAFETY

You must not interfere with or misuse any thing, object, structure or system of work provided by the University of Manchester in the interests of health and safety.

You must familiarise yourself with the procedures for dealing with an emergency, including what to do on discovery of a fire, and fire exit-points. You are also required to familiarise yourself with the Health and Safety at Work regulations, extracts of which are posted in all School buildings. Anyone requiring first aid for themselves or for others should contact one of the first aiders situated in the building. Their names and telephone numbers are posted in commonly used areas. The Head of School is responsible for Health and Safety within the School.

In the first couple of weeks of term, **you must complete a short online health and safety course.** This short course provides you with basic information about how health and safety is managed on campus, and also includes some simple tests to assess your learning outcomes.

**You will be enrolled automatically on the Health and Safety course unit, which is delivered through Blackboard (the University e-learning system). You must complete the course and obtain a 'pass' by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015.**

It will take you approximately 1 hour to complete.

We would like to draw your attention specifically to some points below (and see also section 3.8 on ill health).

### **Accidents and Emergencies**

All accidents at work or study must be reported to the Teaching and Student Support Office. Anyone requiring first aid for themselves or for others should contact one of the first aiders situated in the building. There are first aid boxes located at main reception points in all buildings on campus. Contact details of first aiders for each building are listed on the green notices located on each floor. In the event of a serious accident, you may need to call the emergency services (999) but please get help from the office too.

### **Health and Safety Policy and General Issues**

The School Health and Safety Policy is downloadable from our intranet at <http://www.law.manchester.ac.uk/student-intranet/health-safety-and-risk/school-policy/>.

If you are concerned about any health and safety matters in any of the buildings you use, please contact the Teaching and Student Support Office in the first instance. Other information about Health and Safety in the School is available at: <http://www.law.manchester.ac.uk/student-intranet/health-safety-and-risk/>

### **Smoking Policy**

University of Manchester buildings are non-smoking. Smoking is not permitted within a five metre radius of the entrance to a building. Please note that the smoking policy also applies to e-cigarettes.

### **Fire Alarms and Emergency Evacuation Procedures**

You will be using many of the university buildings over the course of your programme. You must, therefore, familiarise yourself with the procedures for dealing with an emergency, including what to do on discovery of a fire, and fire exit-points, by consulting the signs displayed in each building you use.

The fire alarms are tested weekly: check the notices in each building for specific times. **If you hear an alarm at any other time you must leave the building immediately by the nearest exit and on no account use lifts in an emergency.** Once outside you should move well away from the building, so as not to obstruct the emergency services, and for your own safety. Do not return to the building unless the building attendants signal that it is safe to do so.

#### **1.6 DIGNITY AT WORK AND STUDY**

The University of Manchester does not tolerate any form of harassment, discrimination or bullying. If

you believe that you are being bullied or harassed, you can contact a Harassment Advisor. Harassment Advisors provide confidential support and information to students and staff on the University's policy and will be able to explain the options available to you. For further information see <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/DocuInfo.aspx?DocID=22733>

## 1.7 COMMUNICATIONS: Notice Boards and E-mail

All students receive a University email address upon registration. Information about how to activate your student IT account and email address can be found here: <https://iam.manchester.ac.uk/activates>

E-mail is the most convenient way of communication between students and their lecturers or tutors and administrative staff. You will need to use the system, and internet access is available from computer clusters in the Williamson Building, the University Library, Alan Gilbert Learning Commons, University Place (and other University locations e.g. Halls of Residence), free of charge.

There will be many important notices for you during the year, including those relating to teaching and examination arrangements. General communications will come mostly via your University e-mail address but also (1) *via* the notice boards on the third floor of the Williamson building; or (2) *via* the electronic display screen on the third floor of the Williamson building.

Notices concerning teaching of particular course units will be placed on the notice boards on the third floor of the Williamson building, and also via the system called Blackboard, which you will use frequently during your study (see section 2 for further details of the Blackboard system).

**Please check your University e-mail and notice boards every day for internal and external mail.** Make Be certain to check your course unit pages on Blackboard regularly, including all its fields (question and answers, mail, announcements, etc.). Please note that Blackboard announcements and Blackboard mail are not automatically forwarded to your standard University e-mail, but may be used by lecturers, so you should also check your courses on Blackboard daily. You are deemed to be constructively aware of the contents of any e-mail sent to you or materials or communications posted on Blackboard.

The notice boards referred to above are for School notices, and must not be used for other material, such as personal communications between students.

It is often convenient to communicate with your lecturers and academic advisors or administrative staff *via* e-mail. You are positively encouraged to use this method of communication. You can use computer clusters in the Williamson Building or the University Library, free of charge. To avoid the risk of your e-mails being ignored or filtered please do not use personal e-mail addresses (such as gmail or hotmail) when communicating with University staff members: always use your University e-mail address.

## 2. LEARNING RESOURCES

### IS Services within the Faculty of Humanities

Students at the University of Manchester enjoy access to a wide range of high quality IS services provided across campus. Within Humanities itself there are in excess of 500 computers located within Faculty buildings available for student use complementing the 1000+ seats provided by the University in public clusters – including a public cluster at Owens Park.

All cluster computers are configured in the same way and provide access to services offered by schools, faculties and central service providers such as Humanities ICT Office (<http://ict.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/>), IT Services (<http://www.studentnet.manchester.ac.uk/it-services/>) and the University Library (<http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/>). These include printing, scanning and copying and access to a wide range of general use and course specific software on the Windows 7 operating system. A list of software is available at <http://www.itservices.manchester.ac.uk/software/>

In addition to cluster computers wireless networking is being installed across campus enabling students with wireless equipped laptops to access IS services on campus. Full details of the services offered, including a list of available locations, can be found at <http://www.itservices.manchester.ac.uk/wireless/>.

Help and advice is available from our Service Desk which can be contacted by phone, via the web, email or in person. Physical Service desk support is available at the University Library and the Joule Library. Details of opening hours and other contact details can be found at <http://www.itservices.manchester.ac.uk/help/>.

Telephone support is available 24 hours a day throughout the year.

### IT Computer Account

To access any of the University's IT facilities, you require a computer user account. Your account details (including a username and password) can be obtained by using the IT Account Manager system available on the computers based in the University PC clusters. You will need your University student identity number as you will be asked to enter this number during the IT Sign Up process. The accessibility option in the IT Account Manager will only be configured and activated with approval from the Disability Support Office.

<http://www.itservices.manchester.ac.uk/students/it-account/>

### Computers: Access to Computers and Learning Computer Skills

Computers are available for student use, e.g. for word-processing, email or Web information searches, in the computer rooms (third floor and fourth floor, Williamson Building), University Library, University Place and at Owens Park (24 hours).

### Student/Library Card

Once a student has completed registration on-line a student card can be collected from Student Services.



## Student Portal

At <http://www.studentnet.manchester.ac.uk/> you will find the Student Portal and Student System Self Service, as well as other information and links to access useful services.

The Student Portal brings online services together in one place so you can access your email, calendars, blackboard and library services for example.

### Blackboard: courses and enrolments

The teaching and learning activities within your courses are enhanced and supported by the use of Blackboard. All of your courses/spaces are listed in: <http://my.manchester.ac.uk/> under the 'Blackboard' tab. Within this tab you will find:

- a list of all the courses you are registered to take, under the 'Course List',
- a list for Programme spaces or other 'Organisations', in the 'My Communities' list.

You can also access Blackboard on your smartphone using the Blackboard Mobile Learn app. For guidance, search for 'How to: Access your Bb9 course through a Mobile Phone or Tablet' in the **Knowledge Base** at: <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/servicedesk/>

Courses become available to students one week before the start of teaching. For most courses in 2015/16 this is:

- Semester 1 and all-year courses: 14th September 2015
- Semester 2 courses: 25th January 2015

To ensure that you have access to all of your courses within Blackboard, you must be enrolled on them through the Student Records system. Once enrolled, your courses should appear in Blackboard within 24 hours. Also, your tutor needs to have 'activated' your Blackboard course in order for you to access it. If you cannot see a course you expect to see, please:

- contact your School Administrator to check that you have been enrolled;
- check with your tutor that they have made the course available;

Note: If you change your course enrolments there will also be a delay of up to 24 hours in acquiring your new courses and removing those you are no longer taking.

Your Blackboard course(s) will contain different elements, depending on how your tutor(s) have set them up. They may be used for course materials, lecture handouts, coursework submission, quizzes, additional resources, discussion boards or blogs, for example. If you have any queries about the content, please check with your tutor first.

After enrolment or changing your enrolments, if your courses are not correctly listed in Blackboard after 24 hours, please let us know which course(s) you are missing by going through <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/servicedesk/>

If your course is assessed by coursework, and the submission of coursework is done online via Turnitin you can find detailed guidance on 'A Student Guide to Submitting an Assignment via Turnitin' in the Knowledge Base at <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=13010> (document)  
<https://stream.manchester.ac.uk/Play.aspx?Videoid=21235> (video)

If your tutor delivers feedback on your coursework also online you can also look up the Guidance on how to access your feedback and 'Downloading Feedback from Turnitin' at <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=13011>

For general information on Blackboard and access to support information, please visit: [www.studentnet.manchester.ac.uk/blackboard](http://www.studentnet.manchester.ac.uk/blackboard). You can also search the Knowledge Base from here.

Please note: periods when Blackboard access may not be possible (at-risk periods) are Sundays 2am to 5am, Easter holidays and the whole of July. Notification of significant downtime during Easter and July will be communicated through My Manchester Student News.

## Library

The University of Manchester Library is among the finest libraries in the world, and combines a sense of tradition with the best information systems to provide an extensive range of services and resources to actual and virtual visitors. The Main Library is located on Burlington Street (no. 55 on the campus map) and is only a few minutes walk from the Williamson Building. The principal law and criminology collections are found here. The Library's opening hours are extensive but also vary. During semester time the Main Library is open until 12 midnight on weekdays.

University of Manchester Library  
Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PP, United Kingdom  
Telephone: Main Library (University Campus) +44 (0)161 275 3751  
Special Collections, Deansgate, City Centre +44 (0)161 275 3764 Web:  
<http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/>

Ian Fishwick is the Librarian for the School and can be contacted on 0161 275 3725 or at [ian.fishwick@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ian.fishwick@manchester.ac.uk).

The following website will display the current opening hours:  
<http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/locations-and-opening-hours/>

**Library document request** an on-line document supply request system is available via the portal. Students can use this system to request material not held in our collections.

<https://www.portal.manchester.ac.uk/>

On the Teaching and Research tab you will find 'Library document request' alongside SearchIT and Library summary. Online payment for requests can be made at the same time using the University ePayments system.

A library induction for all new students is available through the online Blackboard system. Course unit outlines are distributed in class identifying materials to be consulted for lecture readings and assessment tasks. Course unit material and outlines (eg copies of lecture handouts) are also posted on the online Blackboard system which can be accessed at: <http://www.studentnet.manchester.ac.uk/blackboard/>

Photocopying facilities are available in the Library and the Students' Union Building.

## **Alan Gilbert Learning Commons**

This purpose built study centre is available for students to use 24/7 during term-time. There are numerous study rooms, which can be booked out and used for individual and group work. There are comprehensive IT facilities available. The commons also hosts a series of training workshops covering a variety of academic and transferable skills.

Further information can be found here: <http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/locations-and-opening-hours/learning-commons/>

## **Interlibrary Loans**

If a particular book is needed by a student and is not to be found in the libraries in Manchester, it can usually be obtained from another library in Britain or overseas, *via* the Library's Inter-Library loans service. It is also possible to arrange for students to visit other libraries, such as that in the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in London, should that be necessary.

## **Printing and Photocopying Allowances**

500 printing/copying credits will be pre-loaded on your student/ library card for the printing of any course materials from Blackboard. You will not usually receive handouts or other printed material during lectures and seminars, it is expected that you will print these if you require hard copy.

Details of how to claim these allowances will be provided during Welcome Week.

The University has photocopiers in the main library and the Students' Union building. There is a photocopier available for student use in room 3.33 of the Williamson Building.

## The University Language Centre

### 1. Programme specific support

The University Language Centre provides LAWS 50000 in the School of Law. The course is specific to postgraduate students and takes place weekly in Semesters 1 and 2. The aim of LAWS 50000 is to enhance academic writing skills generally over both semesters, but it has a focus on the Dissertation/Research Paper during Semester 2. Classes are free, but students should register for LAWS 50000 at the beginning of the academic year in order to have access to the linked Blackboard site.

### 2. General academic support

The University Language Centre provides a range of general English language support services for all students registered at the University. These consist of:

- In-session classes for international students - cover academic writing, academic speaking, grammar and pronunciation. You are strongly advised to attend these classes if they are recommended by the Programme Director or your Pre-session Tutor. For information, see:  
<http://www.langcent.manchester.ac.uk/english/academicsupport/courses/>
- Academic writing tutorial service - offers individual tutorials for students wishing to discuss and improve particular aspects of their academic writing. There is further information at:  
<http://www.langcent.manchester.ac.uk/english/academicsupport/tutorial-service/>
- Academic English and Skills Development Material - is an online resource available to all registered students at the University and can be found at:  
<http://www.langcent.manchester.ac.uk/elplinks/academic/>
- Academic Phrasebank - is an open access resource for academic and student writers. It can be found at: <http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/>

## Careers Service

From the moment you arrive at University, there are a wealth of opportunities on offer to help you to stand out from the crowd.

Employers want to see students who've not only studied an academic course, but who have also taken advantage of the extra-curricular activities available to them whilst at University.

Your Careers Service doesn't just talk about life after graduation, in fact they are mainly there to help you navigate and explore the variety of opportunities open to you.

Whilst you are studying at Manchester, your Careers Service can help you...

- Explore your career options and ideas
- Look for part-time or vacation work
- Discover volunteering opportunities
- Gain work experience, placements and internships
- Find out about specific jobs and sectors
- Develop the skills employers look for
- Find graduate jobs and internships

- Create CV and job applications
- Find employer events and careers fairs
- Succeed at interviews and assessment centres
- Find postgraduate study and funding options
- Access mentoring support
- Start your own business....and much more

Don't leave it until your final year to use our services; make the most of your time at Manchester and get involved from the start of your degree.

The Careers Service is located in the Atrium, University Place:

(<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/medialibrary/maps/campusmap.pdf>) Building number 13.

tel: 0161 275 2829

email: [careers@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:careers@manchester.ac.uk)

[www.careers.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.careers.manchester.ac.uk)

### **Student Services Centre**

The Student Services Centre can offer all sorts of help and advice about tuition fee assessments or payments, registration, sources of funding, Council Tax, examinations, certificates, immigration, graduation ceremonies etc.

The Centre is located on Burlington Street (campus map reference 57) and is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (apart from Tuesdays, 10am to 5pm).

or

in Barnes Wallis Student Hub, Sackville Street (campus map reference 9) which is open Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.

Tel: +44(0)161 275 5000 or email [ssc@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ssc@manchester.ac.uk)

### **3. TEACHING, STUDENT SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE**

#### **3.1 LECTURE TIMETABLES**

Timetables are accessible online via the student portal (also known as 'My Manchester'). If you have a problem with the timetable, you should report this to the Teaching and Student Support Office (Room 3.03/3.05).

The year is divided into two semesters. Some course units (sometimes called 'modules') will be taught and assessed in semester one (September to January) and others will be taught and assessed in semester two (February to June).

#### **3.2 SELECTION OF OPTIONAL COURSE UNITS**

Although you are asked to select optional course units upon registration in September, you will be allowed to change your optional course units within a limited period of time. From the beginning of teaching in each semester, a period of two weeks is permitted in which your selection of optional course units can change.

This means that the final selection of semester one course units must be made by **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015** and the final selection of semester two course units must be made by **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016**.

You will be automatically enrolled onto your programme's compulsory course units.

#### **3.3 WORK AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

During the programme, students must attend all lectures and seminars and provide written work for those sessions when required.

If the Programme Director is not satisfied with the attendance, written work submitted, or progress of the student this may become a matter for the attention of the School's PGT Teaching and Learning Committee. The Programme Director may also decide that the circumstances merit a warning letter being issued to a student, whose work and/or attendance is a cause for concern. A student whose work and/or attendance is unsatisfactory may even be recommended for exclusion. Students are therefore strongly advised to alert, as soon as possible, their academic advisor, lecturer or the Programme Director, should any difficulties arise.

#### **3.4 ACADEMIC ADVISORS**

All School of Law students are allocated to an Academic Advisor. **PGT students will find the name of their Academic Advisor online shortly after teaching starts.**

If you have any special needs in relation to teaching or assessment, please discuss these first with your Academic Advisor. Your Academic Advisor is not just somebody to speak to when problems arise, but is also happy to get positive feedback. Meetings are not only for the discussion of problems, but also allow the advisor to get to know about your strengths and achievements. This is extremely useful for the advisor when it comes to writing references for you.

Your Academic Advisor is someone you need to get to know well, so be pro-active. You may ask your Academic Advisor for an appointment at any time, when you need one – usually email is the best way to make arrangements. Academic Advisors leave notes by their doors indicating certain times during the week (“office hours”), when they are generally available to see students. But students may also send an email to their Advisor to request a specific appointment.

**If you are unable to contact your Academic Advisor in an emergency**, contact the Law School Teaching and Student Support Office (see section 3.1 for contact details).

**Academic Advisor Responsibilities are:**

- To be the first point of contact for students to advise on academic matters (learning, study skills, assessments, progression etc) that they may wish to raise at any time during the year. As an Advisor you should respond as quickly as possible.
- To have weekly drop-in sessions in their office, some of which may have a specific focus (e.g. on revision strategies in the pre-exam period). Advisors will be given a clear timetable for when they should proactively contact advisees to offer academic support (e.g. in the run-up to assessments, after results etc).
- Advisors will be accessible via email and through any other media they specify (e.g. using discussion boards on Blackboard, messaging or hashtags on Twitter etc). Online supporting materials will be available and regularly updated.
- To arrange times with advisees for at least two meetings during the academic year (three meetings for UG students in their first year). These meetings will enable you to discuss your advisees academic progress and any other matters which affect their progress, advise on general concerns and identify any other appropriate sources of information and advice. You will normally meet with your Advisee at the start of the academic year and once during Semester Two. First year UG students will normally be offered an additional group meeting with the Academic Advisor in the final weeks of teaching before Christmas.
- To make regular contact (at least 3 times per semester) with your advisees using an appropriate combination of e-mail and online communication.
- To contact advisees to discuss any problems of an academic nature that may require further discussion (for example, poor attendance or a failure to submit work).
- To encourage your advisees to reflect productively on their academic development; for example, through the use of a personal portfolio or personal development plan.
- To help advisees to identify the skills being acquired and to recognise progress towards fulfilment of the Purposes of a Manchester Education.
- To discuss coursework, feedback and examination results with advisees.
- To provide references for job applications, placements or postgraduate/further studies.

**Pastoral Support and Advice on other areas**

- Pastoral support will be provided by the Academic Support Co-ordinator based in the Teaching and Student support Office. Students will be able to access this directly, or they may be

referred on by their academic advisor. S/he will have good links with the central University support services, so that more complex or specialist cases are appropriately referred on. For those cases, they will have a case management role to ensure the service is seamless for the student.

- Advice on other key areas – e.g. careers, accommodation, finance – is already available via high-quality University services, most of which can be accessed via The Atrium in University Place. Rather than duplicate these, Academic Advisors should ensure that they facilitate effective and efficient referrals on to these services.

#### **Student responsibilities are:**

- To attend the meetings with the Advisor as arranged.
- To contact the Advisor and explain any reasons for absence from University classes or other commitments. **It is very important that you notify your Advisor of any problems as soon as possible, particularly if you are missing any seminars or lectures.**
- To keep the Academic Advisor informed of any circumstances which may affect your academic work during the year or performance in examinations.

### **3.5 THE ROLE OF THE PROGRAMME DIRECTOR**

Each taught programme of study has a Programme Director. The Programme Director has overall responsibility for the programme of study. The Programme Director has several specific roles, including:

- supervising students' progress on the taught elements of the course;
- co-ordinating the assessment of course units;
- organising individual supervision as required for dissertations/research papers.

The Programme Director can give general advice to students during their programme of study. The Programme Director also serves as the first point of contact for members of academic staff teaching on the programme. Should a member of staff feel that a student is unable to cope with a particular course unit, for example, the Programme Director is the person to whom the problem will be addressed initially. In such cases, the matter may be subsequently referred to the PGT Teaching and Learning Committee.

The Programme Director also plays the major role in developing the programme, reviewing the content and structure, and suggesting possible improvements. Students with particular grievances or complaints about any issue affecting their study here should also consider contacting the Programme Director as soon as is convenient.

### **3.6 PERSONAL (ACADEMIC) DEVELOPMENT PLANS (PDPs)**

Students are able to download from Blackboard a copy of the Personal (Academic) Development Plan (PDP) form, which can then be discussed with their academic advisor.



### 3.7 STUDY SKILLS WEBSITE & MY LEARNING ESSENTIALS

The Faculty of Humanities has a Study Skills Website where you will find sources of information, hints & tips and practical activities to help you develop your study skills and become a better learner.

You'll also find advice about how to prepare for lecturers, tutorials and seminars; how to deal with exam stress; organising yourself; and on personal development and career planning. See <http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/studyskills/>

The University Library also provides online resources, workshops and skills clinics designed to help you to develop your academic and employability skills:

<http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/academicsupport/mylearningessentials/>

### 3.8 MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES/ILL HEALTH

#### 3.8.1 What are Mitigating Circumstances?

Mitigating Circumstances (sometimes called 'special circumstances') are **unforeseen** or **unexpected** personal or medical circumstances that adversely affect your performance and/or prevents you from completing an assessment.

The Law School has special guidance for those who suffer long-term problems affecting examinations in more than one year – this may be downloaded from Blackboard examinations index page. See also 6.7 on illness.

**If you are not sure about submitting mitigating circumstances, please speak to your academic advisor, the Counselling Service or TSSO.**

If your mitigation is accepted, you may be allowed to retake an assessment as a first sit or your overall degree classification may be changed. Individual marks cannot be altered.

**Circumstances that merit consideration** include: suffering a serious illness or injury; the death or critical illness of a close family member; a significant family crisis leading to acute stress; and unplanned absence, arising from such things as jury service or maternity, paternity or adoption leave.

**Circumstances or events that would not normally merit consideration** include: holidays or other events that were planned or could reasonably have been expected; assessments that are scheduled close together or on the same day; misreading the timetable for examinations or otherwise misunderstanding the requirements for assessment; inadequate planning or time management; failure, loss or theft of a computer or other equipment; consequences of paid employment; exam stress or panic attacks not diagnosed as illness; and minor disruption in an examination room during the course of assessment.

Any **mitigating circumstances**, which may affect your work during the year, your revision or examination performance, should be reported on the appropriate form, which **must** be accompanied by appropriate medical or other evidence, when it occurs. The mitigating circumstances form is available online. The link to the online form is available in the Examinations and Assessments section on your Blackboard programme page, and will also be publicised via your student email. The supporting evidence must be submitted to the Teaching and Student Support Office within 5 working

days of submitting the online form. If you are unable to meet this deadline, you must seek prior approval from the TSSO.

There is no need to be embarrassed. All cases are considered anonymously and the details will remain confidential.

If you feel your circumstances may prevent you from submitting any assessed coursework by the publicised deadline, you may request a coursework extension. To request a coursework extension, you must complete the Coursework Extension Request form available on Blackboard or from the Teaching and Student Support Office. The completed form along with supporting evidence should be submitted to the Teaching and Student Support Office. Please note that your academic advisor must provide a comment on the extension request form before your request can be considered.

### **Deadlines**

All requests for mitigation must be submitted before the beginning of the relevant assessment period (except as a result of circumstances that have arisen during the course of that assessment period). You must give full details when making your case.

Coursework extension requests must be submitted at the very latest to the Teaching and Student Support Office by 4pm on the day prior to the coursework deadline.

Requests for mitigation (or special circumstances) submitted after the published date for the beginning of an examination period (except as a result of circumstances that have arisen during the course of that assessment period) will not be considered without a credible and compelling explanation as to why the circumstances were not known or could not have been shown beforehand.

Late submissions or appeals based on new evidence will not be considered without a credible and compelling explanation as to why the circumstances were not known or could not have been shown beforehand. Not informing the University of circumstances due to personal feelings, e.g., shame, embarrassment and pride, or having concerns over the confidential treatment of requests for mitigation, are not considered to be credible and compelling explanations.

### **Appeals**

Please note that whilst appeals may be based on personal circumstances, there must be good reason for introducing new information after the Board of Examiners. 'Good reason' must be something that affects you so severely that you are unable to communicate the relevant information to the School for the whole of the period between the affected assessment and the Board of Examiners' meeting. Typically this means that the evidence was not and could not be available during the relevant time. Appeals will be rejected where the reason for withholding information is disinclination to provide sufficient detail until you know your results. The reason for this is that the Board of Examiners is the competent body to determine results, and it must be in full possession of all relevant facts in advance.

The purpose of this regulation is to safeguard the interests of students and may only be used when there are adequate grounds for doing so. These are outlined in the regulation. It may not be used simply because you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your assessment or any other decision

concerning your academic progress.

Appeals based upon provisional decisions of the University cannot be considered.

For further information about appeals, please contact the Teaching and Student Support Office ([tso.law@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:tso.law@manchester.ac.uk)).

### 3.8.2 Ill Health

- a. It is a requirement of your registration with The University of Manchester that you register with a local general practitioner. A list of GP practices can be obtained from the Student Health Centre, any University hall of residence or a local Pharmacy. According to guidance issued by the General Medical Council it would not be regarded as good practice for a family member to be the registered GP or to offer treatment except in the case of an emergency.
- b. **You should always consult your GP (or for emergencies the Accident and Emergency Department of a hospital) if your illness is severe, if it persists or if you are in any doubt about your health.** You should also consult your GP if illness keeps you absent from the University for more than 7 days including weekends. If you do consult a GP and they consider that you are not fit for attendance at the University, then you should obtain a note from the doctor to that effect or ask them to complete Part III of the University form 'Certification of Student Ill Health' copies of which are available at local GP surgeries. You should hand this certificate to your programme director, academic advisor or Teaching and Student Support Office as appropriate at the earliest opportunity.
- c. If your condition is not sufficiently serious to cause you to seek medical help, then the University will not require you to supply a doctor's medical certificate unless you are absent from the University due to illness for more than 7 days (in which case see b. above). You **must** however contact your School as soon as possible and self-certify your illness (that is complete and sign the "Certification of Student Ill Health" form to state that you have been ill) as soon as you are able to attend your School. You should do this if your illness means you are absent from the University for any period up to 7 days (see d.i) or if you are able to attend the University but your illness is affecting your studies (see d. ii and iii).
- d. The following sub-paragraphs explain what you should do if your illness affects your attendance at core classes or if you consider that your performance in your studies/examinations has been impaired:
  - i. If you are unwell and feel unable to attend the University to take a compulsory class, assessment or examination then you **must** seek advice by contacting your School immediately, in person, through a friend or family member, by telephone or by email. This is to ensure that you understand the implications of being absent and the consequences for your academic progress, which might be quite serious. **You must do this as soon as possible so that all options can be considered and certainly no later than the day of your compulsory class, assessment or examination.** If you do not do this then you will normally be considered have been absent from the class without good reason, or to have taken the assessment or examination in which case you will be given a mark of zero. You

**must** also complete and hand in a “Certification of Student Ill Health” form on your return.

- ii You may be unwell but are able to proceed with an assessment or examination and yet you feel that your performance will have been impaired. If you wish this to be taken into account as an extenuating circumstance, you **must** inform your School about this on the day of the assessment or examination and hand in to your School a completed “Certification of Student Ill Health” form. If you leave this until later it will not normally be possible to take your illness into account when assessing your performance.
- iii If, as a consequence of your illness, you wish to seek an extension to a deadline for submitting assessed coursework, you **must** complete a “Certification of Student Ill Health” form and discuss it with the appropriate person in your School. The application for extension **must** be made BEFORE the deadline and not retrospectively.
- iv You may be under occasional and ongoing medical attention which affects your studies. If so, you should obtain a letter from your physician which should be given to your School before the end of the January, May/June or August/September examination period, as appropriate, if you wish your condition to be taken into account as an extenuating circumstance.

e. Please also see section 3.8.1 of this handbook on *Mitigating Circumstances*.

Notes relating to Ill-Health:

- i. Certification of Student Ill Health forms are available in all Schools and halls of residence.
- ii. Your School will give you guidance on the effect of any absence from your studies or if you consider your illness has affected your studies. If you have repeated episodes of ill health which is affecting your studies, your School may refer you to the Student Health Centre.
- iii. If you are found to have been deceitful or dishonest in completing the Certification of Student Ill Health form you could be liable to disciplinary action under the University’s General Regulation XX: Conduct and Discipline of Students.
- iv. The use of the “Certification of Student Ill Health” forms by GPs as described above has been agreed by the Manchester Local Medical Committee. A GP may charge for completing the form.

### 3.9 UNIVERSITY SUPPORT SERVICES

In terms of support and guidance, your first individual point of contact will mostly be your academic advisor (see section 3.4). However there are many other sources of help and information available throughout your study.

Check the University services which are available for you if you wish to use them – the full list is published on the University website, where a webpage is dedicated to ‘supporting students’: <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/studentlife/studentsupport/>

### **3.10 REFERENCES**

Please note that, if you do give your advisor’s name as a referee, you should always ask him/her in advance and ensure that you quote an appropriate contact address (especially during vacations). Academic Advisors may not wish to provide a reference unless they have been asked in advance, and have thereby had the opportunity to explain to you what they are obliged to reveal in a reference. You should ensure you provide your advisor with an up-to-date CV and any additional relevant information such as application forms and covering letters of application that may assist writing the reference.

### **3.11 WITHDRAWALS AND INTERRUPTIONS**

If you are contemplating withdrawal or interruption from the programme, please read the following very carefully.

Withdrawal from a degree programme is a unilateral act on the student's part. Students considering such a step are advised to discuss first with their academic advisor or the Programme Director their reasons for wishing to withdraw, and the consequences of doing so. When the decision is made to withdraw, the student should inform the Programme Administrator in the Teaching and Student Support Office.

#### Interruptions

It is the expectation of the University that you will complete your programme in one continuous period of uninterrupted study. It is understood, however, that you may encounter personal difficulties or situations which may seriously disrupt your studies. In such instances, you may be granted a temporary interruption to your studies.

Interruption is a temporary discontinuation of studies by a student intending to return at a fixed time later in order to proceed with study. It is a bilateral process: a student's request to interrupt will be considered by the PGT Co-ordinator who may grant or refuse it. A student allowed to interrupt may be permitted to return in another session to recommence the course, or resume the programme, or sit the examinations, as may be decided.

A request to interrupt must be addressed in writing in the first instance to the Programme Administrator, and should contain a full statement of the reasons for the request.

A student who is thinking of making a request to interrupt should in any event consider the matter seriously and discuss it with the Programme Director and their academic advisor in advance of any formal request.

An interruption of studies may have many different implications. It is important to realise that we may not be able to provide an identical teaching, supervision and assessment experience on your return as would otherwise have been available. Programmes of study and regulations change to reflect developments in the subject, requirements of external bodies and the resources available to the University. While we will try to make reasonable provision for you following your interruption you

need to realise that permission for an interruption is a privilege and not a right.

During your period of interruption you will not be a registered student of the University and your right to be on University premises will be that of a member of the public. You may not undertake work on University premises as you are not covered by our insurance agreements. **You should also note that you will lose onsite IT and student library access; however, you can retain remote email access to your student email account.** You do need to ensure, however, that, if necessary, you save work and provide alternative forwarding contact email details to us.

If you fail to return and re-register at the expected date of return following an interruption, we will attempt to contact you but if we receive no response after 30 days following your expected date of return, we can deregister you from the student system.

## 4. EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT

The methods of assessment for each course unit are identified in each individual course unit description – the assessment scheme for individual course units is published on the Law website:

<http://www.law.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/courses/modules/index.html>.

All PGT assessed work is marked anonymously by two markers. Students should therefore insert their library card number only on the script. Lecturers will usually be happy to discuss essay plans or outlines with students prior to submission of assessed work. However, **lecturers will not comment on draft essays**. In the case of dissertations/research papers, supervisors may request draft chapters and comment on these.

A document entitled *Guidelines on Assessed Postgraduate Coursework* is available on Blackboard and should be read by all students. These guidelines will outline crucial information on the presentation of assessed coursework, and the formalities concerning the submission of coursework. There will also be some general tips on what markers will be looking for in coursework essays.

### Proofreading Guidance

If a student chooses to approach another person to proofread their written work or seeks to use the services of a proofreading service or agency, they must take account of the following principles:

- it is the responsibility of students to ensure that all work submitted is their own, and that it represents their own abilities and understanding. Any proofreading of work that is undertaken by a third party must not compromise the student's own authorship of the work;
- proofreading undertaken by a third party must not take the form of editing of text, such as the adding or rewriting of phrases or passages within a piece of student's work;
- proofreading undertaken by a third party must not change the content or meaning of the work in any way.

### 4.1 CITATION AND CITATION STYLES

#### Introduction

In academic writing, there are three main reasons for the expectation that other authors' work should be cited:

- to help the reader to locate the data or analysis being presented in the context of other relevant work (to show for instance how the former differs from or coheres with the latter);
- to guide the interested reader to other sources which s/he may wish to follow up; and
- to demonstrate, especially in the context of assessed essays and dissertations, that no part of the work has been plagiarised. Students should, therefore, **never** make use of others' work without appropriate citation; and if a secondary citation is being relied upon, this should be stated (though both items should still appear in the bibliography).

In published writing each publishing company and academic journal has a 'house style' according to which all citations must be presented, and material that is submitted for such publication will be expected by publishers and editors to conform with this style. You may therefore find it useful to use Endnote as it is not only useful for storing and printing out

references, but also for downloading details directly from research databases and inserting them into documents in the house style of any specified journal. The latter capabilities save a good deal of typing.

Differences between house styles are sometimes minute, concerning (for instance) the placing of punctuation. In writing submitted as part of the Masters programme these minor differences are of no concern, provided that the student adopts a consistent style throughout any particular piece of work. Recognised citation styles fall into three broad categories: Vancouver (mainly used in scientific, technical and medical writing); Harvard (mainly used in social-scientific and humanities writing); and footnotes (mainly used in legal and humanities writing). For further details of each style, see the websites listed below.

**Criminology students in the School of Law are requested to use Harvard.**

**Law and Healthcare Ethics and Law students are requested to use footnotes. In addition, Law students should use the OSCOLA (Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities) to cite legal materials in their work. The OSCOLA website can be found at <http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/publications/oscola.php> . That site provides a wealth of useful information, and a downloadable version of the most recent (2014) OSCOLA Manual.**

Both Vancouver and Harvard require the placement of lists of references at the ends of texts or, in the case of books, sometimes at the ends of chapters. The order and punctuation of the information in these lists varies with different house styles (see above). However, *all* of these, and all footnotes in legal referencing require the following information, which implies that students should ensure that they note all of it when first using a work:

*For authored books:*

- Surnames and initials of all authors of the cited work;
- The full title of the cited work, including any subtitle;
- The place of publication (which can be found inside the flyleaf) and the publisher;
- The date of publication.

*For chapters in edited books:*

- As above, plus
- Authors and title of the cited chapter;
- Beginning and end pages of the cited chapter.

*For papers in journals:*

- Surnames and initials of all authors of the cited work;
- The full title of the cited work, including any subtitle;
- Name of the journal;
- Volume and (if appropriate) issue number;
- Beginning and end pages of the cited paper.

See below for examples of how this might appear in practice.

*Other publications:*

It is sometimes difficult to know quite how to cite works that do not fall into the above categories.



- Working papers and reports from academic departments etc can usually be treated as books, so long as there are named authors.
- Reports that carry no named authorship (such as government documents, or items published in the name of institutions, eg British Medical Association) present the greatest problems. Often the easiest way is to treat the institution as the author, except that government white papers and analogous documents often treat the Secretary of State for... as the author. It is usual to include reference numbers (eg Cm numbers) as part of the citation information.
- Internet sources should include the full URL and the date at which it was accessed.

### How to Use Harvard

- On each occasion on which a reference is made in a text, the author(s), date of publication and (where appropriate) page number is placed in brackets at the relevant point. If the text has the author's name as part of the relevant sentence, only the date and page number are needed. For instance: Smith (2012 p.2) argues that..... whereas an alternative point of view might be.... (Ahmad 2008 p.37). If a cited work has three or more authors, formulations such as 'et al', 'and others' or 'and colleagues' are normally employed - for example: "One influential analysis suggests that... (Robinson *et al*, 2011, p. 101)
- If you are making an indirect quotation (discussing the thrust of an argument, for example, rather than quoting a specific passage), or mentioning a phrase that an author uses several times, you can use *passim* rather than a page number – for example, "Fuller argues that law is not value-free, but has what he calls an 'inner morality' (Fuller, 1964, *passim*)."
- There should be a bibliography at the end of the work, arranged in alphabetical order of (first) authors' surnames and initials, followed by co-authors (if any) and the year of publication.

### Bibliographies

The full reference should be given in a bibliography as follows:

#### Journal Articles

Smith, J.R. (2012). Reference Style Guidelines. *Journal of Guidelines* 4:352-63

#### Books

Smith, J.R. (2012). *Reference Style Guidelines*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage

#### Chapter in a book

Smith, J.R. (2012). Reference Style Guidelines. pp. 155-62 in R. Brown (ed) *Guidelines for Authors*, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage

#### Editor of a Book

Smith, J.R. (ed). (2012). *Reference Style Guidelines*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage

#### Dissertation or Thesis

Smith, J.R. (2012). Reference Style Guidelines. Ph.D. dissertation (Master's Thesis), University of Sage, Thousand Oaks, CA

### Paper Presented at a Conference

Smith, J.R. (2012). Reference Style Guidelines. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Reference Guidelines Association, Thousand Oaks, CA, March

Please note: Underlining may be substituted for italics

## Footnotes Guidance

### Footnotes

- Footnotes should be numbered sequentially throughout the text (so an article may be shown as footnote 1, and then as footnote 6 if you return to it later; note that this is in contrast with the Vancouver style, in which an article would retain the same reference number throughout the piece).
- Often, full details of each cited item appear in the footnote; however, it is also acceptable to use a shortened version (such as “Smith, 2007, p. 45”) if the full details are given in the bibliography.
- As with the Harvard convention, if you are making an indirect quotation (discussing the thrust of an argument, for example, rather than quoting a specific passage), or mentioning a phrase that an author uses several times, you can use *passim* rather than a page number – for example, “Fuller argues that law is not value-free, but has what he calls an ‘inner morality’ (Fuller, 1964, *passim*).”
- All sources referenced and read in preparing the assessment listed in the bibliography.

Examples of how to reference different types of sources are:

#### Single author book

Harris J, *The Value Of Life - An Introduction To Medical Ethics* (London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1985) p. 36

#### Subsequent editions of books:

Beauchamp TL. & Childress JF, *Principles of Biomedical Ethics* [4th edition](New York: Oxford University Press, 1994) pp. 56 -63.

#### Chapter in an Edited Book:

Erin CA, ‘Who owns Me? - Using Historical Entitlement Theory to Decide the Ownership of Human Derived Cell Lines’ in Dyson A & Harris J (eds.) *Ethics And Biotechnology* (London: Routledge, 1994) pp. 157-178.

#### Journal Articles:

Brazier M, ‘How the Media Presents Medicine and Science’ *Medical Law International* 11(3) (2011) pp. 187-196.

#### Cases:

*Party A v Party B* (date) citation

Where you have referenced a source and need to do so again in the following footnote, you can simply use ‘*ibid* p. xx’ as an abbreviation.

Where you have previously referenced a source and need to do so again a few footnotes later,

you can use 'Smith, *op cit*, p. xx'. Note, though, that if you're citing two articles by Smith, this would be confusing; in that case, you should use "Smith, 2007, p. xx" and "Smith, 2012, p. xx" as appropriate.

### What needs a Reference?

Knowing what needs a reference is something of an art. However, there are a few basic rules. The Harvard convention is used here for illustrative purposes – the general point translates to the use of footnotes if that is the preferred system.

- ANY direct quotation should be followed immediately by a reference.
  - Smith has asserted that the Dangerous Dogs Act was "quite the silliest law ever to be passed by the British Parliament" (Smith, 2007, p. 5)
- ANY indirect quotation or allusion should be followed by a reference at the end of the clause in which it appears.
  - Smith's assertion that the Dangerous Dogs Act was the silliest law ever passed is certainly striking (Smith, 2007, p. 5); others are more measured in their criticism
- Sometimes, the reference will have to be quite complex
  - Jones has taken issue with Smith's dismissal of the Dangerous Dogs act (Jones, 2012, p. 67; cf Smith, 2007, *passim*)

Although the above is in Harvard style, the parenthetical references are replaced with footnote references in footnote styles (including OSCOLA).

Statements of fact that amount to general knowledge do not normally need citations – for example, there'd be no need to find a source to back up a claim that Paris is the capital of France, or that the Abortion Act was passed in 1967. Similarly, a claim along the lines that "Many criminologists think that economic deprivation is a significant factor in high rates of offending" probably won't need a citation – just so long as many criminologists *do* think this (and even there, it probably wouldn't do any harm to offer an example or two). Finally, there are some terms that are so familiar within a discipline that they count almost as general knowledge: for example, if a bioethicist wants to talk about Beauchamp and Childress' four principles, it's safe to assume that all readers will know what that means without a reference.

If in doubt, **the general rule is this**: If you are making use of work that is not your own, add a citation. It's better to have a citation that's unnecessary, than to lack one that is necessary.

## 4.2 INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

External Examiners are individuals from another institution or organisation who monitor the assessment processes of the University to ensure fairness and academic standards. They ensure that assessment and examination procedures have been fairly and properly implemented and that decisions have been made after appropriate deliberation. They also ensure that standards of awards and levels of student performance are at least comparable with those in equivalent higher education institutions.

External Examiners' reports relating to this programme will be shared with student representatives at the Postgraduate Taught Staff Student Committee (SSC) where details of any actions carried out by the programme team/School in response to the External Examiners' comments will be discussed. Students should contact their student representatives if they require any further information about External Examiners' reports or the process for considering them.

Details of External Examiners for the School of Law are held by the Teaching and Student Support Office.

Please note that it is inappropriate for students to make direct contact with External Examiners under any circumstances, and in particular with regard to a student's individual performance in assessments. Other appropriate mechanisms are available for students, including the University's appeals or complaints procedures and the UMSU Advice Centre. In cases where a student *does* contact an External Examiner directly, External Examiners have been requested not to respond to direct queries. Instead, External Examiners should report the matter to their School contact who will then contact the student to remind them of the other methods available for students. If students have any queries concerning this, they should contact the Teaching and Student Support Office.

### **4.3 PRESENTATION AND SUBMISSION OF ASSESSED COURSEWORK**

For guidelines on the presentation and submission process please see the Postgraduate Taught Students (School of Law) area in Blackboard.

The University policy is that any piece of assessed written work (including the dissertation) submitted after the submission deadline, without being granted an extension, will be marked but the mark awarded will reduce progressively for each day, or part thereof by which the work is late. The mark awarded will reduce by 10 marks per day for 5 days (assuming a 0-100 marking scale), after which a mark of zero will be awarded. The policy of submission of work for summative assessment on taught programmes, which includes the late submission policy can be found at the following link:

<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=24561>

The School requires students to submit all assessed coursework and dissertations in electronic form. Work handed in by students for assessment will be subjected to electronic systems for detecting plagiarism or other forms of academic malpractice. TurnitinUK, is the plagiarism detection service used by the University.

### **4.4 FEEDBACK ON ASSESSED WORK**

For course units assessed by coursework, your essay will be returned with feedback comments electronically. The feedback will explain how the markers reached their conclusions about your work, how the work that was produced relates to the marking criteria in section 4.4 below) and should help you consider how you might improve your work/marks in future.

It is important to note that the marks you will see on the feedback are conditional on the External Examiners' comments and confirmation by relevant examination boards. You must not assume that these are the final marks until they have been confirmed as explained above. A mark is only a confirmed mark once it has been approved by the Examination Board.

Feedback on assessed coursework is provided electronically. It is your responsibility to download a copy of your coursework feedback from Blackboard, whilst it is still available, for future use.

## 4.5 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

### What Do Markers Look For?

#### ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR PGT COURSEWORK

MARK	CONTENT	STRUCTURE
<b>90-100%</b>	is highly original, displaying great insight into the subject and the ability to approach problems in an innovative and/ or unexpected, yet highly productive, manner. contains no significant errors of exposition, interpretation, or argumentation.	- is to all intents and purposes flawless.
<b>85%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- applies the principles of the discipline to the issue(s) at hand in an original yet appropriate manner to produce a well reasoned analysis, with conclusions carefully and effectively argued and supported;</li> <li>- displays a deeper than normally expected understanding of theoretical nuances, particularly in their application;</li> <li>- shows appropriate use of the literature base(s), and shows significant originality in source selection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- has no structural weaknesses of great consequence.</li> <li>- integrates detail into a coherent whole;</li> <li>- argues autonomously to a reasoned and logical conclusion;</li> <li>- is supported throughout by appropriate and accurate language.</li> </ul>
<b>80%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- demonstrates originality and depth in thinking and application;</li> <li>- demonstrates a comprehensive familiarity with relevant theories, doctrines, and cases;</li> </ul> <p>shows familiarity with germane literature base(s).</p>	
<p><b>75%</b></p> <p><i>N.B Where a marker feels, for whatever reason, that a mark of 70 - 74 is most</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- shows breadth of study and some originality in application;</li> <li>- shows extensive knowledge and critical understanding of relevant theory, facts, and issues;</li> <li>- is directly relevant to the issues to be addressed in the assignment.</li> </ul>	

<i>appropriate, the mark to be given is 75, <u>not</u> 69</i>		
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<b>60 – 69%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- is sufficient, and relevant to issues being discussed;</li> <li>- <b><i>shows a good grasp of relevant theory, facts, and issues;</i></b></li> <li>- reflects a critical understanding of a broad range of reading.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- reveals an attempt to create a coherent whole;</li> <li>- attempts to guide reader through to a reasoned conclusion;</li> <li>- is rarely affected by inappropriate or inaccurate language.</li> </ul>
<b>50 – 59%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- is generally competent, and displays an adequate understanding of the issues to be addressed;</li> <li>- is just sufficient to cover the subject, but has some irrelevancies;</li> <li>- shows a satisfactory grasp of relevant facts and issues;</li> <li>- shows adequate reading but little originality.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- links parts together but falls short of creating a coherent whole;</li> <li>- does not always guide the reader and does not always provide a conclusion to the arguments deployed;</li> <li>- is weakened in places by inappropriate or inaccurate language.</li> </ul>
<b>40 – 49%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- engages with the subject, although in a limited way and/ or with occasional digressions;</li> <li>- shows some understanding of relevant concepts, facts, and issues;</li> <li>- would benefit from greater depth of reading and analysis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- sections of the work, while relevant in themselves, are not clearly linked;</li> <li>- assumes, rather than argues for, a given conclusion;</li> <li>- would be improved by greater emphasis being placed on appropriate and/ or accurate language.</li> </ul>

<b>0 – 39%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- provides evidence of only very limited background reading;</li> <li>- shows only superficial understanding (at best) of the relevant issues;</li> <li>- relies uncritically on subjective personal opinion or hearsay.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- no attempt made to argue to a conclusion;</li> <li>- written in the form of an unstructured monologue or narrative;</li> <li>- shows little respect for the conventions of grammar.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>The assessment criteria above are equally applicable to Masters dissertations or research papers. In assessing these constituents of the research element of the Masters programme, the Examiners will give more weight to critical analysis than to a descriptive display of general knowledge of relevant material, etc.</i></b></p>		

#### **4.6 GUIDELINES ON PLAGIARISM AND OTHER FORMS OF ACADEMIC MALPRACTICE**

Students must familiarise themselves with the University's guidelines on plagiarism and other forms of academic malpractice, which can be found at: [http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/studyskills/essentials/writing/avoiding\\_plagiarism.html](http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/studyskills/essentials/writing/avoiding_plagiarism.html)

In the first couple of weeks of term, **you must complete the Academic Malpractice Awareness course**. This short course provides you with information about plagiarism and academic malpractice and how to avoid it.

**The course, information and test you will need to complete will be available on the Postgraduate Taught Students (School of Law) Blackboard page. You must complete the course and obtain a 'pass' by 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015.**

**If you do not complete and pass the Academic Malpractice Awareness course unit by this date, a negative service indicator (NSI) will be added to your account, which will prevent you from viewing assessment results.** The NSI will be removed once you inform the TSSO that you have completed and passed the Academic Malpractice Awareness course unit.

The University uses electronic systems for the purposes of detecting plagiarism and other forms of academic malpractice and for marking. Such systems include Turnitin, the plagiarism detection service used by the University.

The School requires students to submit all assessed coursework and dissertations/research papers in electronic form which will be subjected to electronic systems for detecting plagiarism or other forms of academic malpractice. TurnitinUK, is the usual plagiarism detection service used by the University.

The School reserves the right to submit work handed in by you for formative or summative assessment to Turnitin and/or other electronic systems used by the University.

Please note that when work is submitted to the relevant electronic systems, it may be copied and then stored in a database to allow appropriate checks to be made.

## 4.7 UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

The examination schedule has been produced using dedicated software for which the overarching factor is the production of a timetable with no, or as few as possible student clashes. Whilst attempts are made to ensure that you have a spread of examination dates throughout the examination period, in many cases this is not possible given the institutional constraints on the numbers of examination venues that are available, the number of examinations that are scheduled to take place and the options available to students on any particular programme of study. You should expect therefore to have examinations on two or more consecutive days and, potentially, have more than one examination within a single day.

### 4.7.1 Consequences of Academic Misconduct

It is important to underline the fact that problems of academic misconduct are taken very seriously by The University of Manchester. The sanctions applied in cases of misconduct are likely to be severe, and they include the possibility of exclusion from the University. It is important therefore that you appreciate what is expected of you, as set out in the following paragraphs.

### 4.7.2 Conduct during Examinations

A document entitled “Assessment Framework” is available on the University’s ‘Student-related policies and documents’ webpage, which is accessible from a link on the University’s main StudentNet webpage: <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=7333>.

There is important information outlined in this document regarding the following:

- Policy on examinations
- Policy on the use of calculators in examinations
- Policy on the use of dictionaries in examinations
- Guidance for students on examinations

The rules governing behaviour during examinations are strict, and are strictly enforced, and it is well to be aware of these at the outset.

### 4.7.3 School of Policy on Statute Books Permitted in Examinations

The Law School’s policy regarding statute books in closed book examinations is as follows:

Clean Materials in **Closed Book** Examinations

\*\*\*NOTE: This policy is not applicable to any examination classed as open book\*\*\*

The School policy on statute books permitted in closed book examinations can be summarised as an ‘as newly (or originally) purchased/provided’ approach.

Statute books permitted in closed book examinations must contain no markings which might assist the student in locating a particular section of the material or in their response to the questions set other than that which is present in the statute book as newly (or originally) purchased /provided.



Prohibited markings include, but are not restricted to; written notes, index tabs, folded pages (or corners of pages), highlighting, underlining, and any markings an examiner, invigilator or member of staff reasonably suspects might be used to assist the student and which is not included in the material as purchased/provided.

Note, for greater certainty:

- (1) Statute books which contain markings are not permitted in examinations. Prohibited markings include, but are not restricted to; written notes, markings covered by 'tippex' or other means, index tabs, folded pages (or corners of pages), highlighting, underlining, and any markings an examiner, invigilator or member of staff reasonably suspects might be used to assist the student and which is not included in the material as purchased/provided.
- (2) You are permitted to use University of Manchester library books during the examination, provided that they are otherwise in compliance with this policy. The University of Manchester library will mark their books with a fluorescent highlight along the top pages (near the spine) and a similar marking on the fore edge pages. Additionally, the library inserts other ownership marks in their books. Books with **only** these markings are deemed to be "unmarked" for examination purposes.
- (3) It is the mere possession of materials which are marked during the examination which constitutes the offence. Whether or not you knew the marks were in the materials is irrelevant. Therefore **you must** be extremely cautious about using second hand or library materials.
- (4) You should note that the instructions on the Examination Booklet read:  
Instructions to Candidates

3. For rough work unruled pages are provided on the cover of the book. If you require more than these, use a ruled page but cross the rough work through before handing the book in.

4. You are forbidden to use any other writing paper during the examination than the official answer-book or to tear off any part of your answer-book.

The effect of these instructions is that students are not permitted to write in their Statute Books during the course of an examination, and that so doing is an offence under University Regulations.

#### **4.8 YOUR RESULTS**

*Provisional* Semester 1 results will be available via the Self Service facility of Campus Solutions (date to be confirmed); *confirmed* semester 1 and semester 2 results, after the June Examiners Board meeting (date to be confirmed, but probably in late June 2016). You will be alerted by e-mail at points during the academic year of the dates from which you will be able to view your results via the Self Service facility.

Please note that results are *not* available from the administrative staff in the Teaching and Student Support Office and are not, under any circumstances, available over the telephone.

Students who require a more formal record of their performance may obtain a transcript on application to the University's Student Services Centre and payment of a small fee.

#### **4.9 FAILURE OF UNITS AND EXAM BOARDS**

##### *What happens if I fail some units?*

First of all don't panic! The first thing to do is sit down with your Academic Advisor or Programme Director, who will take you through your options. The regulations allow you further attempts of up to half the taught credits, for a standard Master's programme as defined by your programme specification, so you can still get back on track. In addition you may also resubmit your Dissertation/Research Paper on one further occasion, subject to the Examination Board's decision. This is known as 'referred assessment' and these reassessments will normally take place in the same academic year as the original assessment. The Examination Board will then make decisions on your progress and advise you accordingly of the decisions and next steps. Referred assessment at Masters level will be capped at 40% and this is the mark that will be shown on a transcript of results as a 40R. (The capped mark is applied to the unit level mark, not just the failed element.) It is this mark that will be used to calculate your final degree classification.

If you pass most of your units and fail some of them by only a small margin, there may be a possibility of the examination board compensating this failed credit. This means that, if your mark was between 40-49% at Masters level the examination board is able to compensate up to a maximum of 30 credits. Your transcript of results will show the actual mark achieved (e.g. 47C).

Masters students who are required to take any assessments during the resit period are permitted to work on the research element of their degree programme, but do so at their own risk. If you require further information about options available to you, please contact the Teaching and Student Support Office (3.05 Williamson Building).

If you are on a postgraduate diploma or postgraduate certificate programme then the overall pass mark will normally be 40%. The same logic for managing reassessment will be applied on these programmes but the mark will be capped at 30R and compensation can be applied for marks between 30- 39%. You can be referred in up to half the taught credits on a postgraduate diploma and compensated in up to 30 credits on a postgraduate diploma programme and 15 credits on a the postgraduate certificate programme.

##### *What happens if I fail my resits?*

Upon taking the referred assessment, if you fail again the Examination Board will make a decision with regards to your progress. The possible options available may, in exceptional circumstances, include repeating the unit or being awarded an exit award once you've exhausted all the opportunities to retrieve failed assessment.

Referrals may also be compensated; so if you manage to achieve a mark at referral of between 40-49% at Masters level, this may be compensated providing you haven't already used your quota of compensable credit. Compensated referrals will be capped at 40 and this is the mark (40R) that will show on your transcript of results and be used to calculate your final degree classification.

Again if you are on a postgraduate diploma or postgraduate certificate programme then the pass mark and compensation mark range will be adjusted according to the lower pass

level.

*What happens if I fail my dissertation/research paper?*

If you fail your dissertation/research paper at the first attempt you will be given the opportunity to resubmit a revised version of the dissertation/research paper. You will normally be given up to six months in which to make the requested revisions or undertake additional work. You will be provided with feedback from your examiners and guidance on the revisions required to bring the work to the appropriate standard for the Masters award.

*How is my degree calculated?*

To be considered for a Master's Degree you must have achieved 180 credits at the appropriate level. Don't worry if you have had a referral or compensation as these still count towards your credit total for a Pass or Merit. If, however, you have undertaken any referred assessment or been compensated you will not be eligible for a Distinction.

The award of masters is based upon gaining the required number of credits, normally 180. Classifications for merit or distinctions will be calculated on the basis of an average mark, based on the weighted programme as a whole.

If you are completing a postgraduate diploma or postgraduate certificate then this degree is only awarded as a pass.

*When and how are decisions made about my results and my progress?*

There are normally three available assessment opportunities within the academic year: January, May/June and August/September within each academic year. It is expected that all your attempts at referral assessment will take place in the same academic year in which the assessment was first taken (For part-time students this may be the following year). After each assessment period there is an 'Examination Board'.

The Examination Board normally includes your unit tutors and programme directors; and it is overseen by an external examiner from another university. It is the job of the Examination Board to review all the results anonymously and make decisions on the award of credit and who can resit exams / assessment or gain compensation. It is also the role of the Examination Board to decide who cannot continue and therefore must leave the University with an exit award. Some students may narrowly miss the threshold for a degree classification. In these cases, the Board will consider these students' overall pattern of marks (Mark Distribution) and may look at their examined work (Mark Review) in order to determine the appropriate classification of the degree ultimately awarded to them.

#### 4.9 CLASSIFICATION OF AWARDS

The degree can be awarded with the classification of Distinction, Merit or Pass. The final classification of awards will be made in accordance with University regulations for taught postgraduate programmes of study. Please see link to the Regulations:

<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/DocuInfo.aspx?DocID=13148>

Postgraduate Masters degree classification and boundary zone using total points 0-100 mark range:

<b>PG Degree classification- Masters based on 180 credits</b>	<b>Classification thresholds: average mark (mark range 0 to 100)</b>	<b>Boundary zone average</b>
Distinction	70.0 (average across taught and research)	68.0 to 69.9
Merit	60.0	58.0 to 59.9
Pass	59.9 or less providing the credit requirements' have been met.(180 credits)	N/A

#### 4.10 PROCESS FOR APPEALS

The relevant regulations and forms for appeals can be found at

<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=1872>

The purpose of this regulation is to safeguard the interests of students and may only be used when there are adequate grounds for doing so which are outlined in the regulation. It may not be used simply because you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your assessment or other decision concerning your academic progress.

Appeals based upon provisional decisions of the University cannot be considered.

A student who is excluded, or who has reason to believe that his/her examination results have not been properly dealt with, may make a case for an appeal against the relevant decision(s). The student must have adequate grounds, not simply be dissatisfied with the outcome of his/her assessment. There is no provision for appeal against the academic judgement of the Examiners. However, if there are special circumstances which the Examiners were not made aware of, or if there were procedural irregularities in the examination process, or if there is evidence of prejudice, bias or inadequate assessment, then there may be a case for review of the outcome.

Students should make attempts to remedy the position at School level first and before submitting a formal appeal to the Faculty of Humanities or requesting a review of results. School Appeals Boards are held shortly after Examination Boards have sat in June (to confirm results of the taught element of the programme) and in the following November (to confirm final results and classifications).

Please note that, while appeals may be based on personal circumstances, there must be good reason for introducing new information after the Board of Examiners. 'Good reason'

must be something that affects you so severely that you are unable to communicate the relevant information to the School for the whole of the period between the affected assessment and the Board of Examiners' meeting. This is usually taken to require that the evidence was not available (and therefore could not be obtained) during this period. Appeals will be rejected where the reason for withholding information is disinclination to provide sufficient detail until you know your results. The reason for this is that Board of Examiners is the competent body to determine results, and it must be in full possession of all relevant facts in advance.

In the first instance, we would urge you to contact the Teaching and Student Support Manager who will be able to talk you through the decision making process.

## **5. STUDENT REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION**

### **5.1 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ON SCHOOL COMMITTEES**

The University of Manchester is committed to receiving and responding to student feedback in order to bring about improvement in the quality of the student experience and development of learning and teaching within the institution.

Student representation covers a diverse range of activities and structures and student feedback can be provided by a number of different means, for example, through programme evaluation questionnaires, the academic advisor system or through students being present at Staff-Student Liaison Committees or Programme Committees. Representation enables dialogue between the student body and staff in order to aid development of programmes of study, the student experience and the quality of the institution as a whole. This dialogue can take place in both formal and informal structures and circumstances.

Student representatives from postgraduate programmes are elected by the student body, to serve on various Committees within the School, to represent the interests of students. The elected students act as a channel of communication between the staff and the student body. Postgraduate student representatives are invited to meetings of the School's Teaching & Learning Committee, principally. Further details are posted on the noticeboards: elections are held in October/November for postgraduate student representatives.

Dates of Committee/Board meetings are published on Blackboard.

### **5.2 SCHOOL BOARD**

The School Board is the main consultative committee in the School of Law and advises the Head of School. Its membership includes students, elected from among the School's student representatives. It normally meets three times per semester to discuss policy matters.

### **5.3 FEEDBACK DURING THE PROGRAMME**

The University of Manchester is committed to providing timely and appropriate feedback to students on their academic progress and achievement, thereby enabling students to reflect on their progress and plan their academic and skills development effectively. Feedback, and acting on feedback, is therefore part of the active learning process throughout a student's

course of study.

The principles of the University Policy on Feedback to Students that the Law School fully embraces are:

1. Feedback must be provided in a timely manner that helps students understand (i) the marks or grades they have received for the work submitted, and (ii) how their performance might be improved in future.
2. Feedback must be as personal as possible to the individual student to enable reflection on individual skills and performance.
3. Students have a responsibility to consider feedback given on their work, to seek to understand it, and to act on it.

**See link to the policy:** <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/DocuInfo.aspx?DocID=6518>

During the course of your programme you will receive feedback on your progress. Feedback can take many forms. It may be diagnostic to inform the lecturer or seminar leader of your level of knowledge when beginning a course unit or it may be formative, given during a course unit to enable you to improve your performance in further assessments. For example, this may take the form of advice about the way you structure or reference an essay and this is the type of feedback that you will probably come across most often. Summative feedback would occur at the end of a course unit to inform you of your performance over the whole unit. You may come across all or some of these examples.

Feedback does not just come from your tutor or lecturer in a formal way, say when you have a piece of coursework returned with comments. Feedback can also be informal, during a class and can come from your peers as well as from a member of staff or can take place during self-assessment exercises online. It could also occur when a member of staff responds to your questions by e-mail.

Feedback may be delivered in many ways and can take many forms throughout your period of study, such as:

- oral comments on work submitted or on presentations;
- written comments on formative and summative assessments;
- individual feedback forms that relate assessment to marking and grading criteria and provide formative comments on the work submitted;
- outlines of issues for examination questions;
- individual e-mail responses to questions and hypothetical problems;
- one-to-one feedback provided by tutors, advisors, seminar-takers and lecturers.

The School's online descriptions of its postgraduate course units contain information regarding the feedback mechanisms available within each unit. The online course unit descriptions can be found at the following weblink:

<http://www.law.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/courses/modules/courselist.html?department=23>

You will be asked to evaluate the feedback you have been provided as part of the Student Survey in each semester.

## 5.4 STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRES

After each course unit you are asked to complete a University course unit evaluation on-line (UEQs). Please make every effort to provide feedback so that the courses' quality and relevance can be assessed in an ongoing fashion.

In addition course unit tutors may also ask you to complete an evaluation sheet designed specifically for the course unit and/or they may invite feedback in a different ways. These questionnaires and consultations are important, and are taken very seriously by the staff and law school administration.

## 6. COMPLAINTS BY STUDENTS

The School of Law is committed to providing a high quality educational experience, fully supported by a range of academic and administrative services and facilities. However, we understand that from time to time, things do go wrong, and the School recognises the need for students to be able to express their dissatisfaction where this happens, with no fear of retribution.

The School aims to handle complaints in a way which is sympathetic, fair and efficient, which encourages informal conciliation, facilitates early resolution, maintains individual privacy and confidentiality, and permits useful feedback.

If you have a complaint it should be made as soon as possible, and in any case within eight weeks of the events or actions (or lack of actions) which have prompted the complaint. The University will not normally consider complaints made after this period, unless there is good reason for the delay.

### Definition and Scope of the Procedure

The University defines a complaint as 'an expression of dissatisfaction which merits a response'.

The Procedure is designed for complaints in respect of the student's experience at the University related to:

- a) the provision of programmes or parts of programmes of study, services or facilities by the School of Law;
- b) the actions or lack of actions by the School of Law or its staff.

The School of Law Complaints Procedure does not cover the following, for which separate procedures exist (as noted in parentheses):

- a) appeals relating to examinations or assessments or to academic progress or against expulsion or exclusion on academic grounds (School of Law or University Academic Appeals Procedure);
- b) complaints involving an allegation of misconduct by a student (Conduct and Discipline of Students Procedure);
- c) complaints involving an allegation of harassment by a student or member of staff (Policy and Procedure on Harassment);

Information about these separate procedures can be obtained from the Students' Union Advice Centre or the Office of Student Support and Services.

### **School of Law Procedure**

It is advisable to voice concerns or to register the nature of a complaint as soon as possible, and to seek informal resolution and conciliation if possible. Raising an issue early can often resolve a problem quickly and informally, without the need for any further action.

It is best to initially raise a complaint with the member of staff concerned, or your academic advisor. You are also most welcome to raise your concerns directly with your Programme Director, the Director of Taught Postgraduate Programmes or the Director of the Student Experience, all of whom will deal with your concern as a matter of urgency and will do their best to resolve the problem as quickly as possible.

If, however, a student wishes to make a written complaint about any aspect of Law School life, it should be in writing to the Teaching and Student Support Manager. If you prefer, you can ask for your complaint to be dealt with anonymously at this stage. However, if your complaint is to be investigated, or if you are not satisfied with the School response and choose to progress to the formal stage, then it will not be possible to deal with your complaint anonymously.

When writing your complaint you need to present full details, including everything that happened, dates, locations, all relevant documentation and, if relevant, witnesses.

The Teaching and Student Support Manager will arrange for the complaint to be investigated, which may involve discussing the complaint with the person complained against, and heard. The complaint will then be considered by the appropriate Director of Postgraduate Studies in consultation with the Director of Teaching and Learning and an independent academic member of staff from within in the Law School.

A meeting comprising the student, appropriate Director of Postgraduate Studies, Director of Teaching and Learning and independent academic may then be arranged to discuss the complaint. If he or she wishes a student may be accompanied by a representative of the Students' Union, fellow student or friend. A written record of the proceedings will be made by the Teaching and Student Support Manager.

It is the School's expectation that the confidentiality of the documentation generated by a complaint will be respected by all parties.

You can expect to receive a written or verbal acknowledgement within five working days and a full response within fifteen working days of receipt of the complaint.



## Formal Stage

Most complaints will be resolved by following the above procedure and students are encouraged to seek resolution through these informal procedures. However, we recognise that there may be occasions where an informal approach is not appropriate and the student may wish to proceed directly to the University General Regulation XVIII which is the formal University procedure. In addition, if you are not satisfied with how your complaint has been resolved by the Law School (either through an informal or formal process at the school level) you may initiate a formal complaint under the University procedure.

It should be emphasised that a complaint should be made as soon as possible, and in any case within eight weeks, of the events or actions (or lack of actions) which have prompted the complaint. The University will not normally consider complaints made after this period, unless there is good reason for the delay. This policy applies to all complaints, whether raised formally or informally.

The School Teaching and Student Support Office, the Students' Union Advice Centre or the University Office of Student Support and Services each provide confidential advice on complaints.

Third parties such as parents, friends, spouses, sponsors or employers may not normally complain on behalf of a student, unless accompanied by written authorisation from the student(s).

Any enquiries relating to student complaints in the Faculty of Humanities should be referred to Damien Tolan, in the Faculty of Humanities Office ([damien.tolan@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:damien.tolan@manchester.ac.uk) telephone: 0161 306 1119) to whom a completed Complaints Form (available at <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/DocuInfo.aspx?DocID=1893> ) should also be submitted.

The information required by the Complaints Form is as follows:

- a) details of the complaint;
- b) a statement of the steps already taken to resolve the complaint informally and why the response has not been considered to be satisfactory;
- c) the form of resolution or redress sought.

Please also refer to the University of Manchester **Regulation XVIII Students Complaint Procedure and complaint form** available at:  
<http://www.studentnet.manchester.ac.uk/policies/>

## **7. LEVEL DESCRIPTOR FOR LEVEL “M” COURSE UNITS**

All PGT course units are designated as level “M” which the Quality Assurance Agency (the independent body in the UK which is entrusted with ensuring higher education standards) describes as follows: Level M is the core level of postgraduate performance, and reflects a period of development in independent and creative learning.

By adopting the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education’s specifications for M-level work, the expectation is that by the end of your programme you will have (and be able to demonstrate):

- a thorough understanding of the discipline that you are studying, and a critical awareness of current problems and issues that is informed by the latest developments in that discipline
- a mastery of the intellectual tools appropriate to your discipline and the ability and confidence to apply them either in the professional world, or in subsequent doctoral research, in an autonomous way
- the ability to deal with complex practical or conceptual issues systematically and creatively, making sound judgements and communicating conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences
- the capacity to continue to advance your knowledge and understanding after the end of your programme of study

You will be monitored and supervised throughout your programme of study, and will be able to access formative feedback in addition to your marks. This formative feedback may be based on non-assessed coursework, or less formal conversations with staff and peers.

## **PART 2**

### **PROGRAMME SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

## 8. THE M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME

### 8.1 Structure of the M.A.

The specific details of the content of the programme are given in Part 2 at the end of this Handbook, but the following information applies to more general aspects of the programme.

The M.A. programme has both a taught element and a research element. To be awarded the M.A. degree, students must satisfactorily complete both elements, to a total of 180 credits. Students are required to undertake taught course units to a total value of 120 credits and two research papers each carrying 30 credits.

Course units are taken to a total value of 120 credits. Course units are typically taught by way of (i) two or three lectures per course unit per week for all the students choosing that course unit *and* (ii) two to four seminars per course unit per semester for sub-groups of about 9 to 10 students. The course units are examined at the end of the semester in which they are taught. Examinations are therefore held in January and May/June.

In addition, students are required to prepare and submit two research papers each of 7,000-8,000 words on approved subjects to be submitted on specific published dates (the first in April and the second in early September of the year in which the examinations were passed). The topics covered by the research papers must relate to an area of law studied during the semester in which the paper is prepared. The proposed area of study must be considered and approved by the relevant course unit director. Section 5 of this handbook is dedicated to explaining the processes and procedures of this element of the programme.

The degree of Master of Arts may only be conferred upon a person who has passed 180 credits.

### 8.2 The Postgraduate Law Foundation Programme

As part of your induction to the M.A. Security and International Law programme, there are to be a series of foundation lectures beginning on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015, continuing through to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015.

The purpose of these lectures is twofold. Firstly the lectures aim to give an academic introduction to core areas of the M.A. Security and International Law programme, by introducing the main legal concepts of legal method and systems; business law; contract law; EU law; English Property Law; and Public International Law. Secondly, the lectures aim to provide an introduction to the methods of teaching on Manchester Law School's M.A. Security and International Law programme.

For this reason the attendance at these foundation lectures is important and the School requires you to attend.

The timetable for the foundation programme is published on the School of Law website on the following page: <http://www.law.manchester.ac.uk/welcome/masters/>

The foundation programme has a 'course unit' code of LAWS60000, and it is under this

course unit code that handouts from the foundation programme's lectures will be available electronically on Blackboard. See section 2 for further details of the online Blackboard facility.

## **9. PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION**

The programme specification for the M.A. in Security and International Law programme is available on The School of Law intranet on the following webpage:

<http://www.law.manchester.ac.uk/law/postgraduate-taught/course-list/>

Within the programme specification, the following are outlined:

- The aims of the programme (and each specialised stream);
- The intended learning outcomes of the programme, in terms of:
  - Knowledge & understanding
  - Intellectual skills
  - Practical skills
  - Transferable skills and personal qualities.

**The general aims of the M.A. programme are:**

- To develop forensic legal skills such as analysis, critical evaluation and argument;
- To develop the capacity for individual research;
- To develop skills and knowledge, that can usefully be applied in further study, the legal profession, public service or industry.

## 10. CONTENT OF THE M.A. PROGRAMME

A full description of the syllabus of all the taught course units – the aims and objectives, content, assessment methods and reading list of each unit - is available on The School of Law website.

<http://www.law.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/courses/modules/courselist.html?department=23>

To be awarded the M.A. Security and International Law, students must take course units to a total value of 120 credits. Of these, 60 credits are comprised of four core units – Subjects and Actors of International Law, Sources of International Law, International Obligations, and International Institutional Law and the Use of Force.

The remaining 60 credits are to be chosen from a selection of optional course units.

Students must also complete two research papers (worth 30 credits each) for the programme. At least one of the two research papers must be on one of the law-based core subjects.

Students are required to attend the research skills programme as described in section 5.1 which will assist in their work in general and research papers preparation in particular.

## 11. COURSE UNIT REQUIREMENTS OF THE FULL-TIME M.A. IN SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

Students on the M.A. in Security and International Law must take course units to a total value of 120 credits - 60 credits are taken in each semester.

Students must select 60 credits in each semester.

<b>CORE COURSE UNIT(S)</b>	
There are four required course units (worth 60 credits in total) in semester one. The remaining 60 credits are to be chosen from optional course units in semester two.	
SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
<b>15 CREDITS</b> LAWS 70021 Subjects and Actors of International Law LAWS 70431 Sources of International Law LAWS 70441 International Obligations LAWS 70451 International Institutional Law and the Use of Force	
<b>OPTIONAL COURSE UNITS</b>	
SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO (Select 60 credits)
	<b>15 CREDITS MODULES</b> LAWS70482 Law of Armed Conflicts LAWS70512 Argumentation before domestic, regional and international courts LAWS70522 Legal Theory and Global Governance  <b>30 CREDITS MODULES</b> LAWS67032 WTO and Regional Integration Law LAWS70072 Conflict of Laws in Business and Commerce LAWS70092 International Security and Law LAWS70472 International Criminal Law and Justice
<b>OPTIONAL LEVEL 6 COURSES COURSE UNITS</b>	
These are combined with Undergraduate equivalent course(s) (all lectures will have PGT/UG students). You can only select 30 credits in total.	
	<b>15 CREDITS MODULES</b> LAWS61082 International Courts and Tribunals

## 12. COURSE UNIT REQUIREMENTS OF THE PART-TIME M.A. IN SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

Students on the M.A. in Security and International Law must take course units to a total value of 120 credits.

You should complete 60 credits in year one and 60 credits in year 2. In semester 1 of year 1 and 2 you will have 30 credits of core units. You will choose 30 credits of optional units in both year 1 and year 2.

Students on the part-time the M.A. in Security and International Law programme must take course units to a total value of 120 credits - 60 credits are taken in each year, 30 credits per semester.

<b>YEAR ONE CORE COURSE UNITS AND OPTIONAL COURSE UNITS</b>	
You should complete 60 credits in year one and 60 credits in year 2. You should select 30 credits per semester.	
<b>YEAR ONE CORE COURSE UNITS</b>	
<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>	<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>
<b><u>15 CREDITS MODULES</u></b> LAWS70431 Sources of International Law LAWS70441 International Obligations	
<b>YEAR ONE OPTIONAL COURSES</b>	
<b><u>SEMESTER ONE</u></b>	<b><u>SEMESTER TWO</u></b> Select a total of 30 credits
	<b><u>15 CREDITS MODULES</u></b> LAWS70482 Law of Armed Conflicts LAWS70512 Argumentation before domestic, regional and international courts LAWS70522 Legal Theory and Global Governance  <b><u>30 CREDITS MODULES</u></b> LAWS67032 WTO and Regional Integration Law LAWS70072 Conflict of Laws in Business and Commerce LAWS70092 International Security and Law LAWS70472 International Criminal Law and Justice
<b>OPTIONAL LEVEL 6 COURSES COURSE UNITS</b>	
These are combined with Undergraduate equivalent course(s) (all lectures will have PGT/UG students). You can only select 30 credits in total.	
	<b><u>15 CREDITS MODULES</u></b> LAWS61082 International Courts and Tribunals

The course unit requirements for year 2 of the part-time the M.A. in Security and International Law are on the next page.



**YEAR TWO CORE COURSE UNITS AND OPTIONAL COURSE UNITS**

There are two core course units (worth 30 credits in total) in year one The remaining 30 credits are to be chosen from optional course units in semester two. *This is an indicative list of options for 2015-2016*

<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>	<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>
<p><b><u>15 CREDITS MODULES</u></b>                      LAWS70021 Subjects and Actors of International Law                      LAWS70451 International Institutional Law and the Use of Force</p>	
<b>YEAR TWO OPTIONAL COURSES</b>	
<b><u>SEMESTER ONE</u></b>	<b><u>SEMESTER TWO</u></b> Select a total of 30 credits
	<p><b><u>15 CREDITS MODULES</u></b>                      LAWS70482 Law of Armed Conflicts                      LAWS70512 Argumentation before domestic, regional and international courts                      LAWS70522 Legal Theory and Global Governance</p> <p><b><u>30 CREDITS MODULES</u></b>                      LAWS67032 WTO and Regional Integration Law                      LAWS70072 Conflict of Laws in Business and Commerce                      LAWS70092 International Security and Law                      LAWS70472 International Criminal Law and Justice</p>
<b>OPTIONAL LEVEL 6 COURSES COURSE UNITS</b>	
These are combined with Undergraduate equivalent course(s) (all lectures will have PGT/UG students). You can only select 30 credits in total.	
	<p><b><u>15 CREDITS MODULES</u></b>                      LAWS61082 International Courts and Tribunals</p>

**IMPORTANT:** At this stage (in year one of the programme), you should only select course units for year one of the programme. You will make your selection of course units for year two of the programme in September 2016. The optional units change from year to year. The lists of optional units that are available in 2015-2016 are displayed above. There may be some changes for 2016-2017 (when your second year will commence), so these can only be indicative of options that may be available to you next year.

## **PART 3**

# **ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESEARCH PAPERS**

## 13. RESEARCH PAPERS: GUIDELINES FOR M.A CANDIDATES

Students will complete two research papers.

### 13.1 LEARNING AND RESEARCH SKILLS COURES

All M.A students are required to undertake the *Postgraduate Law Learning and Research Skills* course, the classes for which take place throughout the academic session. There will be one class per week throughout semesters one and two.

These classes are absolutely essential, as they will equip you with the necessary legal research skills required to successfully complete the M.A research papers. The research papers are unsupervised, independent pieces of work. The guidance that you will require to submit research papers of postgraduate standard will come predominantly from these *Learning and Research Skills* classes.

### 13.2 CHOICE OF TOPIC

Each research paper must be based upon the area of law covered in one of your course units. The topics covered by research paper one must relate to an area of law studied in semester one. The topic covered by research paper two may relate to an area of law studied in semester one or two. Please note that the topic of each research paper must relate to a different area of law. Course unit directors will provide advice on the suitability of a proposed topic.

Some course units will allow you to submit your own title for approval. Some course units will provide a list of titles from which one must be chosen. In some cases, there will be a combination of these two approaches. Individual course unit descriptions on the School of Law website include information on each unit's approach in this respect to research papers.

You must obtain approval of your proposed title from the relevant course unit director before embarking on your research and in any event by **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016** (for research paper one) and **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016** (for research paper two). This is a formal process and for this purpose you must use the research paper title approval form available from the Teaching and Student Support Office. If you do not obtain approval for your research paper title then your paper will not be marked and will be awarded a mark of zero. If you deviate from an approved title then again the paper will not be marked and will be awarded a mark of zero. Research papers cannot be undertaken on non-Law topics.

A meeting will take place with the LL.M Co-ordinator at the beginning of semester one. The meeting will provide general guidance as to what you can expect of your supervisor throughout the research process, and also what the School and your supervisor will expect from you.

### 13.3 RESEARCH PAPER TITLE

It is important to note that, due to the restraints of the student records system (Campus Solutions), if you would like the title of your research paper to appear in full on subsequent transcripts, your research paper title must be no longer than 220 characters (including spaces). Research paper titles can be longer than 220 characters, but in these cases the title will only appear in a truncated form on transcripts.

### 13.4 RESEARCH PAPER SUPERVISION

Students have a right to up to four face-to-face meetings with their supervisor, each of which can be a minimum of 30 minutes and a maximum of one hour, for each research paper. The first of these meetings should be to discuss a plan of work, to identify useful literature, and so on. The topic of subsequent meetings will be decided by the student.

Supervision for research paper one will begin on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and end on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Supervision for research paper two will begin on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and end on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

Supervisors will **not** read or provide comments on full drafts of the research paper; however, students may wish to trade one or both of their face-to-face meetings for up to 2000 or 4000 words of writing respectively. In a situation where a student elects to "trade in" one of the meetings for up to 2000 words of writing, part of the meeting will be for the supervisor to give verbal feedback on the 2000 words and how the candidate can improve the whole research paper generally. In the event where the candidate elects to trade the two face-to-face meetings for a 4000 words of writing, the student will be entitled to detailed written comments on the 4000 words of writing but no other follow up face to face meetings.

Students may at all times contact their supervisors for brief specific advice on particular points and queries on the understanding that these queries may be answered at the supervisor's discretion. Supervisors will not be expected to keep a record of *ad hoc* requests like this, but do have the right to say when they have answered a reasonable number.

Arranging meetings and timing the submission of written extracts is the responsibility of the student. Students are asked to keep in mind that their supervisors have other responsibilities, including other research papers to supervise. This will mean that meetings will have to be arranged at a mutually convenient time, and there may also be a delay of up to one working week before written work is returned. Additionally, in the run-up to the deadline, supervisors may find that the number of requests from students increases; as such, students should be aware that the closer the deadline, the greater the chance that supervisors will not be able to schedule meetings or comment on work in time.

Supervisors will not make predictions about the likely mark a research paper is likely to receive, and in no circumstances can the comments supervisors provide be taken as any indicator of final marks.

#### **The responsibilities of the supervisor:**

- giving guidance about the nature of the research paper;

- giving guidance on research techniques and on necessary reading;
- overseeing the writing of an outline and the selection and submission of a title;
- giving guidance on research planning;
- responding to queries and written work in a timely manner

The role of supervisors is to guide students towards the production of their research paper by discussing each part of the process. They will advise on relevant areas of literature, help a student to develop their thoughts on their topic, give guidance on the development of the research paper and on the conventions of writing a research paper. They will not act as a proof-reader of the student's work.

**The responsibilities of the student:**

- taking the initiative in raising questions, problems or difficulties encountered;
- delivering any type-written work several days before a discussion;
- keeping appointments (or informing the supervisor where this is not possible);
- maintaining a schedule of work;
- delivering relevant paperwork to Programme Administrator/TSSO on time, including provisional title

It is the student's responsibility to take the initiative throughout the research paper writing process: arranging meetings, raising problems or difficulties, discussing issues arising from feedback, taking appropriate action, and maintaining the progress of work as agreed with the supervisor.

**Contact with the Supervisor**

Students are expected have contact with their supervisor at intervals throughout the supervision process. The number and frequency of these contacts will depend on particular circumstances and should be negotiated between the student and his/her supervisor. Students who are unable to meet/keep in contact with supervisors should agree with them the most convenient way of proceeding.

A discussion should be arranged with the supervisor as soon as possible after the allocation has been made. The first supervision meeting will work towards a focus for the research paper. Students are advised to consult the supervisor subsequently about the outline for the research paper

**Dealing with Difficulties or Problems**

The supervisor will ensure that a student is notified if progress on the research paper is below the standard expected and will give guidance as to how the problem should be rectified.

If a student feels that the research paper is not proceeding satisfactorily and is unable to resolve the difficulty with the supervisor, he/she should seek advice by writing to the Programme Director. If the Programme Director is the supervisor, the letter/email should go to the Director of Postgraduate Taught Studies.

## **13.5 PRESENTATION AND FORMAT OF RESEARCH PAPERS 2015-16**

**13.5.1** Marking of research papers, as with any other assessed work, is undertaken anonymously. Your name should not appear anywhere on the research paper.

**13.4.2** Research Papers should be between **7,000 and 8,000** words in length. (excluding footnotes). If you think your research paper might exceed this length you should re-write sections of it to reduce the number of words. The examiners will mark down a research paper which is over the word limit. This sanction is applied entirely at the examiner's discretion and the examiner may refuse to mark a research paper which significantly exceeds the word limit and a mark of zero will be awarded.

**13.5.3** All research papers must be typed on paper of international size **A4**, using Times New Roman font size 12.

Double spacing should be used for the main text and single spacing for footnotes.

There should be a margin of 3cm on the left-hand side and 2cm on the right-hand side with 2cm at the top and bottom of each page.

Footnotes should be numbered clearly for each page and should be typed at the foot of the page to which they refer.

**13.5.4** All research papers must include a suitably presented bibliography. Failure to include a bibliography will lower the mark awarded for the paper.

13.5.5 The research paper must be prefaced by:

a) A TITLE PAGE: This is to contain the following:

i. The full title of the research paper

ii. Below the title, the statement:

A research paper submitted to the University of Manchester for the degree of M.A (Security and International Law) in the Faculty of Humanities: School of Law.

iii. Below this statement, your student number. **YOUR NAME SHOULD NOT APPEAR ANYWHERE IN THE RESEARCH PAPER**

- iv. Below this, the academic session to which the work relates: i.e. 2015/16
- b) A separate DECLARATION PAGE, which must contain the following two declarations:
  - i No portion of the work referred to in the research paper has been submitted in support of an application for another degree or qualification of this or any other university or other institution of learning.

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### **13.6 PENALTIES FOR EXCEEDING COURSEWORK LENGTH**

All research units for this programme involve the submission of written work as part of the course unit assessment. The word length for these assessment elements appears in section 19.4.2 above. You should note that you are required to keep within these word limits. If work is over the word limit, then there will be sanctions imposed on the result of that piece of work. The sanctions are as follows:

- (i) if the work is no more than 10% over the specified word limit, then 5 marks will be deducted from the mark awarded\*;
- (ii) if the work is more than 10% but less than 25% over the specified word limit, then 10 marks will be deducted from the mark awarded;
- (iii) if the work is more than 25% but less than 50% over the specified word limit, then 50 marks will be deducted from the mark awarded; and
- (iv) if the work is more than 50% over the specified word limit, the work will not be marked and a mark of zero will be recorded.

\* A penalty *may* be waived or reduced where the limit is exceeded by a trivial amount.

### 13.7 SUBMISSION OF RESEARCH PAPERS

Research papers **must** be submitted electronically and **not** to your supervisor. Failure to do this could mean that your degree result will not come before the Board of Examiners at the appropriate time, and your work may be treated as a non-/late submission.

Submission deadlines will be publicised to students via email, blackboard and the Research Paper guidelines document at the start of the academic year. It is your responsibility to ensure your Research Papers is submitted by the deadline.

All Research Papers have to be submitted electronically by 4.00pm at the latest on the specified date.

Further details of the complete submission process will be made available to students separately later in the academic year.

The electronic submission will be subjected to plagiarism detection software.

You will be issued with an electronic receipt upon submission of your research paper. It is your responsibility to keep a copy of your research paper and the electronic receipt.

You must check the research paper carefully for typographical, printing and other errors before it is submitted. You will not be allowed to substitute a 'corrected version' once the paper has been formally submitted.

The University policy is that any piece of assessed written work (including the dissertation) submitted after the submission deadline, without being granted an extension, will be marked but the mark awarded will reduce progressively for each day, or part thereof by which the work is late. The mark awarded will reduce by 10 marks per day for 5 days (assuming a 0-100 marking scale), after which a mark of zero will be awarded. The policy of submission of work for summative assessment on taught programmes, which includes the late submission policy can be found at the following link: <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=24561>

If you suffer illness or other adverse circumstances, which mean that you cannot complete either of the research papers by the published submission date, you may apply for an extension (using the form available from the Teaching and Student Support Office). **Extensions will be granted only when exceptional circumstances exist, and supporting evidence is provided. The granting of an extension and the terms of any extension are entirely at the discretion of the Postgraduate Examinations Officer. Extensions must be applied for no later than 24 hours prior to the submission deadline. These rules are strictly applied.**

### 13.8 ACADEMIC ADVICE FOR YOUR RESEARCH PAPERS

In addition to the *Learning and Research Skills* course (see 19.1 above), the final seminar and/ or lecture given in each course unit will normally be devoted to detailed advice to students undertaking their research paper in the area of law related to that course unit.



You should be clear that the seminar-taker/lecturer will give advice about the general nature of the project only – not the detail. Likewise he or she will not provide any individual help with the research or writing of the research paper. Information on the supervision arrangements for research papers are included in section 19.4 above. Further details of the research papers rules and procedures will be supplied to you during the *Learning and Research Skills* course.

### **13.9 NON-COMPLETION OF RESEARCH PAPERS**

A candidate who fails to complete the research papers by the normal deadline, or any approved alternative deadline will be offered the relevant early exit award.

**PART 4**

**APPENDICIES**

## APPENDIX A – ACADEMIC MALPRACTICE

### Introduction

1. As a student, you are expected to cooperate in the learning process throughout your programme of study by completing assignments of various kinds that are the product of your own study. For most students this does not present a problem, but occasionally, whether unwittingly or otherwise, a student may commit what is known as plagiarism or some other form of academic malpractice when carrying out an assignment. This may come about because students have been used to different conventions in their prior educational experience or through general ignorance of what is expected of them.
2. This guidance is designed to help you understand what we regard as academic malpractice and hence to help you to avoid committing it. You should read it carefully, because academic malpractice is regarded as a serious offence and students found to have committed it will be penalized. At the *very least* a mark of only 30% will be awarded for the piece of work in question, but the consequences can be far more severe. You could be awarded zero (with or without loss of credits), fail the whole unit, be demoted to a lower class of degree, or be excluded from the programme.
3. Academic malpractice includes **plagiarism, collusion, fabrication or falsification** of results and anything else intended by those committing it to achieve credit that they do not properly deserve. In addition to the advice that follows, you will be given advice on how to avoid academic malpractice in the context of a legal paper/dissertation. This will be provided over the course of your studies. If you have any doubts or questions, please consult your academic advisor, course leader or paper/dissertation supervisor. Your work is your responsibility. Finally, you should take note that all work you submit will be screened electronically for plagiarism. It will be put through software to check against not only other material on the web, but also work that has been submitted to other universities and institutions of higher education in the UK and around the world.

Please also refer to The University of Manchester Policy on Plagiarism, and Regulation XVII Conduct and Discipline of Students available at <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/DocuInfo.aspx?DocID=6530>

### Plagiarism

4. **Plagiarism** is presenting the ideas, work or words of other people without proper, clear and unambiguous acknowledgement. It also includes 'self-plagiarism' (which occurs where, for example, you submit work that you have presented for assessment on a previous occasion), and the submission of material from 'essay banks' (even if the authors of such material appear to be giving you permission to use it in this way). Obviously, the most blatant example of plagiarism would be to copy another student's work. Hence it is essential to make clear in your assignments the distinction between:
  - the ideas and work of other people that you may have quite legitimately exploited and developed, and
  - the ideas or material that you have personally contributed.

5. To assist you, here are a few important do's and don'ts:
- **Do** get lots of background information on subjects you are writing about to help you form your own view of the subject. The information could be from electronic journals, technical reports, unpublished dissertations, etc. Make a note of the source of every piece of information at the time you record it, even if it is just one sentence.
  - **Don't** construct a piece of work by cutting and pasting or copying material written by other people, or by you for any other purpose, into something you are submitting as your own work. Sometimes you may need to quote someone else's exact form of words in order to analyse or criticize them, in which case the quotation must be enclosed in quotation marks to show that it is a direct quote, and it must have the source properly acknowledged at that point. Any omissions from a quotation must be indicated by an ellipsis (...) and any additions for clarity must be enclosed in square brackets, e.g. "[These] results suggest... that the hypothesis is correct." It may also be appropriate to reproduce a diagram from someone else's work, but again the source must be explicitly and fully acknowledged there. However, constructing large chunks of documents from a string of quotes, even if they are acknowledged, is another form of plagiarism.
  - **Do** attribute all ideas to their original authors. Written 'ideas' are the product that authors produce. You would not appreciate it if other people passed off your ideas as their own, and that is what plagiarism rules are intended to prevent. A good rule of thumb is that each idea or statement that you write should be attributed to a source *unless* it is your personal idea *or* it is common knowledge. (If you are unsure if something is common knowledge, ask other students: if they don't know what you are talking about, then it is not common knowledge!)
6. As you can see, it is most important that you understand what is expected of you when you prepare and produce assignments and that you always observe proper academic conventions for referencing and acknowledgement, whether working by yourself or as part of a team. In practice, there are a number of acceptable styles of referencing depending, for example, on the particular discipline you are studying, so if you are not certain what is appropriate, *ask your advisor or the course unit coordinator for advice!* This should ensure that you do not lay yourself open to a charge of plagiarism inadvertently, or through ignorance of what is expected. It is also important to remember that you do not absolve yourself from a charge of plagiarism simply by including a reference to a source in a bibliography that you have included with your assignment; you should always be scrupulous about indicating precisely *where* and *to what extent* you have made use of such a source.
7. So far, plagiarism has been described as using the words or work of someone else (without proper attribution), but it could also include a close paraphrase of their words, or a minimally adapted version of a computer program, a diagram, a graph, an illustration, etc taken from a variety of sources without proper acknowledgement. These could be lectures, printed material, the Internet or other electronic/AV sources.

8. **Remember:** no matter what pressure you may be under to complete an assignment, you should *never* succumb to the temptation to take a 'short cut' and use someone else's material inappropriately. No amount of mitigating circumstances will get you off the hook, and if you persuade other students to let you copy their work, they risk being disciplined as well (see below).

### **Collusion**

9. **Collusion** is any agreement to hide someone else's individual input to collaborative work with the intention of securing a mark higher than either you or another student might deserve. Where proved, it will be subject to penalties similar to those for plagiarism. Similarly, it is also collusion to allow someone to copy your work when you know that they intend to submit it as though it were their own and that will lay both you and the other student open to a charge of academic malpractice.
10. On the other hand, collaboration is a perfectly legitimate academic activity in which students are required to work in groups as part of their programme of research or in the preparation of projects and similar assignments. If you are asked to carry out such group work and to collaborate in specified activities, it will always be made clear how your individual input to the joint work is to be assessed and graded. Sometimes, for example, all members of a team may receive the same mark for a joint piece of work, whereas on other occasions team members will receive individual marks that reflect their individual input. If it is not clear on what basis your work is to be assessed, to avoid any risk of unwitting collusion you should always ask for clarification *before* submitting any assignment.

### **Fabrication or falsification of results**

11. For many students, a major part of their studies involves laboratory or other forms of practical work, and they often find themselves undertaking such activity without close academic supervision. If you are in this situation, you are expected to behave in a responsible manner, as in other aspects of your academic life, and to show proper integrity in the reporting of results or other data. Hence you should ensure that you always document clearly and fully any research programme or survey that you undertake, whether working by yourself or as part of a group. Results or data that you or your group submit must be capable of verification, so that those assessing the work can follow the processes by which you obtained them. Under no circumstances should you seek to present results or data that were not properly obtained and documented as part of your practical learning experience. Otherwise, you lay yourself open to the charge of **fabrication or falsification** of results.

### **Finally...**

12. If you commit any form of academic malpractice, teaching staff will not be

able to assess your individual abilities objectively or accurately. Any short-term gain you might have hoped to achieve will be cancelled out by the loss of appropriate feedback you might have received, and in the long run such behaviour is likely to damage your overall intellectual development, to say nothing of your self-esteem. You are the one who loses.

13. If you need any clarification of this policy, you should make further inquiries. Your course lecturer or academic advisor should be your first point of contact. They will be able to advise you. Remember, if it is **your** responsibility to be certain that **your work** does not contravene these policies.

## APPENDIX B – THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

### What is the Faculty and how is it run?

Universities all over the world traditionally divide their academic activities into faculties which consist of academic units based on a particular discipline, or on a grouping of disciplines employing similar methodologies. This is the approach that is followed at the University of Manchester, and these sub-faculty disciplinary units are known as Schools. The Faculty plays an important role within the University, since it is the Faculty which is responsible, on behalf of Senate, for the regulation of the degree programmes offered, and it is through the Faculty that academic qualifications are awarded. The designation 'Humanities' distinguishes this Faculty from the other three Faculties – Engineering and Physical Sciences; Medical and Human Sciences; and Life Sciences.

The Faculty of Humanities encompasses academic areas as diverse as Arts, Education, Social Sciences and Business & Management and is the largest Faculty in the University. With over 16,000 students and some 1200 academic staff, it is the largest Faculty of the Humanities in the UK and is equivalent to a medium-sized university. All the disciplines in the Faculty recruit students globally and the overwhelming majority of our academics have international reputations for the quality of their research. The University is committed to the ongoing enhancement of the international profile of the Faculty of Humanities.

One of the great advantages of being a student at The University of Manchester is that you will have the opportunity to be taught by internationally recognised researchers. The University's place as one of the UK's top research universities was confirmed in the results of the 2014 Research excellence Framework (REF) which is the new system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The University of Manchester was ranked in fifth place in terms of research power (calculated by grade point average multiplied by times number of staff submitted, or by 4\*/3\* multiplied by times number of staff submitted). The Faculty of Humanities had one of the broadest submissions, with research evaluated in 17 discipline areas and involving 79% of our eligible staff. 78% of our overall research activity was judged to be 'world-leading' (4\*) or 'internationally excellent' (3\*), with 33% at 4\*. The Faculty was recognised as excellent in disciplines which span the full range of academic research, including: Sociology, Anthropology, Development Studies, Drama, Business and Management, Modern Languages and Linguistics and Art History (compared to the Art History departments represented in the joint assessment panel). Twelve of our 20 Units of Assessment were ranked in the top ten nationally, of which seven were ranked in the top five for Grade Point Average or research power. Those ranked in the top five are Sociology, Anthropology, Development Studies, Drama, Business and Management, Modern Languages and Linguistics and Art History (compared to the Art History departments represented in the joint assessment panel).

The Faculty of Humanities has five Schools: Arts, Languages and Cultures; Environment, Education and Development; Law; Social Sciences; and the Manchester Business School. The organisational culture of these schools provides opportunities for increased collaboration throughout the Faculty and for regional, national and international engagement.

The Faculty is the interface between the discipline-based Schools and the University and is

headed by a Dean who is supported by a team of Associate Deans, all of whom hold a particular portfolio, and these are listed below:

Vice-President & Dean	Professor Keith Brown
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#### Associate Deans

Teaching, Learning & Students	Dr Fiona Smyth
Postgraduate Education	Professor Maja Zehfuss
Research & Deputy Dean	Professor Colette Fagan
Social Responsibility	Professor Ken McPhail

#### Assistant Associate Deans

Teaching, Learning & Students	Professor Judy Zolkiewski TBC
Postgraduate Education	Ms Judith Aldridge
Research	Professor Nicola Glover-Thomas
Internationalisation	Professor David Law
Business Engagement	Dr Andrew James

#### **What can the Faculty do for you?**

The work of the Faculty involves co-ordinating and developing activities to respond effectively to Institutional or external initiatives or activities, encouraging best practice across Schools and facilitating the seamless operation of processes across School, Faculty and University boundaries to help make your experience at Manchester the best it can be.

The Faculty is committed to gathering student views on the provision of teaching and learning and centrally operated areas of the University (such as Library; Estates; IT; Careers; eLearning) and as a student you can feed into this process via the Faculty's Staff Student Liaison Group (SSLG) which meets a minimum of twice a year. These meetings provide a forum for students, who are elected as Student Representatives within their School/discipline, to:

- discuss overarching issues of concern with members of staff from different areas of the University in an open manner;
- engage constructively with staff to identify those areas where there is scope for improvement, bringing forward ideas and suggestions;
- identify and share good practice;
- respond to items brought forward by members of staff.

The Faculty also occasionally holds consultation groups with students to find out what is being done well across the Faculty and what you feel could be done to improve your experience as a student.

The focus of your involvement as a student is likely, however, to be the disciplinary grouping, i.e. the School within which your studies are based, or in the case of students on



interdisciplinary programmes, the office which is responsible for administering your programme. You may have contact with the Faculty if you have a problem that cannot be resolved at a local level within the School or Programme Office, e.g. breach of regulations, appeals or disciplinary matters. Otherwise it is entirely possible to complete a course of study without ever interacting directly with the Faculty.

The Faculty has a role in considering issues, such as an academic appeal or complaint, which cannot be resolved with an appropriate member of staff in your School.

Sometimes disciplinary action is required when students are in breach of the University's General Regulation XVII (Conduct and Discipline of Students); the most common breach is when students commit academic malpractice e.g. plagiarism, collusion or other forms of cheating. Any student found guilty of misconduct has the right of appeal both against the finding itself, and any penalty imposed, provided that there is: evidence of procedural irregularity on the part of the University; availability of new evidence which could not reasonably have been expected to be presented at the original hearing; or the disproportionate nature of the penalty. The relevant Regulations/Policies and forms can be found at : <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/studentrelatedlist.aspx> and the completed forms should be submitted to: [humsacm@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:humsacm@manchester.ac.uk)

## **APPENDIX C – TIER 4 VISA ATTENDANCE MONITORING CENSUS**

The University operates attendance monitoring census points within the academic year in order to confirm the attendance of students holding a Tier 4 Student Visa. This is to ensure the University meets the Home Office statutory requirements as a sponsor of Tier 4 students and its responsibilities in accordance with its Highly Trusted Sponsor status.

If you are a Tier 4 visa holder, you must attend these attendance monitoring census points, in addition to complying with the School's own programme attendance requirements.

### **When are the census points?**

In the 2015-16 academic year, the attendance monitoring census points will be during the following periods:

**28 September - 9 October 2015**

**18 - 29 January 2016**

**19 May- 8 June 2016**

**15 - 29 July 2016**

Please note:

- If you are a new student, registration is your first point to confirm your attendance at the University and you will not be required to attend a further census point in October 2015.
- You will receive an e-mail from the School to confirm when and where you should attend to have your attendance confirmed. You must check your University e-mail account regularly. Failure to check your e-mail account is not a valid reason to be absent from a census point.

### **What if a Tier 4 student cannot attend a census point?**

If you cannot attend in person due to a valid reason which includes: illness; placement; field studies; on year abroad; research work; or any other reason connected to your programme of study, you must email the School ([tsso.law@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:tsso.law@manchester.ac.uk)) to inform us of your absence and your inability to attend in person. In the case of illness, you must provide a copy of a medical certificate. If you are in this position you should report in person to the School as soon as possible after you return to campus.

Students who are recorded as interrupting their studies are not expected to attend during their period of interruption.

### **What happens if a student does not attend a census point?**

The School must be able to confirm your presence to the Home Office by the end of each census point in the academic year. If you do not attend a census point when required by

your School and you do not provide a valid explanation for your absence you will be deemed to be “not in attendance”.

Those students identified as “not in attendance” will be reported to the HOME OFFICE and the University will cease to sponsor the student’s Tier 4 visa. The Tier 4 visa will then be curtailed and the student must leave the UK within 60 days

### **Further information**

For more information on Tier 4 visas: <https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa>

If you have any concerns about the attendance monitoring census points, or your Tier 4 visa status, please contact [visa@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:visa@manchester.ac.uk)

## **APPENDIX D – GUIDANCE ON SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR STUDENTS**

This appendix provides advice and guidance for students about the benefits and potential dangers of social networking and suggests ways in which their personal and professional interests, and those of others, can be protected while in the online environment.

### ***What are social networking sites used for?***

Social networking is a popular online activity: millions of people of all ages and backgrounds use social networking sites every day. Online social networking sites, such as [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [MySpace](#) and [Bebo](#), are used:

- To keep in touch with friends, both in words and through sharing music, video and other types of files ([YouTube](#) is also used for sharing videos, and [Flickr](#) for sharing images, online).
- For educational and professional benefit, through sharing information, problem-solving, encouraging participation, and community building.
- To forge new relationships based on common interests.
- To make their views and opinions known.
- To take part in discussions on virtually any subject.

People often interact with social networking sites over long periods of time and, occasionally, excessive activity of this nature may have detrimental effects on their work or study.

### ***What is the social networking environment?***

It is important to remember that social networking sites are public and therefore, in theory, accessible to anybody. In many cases, ownership of the material posted on them belongs to the site, not the person who posted it, and so sites such as [Facebook](#) are free to use it in any way they see fit. Material posted online remains there permanently, if not as part of an active page then as part of easily-accessible 'cached', i.e. historical, versions of it.

### ***Who visits social networking sites, and why?***

Anybody can visit social networking sites and gain access to the information that is uploaded to them. These people include:

- Your intended audience, i.e. your friends, colleagues and others, to share information and to keep in touch.
- Potential employers, who are, increasingly, using social networking sites to gather information about people who have applied for positions within their organisations.
- Criminals, including sexual predators who could use information about you to compromise your safety or wellbeing, and fraudsters, who could steal information about you and impersonate you online, to your potential cost.
- The police, as part of investigations into illegal activities.

### ***What precautions should be taken when social networking?***

The same ethics, morals and penalties apply to online social networking as to any other activity. This is particularly true for students and professionals, who are expected by the University of Manchester, their professional bodies, and by the public generally, to meet appropriate standards of behaviour. Law School students should therefore conduct themselves appropriately online, and take reasonable precautions to ensure that the information they upload cannot be used in a way that could place them, or others, at a disadvantage, either personally or professionally, now or at any time in the future.

The following pointers may be helpful:

- Do everything that you can to limit access to your posts to those for whom they are intended. Change security settings if possible to restrict unwanted access.
- Consider the language and terminology that you use when you are online and make sure that it is appropriate.
- Avoid posting personal information such as phone numbers or personal addresses, of you or anybody else, since these may fall into the hands of criminals.
- Stop and think and use your common sense. If you feel that a post, a picture, or a video that you are about to upload might have repercussions for you later, or might not be in good taste (e.g. it relates to sexual activity or inappropriate behaviour, or it expresses inappropriate views), then simply do not post it. Once it is online it is there for good.
- Make sure you are thinking clearly before you go online. If, for any reason such as the effects of medication, stress or inebriation, your judgement might temporarily be impaired, you may be tempted to post something that you otherwise would not.
- Do not post material that might be considered offensive and/or derogatory, that could cause somebody else to feel bullied, harassed, or that could harm somebody's reputation. If you have a grievance about an individual related to your programme, follow it up through the recognised channels in the School, Faculty and/or the wider University.
- It is imperative that if you post anything about somebody else, including any images of them, it is done with their knowledge and consent. It might seem inoffensive to post images of friends, relatives, staff or other colleagues, but it might easily cause offence that you had not intended or could not have foreseen.
- Try to make sure that the people to whom you give access to your information use it sensibly, and also that they themselves do not upload potentially incriminating material about you, which can be just as damaging.
- Avoid joining any groups that could be seen as discriminatory or judgemental in nature.

### ***Are there any related policies and guidance in the University?***

[The University's Conduct and Discipline of Students \(Regulation XVII\)](#) document states that a student may be liable to disciplinary action in respect of conduct which, amongst others:

*“involves violent, indecent, disorderly, threatening or offensive behaviour or language (whether expressed orally or in writing, including electronically) whilst on University premises or engaged in any University activity” and “involves distributing or publishing a poster, notice, sign or any publication which is offensive, intimidating,*

*threatening, indecent or illegal, including the broadcasting and electronic distribution of such material”.*

Regulation XVII also states that:

*“the conduct covered (above) shall constitute misconduct if it took place on University property or premises, or elsewhere if the student was involved in a University activity, was representing the University, was present at that place by virtue of his or her status as a student of the University or if the conduct raises questions about the fitness of the student on a programme leading directly to a professional qualification or calling to be admitted to and practise that profession or calling.”*

[The University of Manchester’s Dignity at Work and Study Policies and Procedures](#) give information about the nature and consequences of acts of misconduct while social networking, such as discrimination, bullying and harassment<sup>1</sup>, and the penalties that they may incur. These policies should be read in conjunction with this guidance. The University’s Dignity at Work Procedure for Students states:

*“Any cases of harassment, discrimination and bullying will be taken very seriously by the University and, where necessary the appropriate procedure will be used to investigate complaints. Similar arrangements will be used in dealing with complaints made by members of staff or by visitors to the University.”*

*“Cases of proven harassment, discrimination or bullying may be treated as a disciplinary offence where it is not possible to reach a compromise or resolution. Some cases of harassment, discrimination or bullying if proven could result in dismissal for staff members or expulsion for students.”*

In addition, the University’s [Crucial Guide](#) states that:

*“The University expects its members to treat one another with respect. There are established procedures to use if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of the University’s facilities and services, and you are encouraged to use these procedures to*

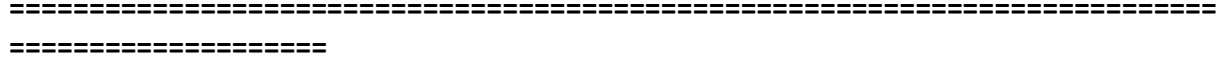
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<sup>1</sup> **Harassment** is unwanted conduct that may create the effect (intentionally or unintentionally) of violating a person’s dignity or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment which interferes with an individual’s learning, working or social environment or induces stress, anxiety or sickness on the part of the harassed person.

**Discrimination** takes place when an individual or a group of people is treated less favourably than others because of their race, gender, gender reassignment, marital status, status as a civil partner, disability, age, religion or belief, sexual orientation or other factors unrelated to their ability or potential.

**Bullying** can be defined as repeated or persistent actions, criticism or personal abuse, either in public or private, which (intentionally or unintentionally) humiliates, denigrates, undermines, intimidates or injures the recipient. It should, in particular, be borne in mind that much bullying occurs in the context of a power imbalance between victims and alleged perpetrators.

*bring such matters to the University's attention. Inappropriate or defamatory comments about either the University or its members in any media (print, broadcast, electronic) contravene the University's regulations and offenders may be liable to disciplinary action."*



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## APPENDIX E – POSTGRADUATE REGULATIONS 2015-16

See link: <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=13148>



**APPENDIX F – SEMESTER GRID**

**SEMESTER DATES 2015-16**

**Semester One: Monday 21 September 2015 - Friday 29 January 2016**

<b>Teaching Week</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Induction</b>	21 Sept – 25 Sept 2015	START OF SEMESTER 1 Induction Week: no teaching
<b>1</b>	28 Sept – 02 Oct 2015	Lectures Only (in Law School modules)
<b>2</b>	05 Oct – 09 Oct 2015	Lectures and Seminars
<b>3</b>	12 Oct – 16 Oct 2015	Lectures and Seminars
<b>4</b>	19 Oct – 23 Oct 2015	Lectures and Seminars
<b>5</b>	26 Oct – 30 Oct 2015	Lectures and Seminars
<b>6</b>	02 Nov – 06 Nov 2015	Reading Week (no lectures or seminars in Law School, although teaching may continue in other schools)
<b>7</b>	09 Nov – 13 Nov 2015	Lectures and Seminars
<b>8</b>	16 Nov – 20 Nov 2015	Lectures and Seminars
<b>9</b>	23 Nov – 27 Nov 2015	Lectures and Seminars
<b>10</b>	30 Nov – 04 Dec 2015	Lectures and Seminars
<b>11</b>	07 Dec – 11 Dec 2015	Lectures and Seminars
<b>12</b>	14 Dec – 18 Dec 2015	Seminars Only (in Law School modules)
	21 Dec – 15 Dec 2015	Christmas/New Year Break
	28 Dec – 01 Jan 2015	Christmas/New Year Break
	04 Jan – 08 Jan 2016	Christmas/ New Year Break
	11 Jan – 15 Jan 2016	Christmas/New Year Break
<b>Revision &amp; Exams</b>	18 Jan – 22 Jan 2016	Revision & Exams
<b>Revision &amp; Exams</b>	25 Jan – 29 Jan 2016	Revision & Exams END OF SEMESTER ONE

**Semester Two: Monday 01 February 2016 – Friday 10 June 2016**

<b>Teaching Week</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>1</b>	01 Feb– 04 Feb 2016	START OF SEMESTER 2. Lectures Only (in Law School modules)
<b>2</b>	08 Feb – 12 Feb 2016	Lectures and Seminars
<b>3</b>	15 Feb – 19 Feb 2016	Lectures and Seminars
<b>4</b>	22 Feb – 26 Feb 2016	Lectures and Seminars
<b>5</b>	29 Feb – 04 Mar 2016	Lectures and Seminars
<b>6</b>	07 Mar – 11 Mar 2016	Lectures and Seminars
<b>7</b>	14 Mar – 18 Mar 2016	Lectures and Seminars
	21 Mar – 25 Mar 2016	Easter Break
	28 Mar – 01 Apr 2016	Easter Break
	04 Apr – 08 Apr 2016	Easter Break
<b>8</b>	11 Apr – 15 Apr 2016	Lectures and Seminars
<b>9</b>	18 Apr – 22 Apr 2016	Lectures and Seminars
<b>10</b>	25 Apr –29 Apr 2016	Lectures and Seminars
<b>11</b>	02 May – 06 May 2016	Seminars Only (in Law School modules)
<b>12 - Revision</b>	09 May – 13May 2016	Revision
<b>Revision &amp; Exams</b>	16 May – 20 May 2016	Revision and Exams
<b>Revision &amp; Exams</b>	23 May – 27 May 2016	Revision and Exams
<b>Revision &amp; Exams</b>	30 Jun – 03 Jun 2016	Revision and Exams
<b>Revision &amp; Exams</b>	06 Jun – 10 Jun 2016	Revision and Exams END OF SEMESTER 10 JUNE 2016

## APPENDIX G – THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The University of Manchester Alumni Association

*What does alumni mean?* It simply means ‘former student’ and you become one after studying here.

The University of Manchester’s Division of Development and Alumni Relations is the main point of contact for the University’s global network of over 270,000 former students. It gives you the opportunity to continue a lifelong connection with us and to remain an active part of The University of Manchester. It also gives you some added extras; we offer exclusive discounts and services, you can continue learning with discounted CPD courses and access to learning resources, and get insight into cutting-edge research through our alumni events – including the annual Cockcroft Rutherford lecture – exclusive and free to alumni. This lecture has been delivered by Professor Andre Geim, discoverer of graphene, and leading science communicator Professor Brian Cox.

Many of our alumni are committed to giving back to their University by enriching your student experience and employability. Each year alumni financially support students undertaking voluntary projects overseas to benefit the communities they visit and alumni contribute to funding for scholarships, hardship grants and student projects.

Alumni also volunteer their time to the University, returning to campus to give talks, take part in workshops and advice sessions and to mentor students. These have included , Richard Dewhurst (MSc Marketing, 1993), , VP of Marketing at 20th Century Fox, Sir Terry Leahy (BSc Management Science, 1977), former CEO of Tesco and actor Toby Jones (BA Drama 1989). We also regularly hold talks with alumni from across a range of sectors, in informal ‘speed networking’ sessions giving students the chance to ask questions about their experience since graduation. Alumni mentor students via our Manchester Gold Scheme, as well as providing valuable internships and placements.

When you complete your Manchester studies you will be joining a prestigious group of professionals who have become very successful in every sector. There are performing artists such as Benedict Cumberbatch (*The Hobbit*, *Star Trek: Into Darkness* and the BBC’s *Sherlock*), lawyers such as Robert Rinder (*currently starring in ITV’s Judge Rinder*), ; journalists like Ian King (*Business presenter of Sky News*, former Business Editor of *The Times*), Charlotte Hawkins (*Presenter of ITV’s Good Morning Britain*), Sam Bain and Jesse Armstrong (award-winning television writers of *Peep Show* and *Freshmeat*); architects such as Sir Norman Foster, and high profile politicians such as Chuka Umunna MP (Shadow Business Secretary) and George Maxwell Richards (former President of Trinidad and Tobago).

You automatically become a member of the alumni community on graduation, but to get the full benefit you should register with our online alumni community ‘Your Manchester Online’ <https://your.manchester.ac.uk/>during your final year.

For more information on how you can get involved and stay connected to alumni - be sure to check out our social media pages via [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).