External Examiners' Report

Please note that the completed report form will be made available to students and staff therefore please do not identify individual students or staff by name or candidate number. If you wish to bring to the attention of the University issues pertaining to a confidential matter, please do this separately by contacting the Academic Registrar at the University of Law.

If you are responsible for more than one programme, we request that you use a separate template for each programme as appropriate.

Academic Year covered by report	22/23

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Information and Guidance

1. Did you:	Y	N
Receive adequate access to any material needed (including assessment regulations, student handbook, programme specification and module descriptors) to make the required judgements?	Y	
For new ly appointed External Examiners:		
Were assessment policies and your duties as external examiner adequately explained to you?	N/A	

Did you have adequate briefing and guidance sufficient for you to

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Sufficient time for external moderation?	y	
Data to show whether marking was consistent across marking teams?	y	

If “No” to any of the above, please comment :

As in 2022, the dissertation samples took considerable time to review given their length and the need to review fully the oral presentation component as well.

4b. Please comment on each of the follow presentat2(2(1 t)2(h of)65.96) 519.1 68.99

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Were you satisfied with the recommendations of the Board?	Y	
If “No” to any of the above, please comment below:		

Academic Standards of the Programme

6a. Do the modules that you sample allow students to develop

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Combining an extensive oral presentation component with the written dissertation was valuable in supporting students who might have performed less well in the written element thus ensuring the overall mark was reflective of their attainment of the learning outcomes.
7b. Are there are any particular areas of good practice in relation to standards and assessment processes that would be worthy of dissemination to a wider audience?
The quality assurance mechanisms are extensive and ensure considerable confidence that the quality assurance standards have been met. I would commend very highly the quality and detail in guides for markers and moderators plus instructions to students. At the Board I was interested to hear supervisors feedback on the process and pleased to see a much broader range of subject areas had been covered in 22/23 compared to the preponderance of dissertations on family law in 21/22.

Other Comments

8a. Do you have any suggestions for ways in which the University would enhance the student learning experience?
Nothing to add here other than to ensure students for whom English is not their first language continue to receive appropriate support and guidance to enable them to pass.
8b. Do you have any other comments to make on areas not covered elsewhere in this report?
No further comments

Signed: Professor P J Carey

I understand that this report (in full or part) will be available to students and staff.

Date: 5/11/23

Please return this report by email to Head of Awards & Standards Assurance at the University of Law, Carl Anderson (carl.anderson@law.ac.uk) following the final Examination Board. Annual f ees are paid on receipt of this report.

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