



## MINOR THESIS PROPOSAL

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### Law (Masters) Resolutions 2007

#### Resolutions of the Law Faculty Board pursuant to the Faculty of Law Masters regulations (extract)

##### Coursework and minor thesis of study

This resolution is made in accordance with regulation 5.2 of the Faculty of Law Masters Degrees Regulations.

1. A candidate who wishes to undertake a thesis as part of a Master of Laws degree shall be required:
  - 1.1 to complete either four or six units approved from time to time by the board and have obtained 70% or above in each of the units; and
  - 1.2 to submit a minor thesis embodying the results of an investigation in a field of study approved by the Postgraduate Board of Examiners, to be carried out by the candidate under supervision, which demonstrates an ability to carry out independent research and to analyse and synthesise legal concepts. The thesis normally should be between 25,000 and 30,000 words where the student has completed four units or between 12,000 and 15,000 words where the student has completed six units.
  - 1.3 The units proposed to be undertaken by a candidate shall be subject to the approval of the Postgraduate Board of Examiners.

##### Appointment of supervisors

2. The Postgraduate Board of Examiners shall appoint at least one supervisor to supervise the candidate in the preparation of the minor thesis.
  3. The supervisor appointed shall be, or where two or more supervisors are appointed one shall be, a member of the academic staff of the faculty.
  4. Where an applicant for candidature is a member of the academic staff of the faculty, the Postgraduate Board of Examiners may admit the applicant to candidature without appointing a supervisor.
  5. A candidate shall maintain regular contact and meet with the supervisor as required by the supervisor.
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**Minor Thesis of 12,000 -15,000 words**   
**(12 credit points / 2 units)**

**Minor Thesis of 25,000 - 30,000 words**   
**(24 credit points / 4 units)**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Part A of this form is to be completed by the candidate, Part B by a member of the academic staff of the Faculty of Law.

**Note:** Should it appear that the thesis topic, as approved by the Postgraduate Board of Examiners, is likely to exceed the recommended word limit, you should consult your supervisor on whether it might be necessary to submit a modified proposal for approval by the Postgraduate Board of Examiners.

**PART A**

Monash Student ID: .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: ..... Business: ..... Private: .....

**1 Proposed Title of Thesis**

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**2 Fields of law/legal study primarily involved in the proposed research**

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**3 LLM subjects completed (with marks)**

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### 4 Incorporation of coursework and other work for a degree in minor thesis

If you propose to incorporate in the thesis (or make substantial use of) work done for one or more coursework subjects, or other work previously submitted or accepted for a degree you are required to submit the following additional particulars -

- i The coursework subject or subjects, or degree, for which the work concerned was originally prepared:

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- ii The topic or subject matter covered by such work:

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- iii The proportion of the final mark in the relevant coursework subject or subjects, or degree represented by such work:

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- iv What proportion of the minor thesis is represented by research work submitted for coursework subjects or for a degree. As a general rule the maximum allowable by the Postgraduate Board of Examiners would be no greater than 10%.

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### 5 Persons consulted in preparation of the proposal

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### 6 Outline of proposed thesis

You should provide, on an attachment of about 3-4 pages:

- A statement of the broad goal or goals of the project, ie the general idea(s) to be explored/discussed.
- A statement of particular objectives and tasks to be undertaken and the directions the project will take. Here you should itemise the topics to be examined and indicate the emphasis to be given to them in terms of length (expressed as a percentage of the overall work).
- A statement about why you think the project is worth undertaking. (This may include reference to existing literature on the subject and an explanation of why you think it is deficient.)

### 7 Special skills

Does the work proposed call on any specific skills, eg in empirical research, statistical analysis, social survey methods, foreign language, or historical research?

Yes

No

If Yes, what are those skills?

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Do you consider that you have those skills?

Yes

No

### 8 By when do you expect to submit the thesis?

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Signed: .....

Date: .....



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### PART B

(To be completed by a member of the academic staff of the Faculty)

1 Name of Candidate:

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2 Proposed title of thesis:

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3 In your opinion, is the work described in the candidate's outline of the proposed thesis (Part A, section 6) capable of being dealt with satisfactorily in 15,000 or 30,000 words?

Yes

No

4 Have you discussed the proposed work with the candidate?

Yes

No

5 Are you satisfied that the source materials required for the project are (or will be) readily accessible to the candidate?

Yes

No

6 Does the work proposed require application of skills other than legal skills (eg skills in statistical analysis, use of social survey methods, historical research, a reading knowledge of a foreign language)?

Yes

No

If Yes, what are those skills?

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Are you satisfied that the candidate possesses those skills?

Yes

No



7 To what field or fields of law/legal study does the proposed thesis relate?

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8 Having regard to the candidate's training/experience, are you satisfied that the candidate is suitably equipped to undertake the proposed research project?

Yes

No

9 In your opinion, does the proposed thesis provide scope for originality?

Yes

No

10 Do you recommend that the candidate's proposal be approved?

Yes

No

If your answer to question 10 is 'Yes'

a What expertise, in your opinion, is required of the supervisor?

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b Who, in your opinion, would be an appropriate supervisor?  
(Provide up to three names)

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If your answer to question 10 is 'No', give brief reasons for your recommendation. (If you think that the proposal should be approved subject to modifications, please indicate briefly what modifications you would suggest.)

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Signature: .....

Date: .....

(please print)

Name:

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