

Final Assessment Report
Submitted by SUPA to SCAPA

Executive Summary

The Faculty of Law Graduate Programs offer 3 degrees including a Master of laws (LLM) degree established in 2004, a Masters Studies in Law (MSL; 2010) and most recently a PhD program (2013). The faculty aspires to maintain high quality in both the students that are enrolled and in the curriculum that is delivered in all 3 programs. The faculty expects to reach a steady state enrollment of 132 Masters Students per year and 32 PhD students per year. Increasingly, Law professionals require a doctoral degree to compete successfully for academic positions. The MSL degree uniquely provides an opportunity for non-law professionals to gain a fundamental understanding of law principles and practices in specific areas related to the overall discipline. The LLM degree currently provides law professionals with an opportunity to conduct research and complete a thesis project. Through the review process, the program proposes to eliminate the 3 research

Program director is very engaged and committed to program(s) success
 Student Services Coordinator is a strong champion for the students
 Ample student study space

Suggestions for improvement & Enhancement:

Ensure intake and cohort numbers are sufficient to ensure a genuine graduate community is maintained; more of a concern for the PhD program; 2 per year may be conservative
 Offer MSJ students a short stand-alone course or workshop introducing them to legal research methods
 Improve communication between faculty instructors for all 3 courses to minimize redundancies
 A program "handbook" would be very useful for students to have
 Graduate students are not as aware as they should be regarding campus resources to facilitate their progress and needs during the degree; they often approach JD student resource offices that feel ill equipped to cover all graduate student needs
 Communication with students regarding their inclusions in department events such as the lunch time seminars could be improved

Recommendations required for Program sustainability:	Responsibility	Resources	Timeline
Introduction of a project based option in the LLM	Program Director and SGPS		September 1, 2016
Elimination of the LLM fields	Program Director and SGPS		September 1, 2016
As programs mature, survey outcomes from students graduating from all programs	Graduate programs committee and director	As are available	2017

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