



## **WINTER SEMESTER 2020 – NEW TEACHING SCHEDULE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

*Information for students at law issued on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020*

The LPAB and the LEC are concerned to ensure that your health is not compromised, and that required social distancing measures are followed. We are also concerned to minimise the effect of the Covid-19 outbreak on your progression.

Accordingly, in Winter 2020 we will deliver the teaching program in a very different way:

- There will be **no live lectures**. All lectures will either be recorded, or live webcast and recorded.
- We will run one cohort of students – and will not divide the class into week night and weekend attendance patterns.
- Lectures will be made available to students via Canvas according to the evening lecture timetable.
- We will use the Weekend School allocated time slots to provide on-line question and answer/tutorial sessions. Each student will be allocated to a tutorial group and, in addition to the recorded evening lecture material, receive 2 x 2 hour tutorials (one in each Weekend School time slot). These will be web-cast – no personal attendance will be required (or is possible).

We are still working out the details and fine-tuning which technology will work best, but you will be able to continue your studies in Winter 2020 without interruption, and without risk to your health, or the health of others.

We will commit to this delivery pattern for the entire Winter session – so that you can enrol confidently, knowing how the Winter semester will be taught. Because this is a fluid and fast moving situation, we will review at the time of the mid-Semester break, and give you two weeks' notice if we are going to revert to a more traditional teaching pattern.

We anticipate that these arrangements will be in place for Winter 2020 only, and that by Summer 2020/21 we should be able to revert to face to face lectures.

### **WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU:**

- You can continue to study as planned in Winter 2020;
- You should aim to be available for an on-line tutorial scheduled during the Weekend Schools (29-31 May and 24-26 July);

- You should ensure you have access to a good internet connection;
- You may wish to consider buying copies of the textbooks (remember to check for second hand texts on Canvas) as continued access to the library may become difficult;
- Exams may also run differently – the Board is currently investigating best practice solutions for the examinations.

We know you will have many questions – we currently do not have all the answers as we are still working out the details. We will update you as soon as possible via Canvas announcements, so please keep monitoring your emails.

We ask for your patience, and your co-operation. This is a big change in our teaching pattern and we are working hard and fast to bring you the best possible learning experience in the circumstances. There will be problems (we are dealing with technology!), and this is a steep learning curve for us all. But if we work together in a spirit of co-operation and patience, we are sure that Winter 2020 will be a successful semester for all.

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