MAJOR RESEARCH PAPER - DCL 7066 (6 credits)

The major paper is prepared under the direction of a faculty member selected upon the student's admission to the program. The student and the supervisor should discuss expectations and timelines **at the outset.** The major paper is evaluated by the Supervisor and another faculty member chosen by the supervisor.

It is expected that the supervisor will review at least one draft of the research paper as it is being prepared and offer feedback to be considered in finalizing the final paper.

The major paper is graded by: S (satisfactory)/NS (unsatisfactory)

Introduction

The major paper must show that the student can work independently on a research project and adopt a method of scientific work. This is a forward-looking exercise, i.e. the student cannot submit previous work.

It is not necessary for the major paper to make a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field of study, but it must reveal in-depth research and independent analysis, and therefore knowledge and understanding comprehensive literature on the field. It is not mandatory to use original data or primary sources, but it is possible.

Format-Length

The major paper is an imposing work and takes a lot of effort. The major paper is evaluated mainly by its content and quality, but it must still contain about 50 to 60 pages of text (12-point font & double-spaced) excluding the title page, table of contents, references, and appendices.

Presentation and structure

The structure of the major paper depends on the subject and conventions used in Law. As a result, most submissions meet the standard format of scientific papers (introduction, objectives, methodology, results, analysis), but it is not mandatory to rigorously apply this structure if another organization seems more logical and coherent.

The major paper must include a title page, a table of content, a one-page summary, and quotations and references prepared in accordance with one of the formats usually used in law.

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