

## LAW 653

# Student Proposals for Directed Research (Information and Form)

Please see the Assistant Dean, Student Services prior to completing a proposal

- The Calendar Description for **Law 653 (Directed Research)** is as follows:

A supervised research project involving the in-depth examination of a legal problem or area of concern *not normally covered in a substantive or procedural course* and which provides the basis for an article, research paper, brief, memorial, draft legislation, etc. Admission to this course depends on the availability and consent of supervising faculty.

**Prerequisite(s):** Consent of the Faculty.

**MAY BE REPEATED FOR CREDIT.**

- Directed research papers should normally comprise around 10,000 words (including footnotes/endnotes, but excluding bibliography).
- Directed research projects are normally not approved over the spring and summer unless exceptional circumstances exist.
- Although potential supervisors might help you refine your ideas, you yourself must submit a complete proposal. Your proposal **must** address **each** of the following matters:
  - title of paper (tentative);
  - preliminary bibliography;
  - objective(s) of paper and research question(s);
  - research methodology (***note: if your proposed research includes research involving human subjects, even simply by way of interviews or information gathering conversations, you must obtain the approval of the Faculty of Law Research Ethics officer prior to conducting any such research***);
  - contribution of proposed paper to existing literature;
  - other paper(s), if any, you have written in a law school, or in a joint program, on this or a related topic;
  - reasons why you propose to deviate (if at all) from the normal length of 10,000 words;
  - reasons why you cannot examine (or could not have examined) this topic/write this paper in a related course (substantive or procedural);
  - whether you will receive any remuneration for writing this paper.
- Please approach potential supervisors with your ideas as well-refined as possible, particularly with respect to the proposed title and scope of your project, and a preliminary bibliography.
- Once you have filled out the form (see below), and you have the signature of your supervisor, **attach your complete proposal to the form** and submit everything to the appropriate person for approval.

- JD students should submit proposals to the Assistant Dean, Student Services, while graduate students should submit them to the Graduate Program Director.
- Complete proposals should be in the hands of the Assistant Dean, Student Services or the Graduate Program Director at or **before 4:00 p.m. on the Monday following Labour Day (Fall Term), or the Monday following the Block Course (Winter Term).**
- If your proposal is approved, you will be assigned a course number and registered in the course. If your proposal is denied, the Assistant Dean, Student Services or the Graduate Program Director will inform you promptly.
- If your proposal is approved, and you have not already done so, pay your fees on-line.



1. **STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ID NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERVISOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE OF PAPER (tentative):** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **STATEMENT OF SUPERVISOR**

I have discussed the attached proposal with the student and I agree to supervise this project.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

3. **APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATE DEAN/GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

I approve the attached proposal in Law 653 (Directed Research).

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Signature of Associate Dean/Graduate Program Director

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Date