School of Law

LLB Law Programme Handbook

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1. The department: Practical Information

The LLB Law is a three-year, full time degree programme. Each year involves a recommended total of 1200 hours of student learning time on College courses, made up of teaching contact time, private study and assessment. Courses are organised as predominantly full units (300 hours learning time) taught over two terms or occasionally half units (150 hours learning time) taught within one term.

The LLB Law degree offers students a broad introduction to law which focuses on the seven foundational subjects of law whilst offering students the opportunity to undertake specialist legal and criminological options as the course progresses. Our degree programme has been designed to promote both disciplinary specific knowledge and transferable skills. The four mandatory units in year one focus on introducing students to the English legal system, legal method and legal skills. Students will also assimilate and apply knowledge in areas of both public (Constitutional Law and Criminal Law) and private (Contract) law.

In the second year, the course continues to require an understanding of two mandatory areas of private law. Tort Law builds on the work undertaken in the first year of study whilst students are also introduced to the concepts of property ownership through the study of Land Law. Students are also able to select two full units of specialist options in the areas of Public International Law, Family Law, International and Comparative Human Rights Law and the Law of Evidence. In the final year students are required to undertake the two final mandatory units of study in European Union Law and Equity and the Law of Trusts. The remaining two units of study are made up of optional courses, which may include the study of Medical Law, Company Law, Dissertation, Advocacy and Court Practice, Jurisprudence along with those optional subjects not selected in the second year. The School also offers other specialist criminology options including Prisons and Sentencing and Penal Policy. The strong research profile of staff is utilized in this year to ensure that our undergraduates acquire standard legal skills along with an understanding of a particularly diverse range of multi-disciplinary areas of study.

Overall this degree is a qualifying law degree, which enables students to complete the academic stage of training and move on to professional training if they so wish. However this degree also enables students to build up a range of skills and knowledge within an unusually multi-disciplinary School and develop a critical appreciation of the law and related subjects which will enhance their employability whatever their chosen profession. The School and the College are committed to ensuring equality of opportunity for all students.
1.1 Degree Structure

Full details about your programme of study, including, amongst others, the aims, learning outcomes to be achieved on completion, courses which make up the programme and any programme-specific regulations are set out in the programme specification available through http://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/coursecatalogue/home.aspx or http://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/studyhere/progspecs/home.aspx

1.2 Programme information

The LLB (Hons) Law degree is a Qualifying Law Degree, as defined by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board for England and Wales.

1.2.1 Scope and Structure of the LLB Law Degree

The LLB Law Degree is a ‘course-unit’ degree. This means that it is constructed on a modular basis, the overall syllabus being divided into constituent course units. Each course that you take is given a value and at each level of study you take a total of four course units of different types and complexity. Therefore, over the time of your study in the School you must take (and enter the assessment/examination for) 12 units. No course can be counted more than once.

1.3 Knowledge and Understanding

Students will develop and demonstrate a sound knowledge in the foundations and content of the law of England and Wales and the fundamental doctrines and principles which underpin the common law, including:

- a sound and extensive knowledge in the foundations and content of the law of England and Wales;
- a rigorous grounding and understanding of the fundamental doctrines and principles underpinning the common law; and,
- a critical evaluation of modern legal developments.

1.4 Skills and Other Attributes
Students will develop a wide range of intellectual skills, subject practical skills and transferable skills including:

- examining law in practice and problem solving, research and personal skills and key transferable intellectual skills required by the legal professions and employers;
- engaging in the process of reading and analysing legal texts, developing independent thinking and judgement regarding sources of law and how it is made and developed;
- appreciating broader international and comparative perspectives of law;
- dialogue on the role of law within a modern societal context and an appreciation of its continuing social and political importance;
- taking progressive responsibility for their own study through independent and guided research;
- developing key legal communication skills;
- developing legal research skills and e-resource search and IT techniques;
- the capacity for independent learning essential to continuing personal development.

### 1.5 Course registrations

You can only register for four course units in each academic year (this excludes courses which are being resat). While you have the option of changing courses within the first two/three weeks after the start of teaching (excluding Welcome week) subject to agreement from the department, once you have submitted assessment for the course, you may not replace it with another either in that term or in a subsequent term (e.g. Spring term). Any courses that you wish to take on an extracurricular basis (that is, as extra and not counting towards your degree) must be identified at the start of the academic year or before any assessment has been completed for the course.

Students take a total of **twelve** units at the rate of **four** units per year.

### Year one

Students will take the following mandatory courses:

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Students will then take option modules up to the value of two full units from the following courses:

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2  Guidance on Hours of Study

Embarking on a full time degree programme is a full time undertaking and students are recommended to devote at least 30-35 hours per week (including lectures and seminars) to their studies during term time. The time outside formal teaching sessions should be used for independent reading and research in preparation for essays and seminar presentations, and to consolidate and supplement information given in lectures and seminars. Independent study is extremely important not only in developing the skills needed to achieve a good degree but also in developing the transferable skills required by employers.
It is important that you develop good study habits in your first year. These include having a scheduled day each week in the library or designated study area to do your set reading and seminar preparation, reading up-to-date issues of relevant journals to keep abreast of developments in the discipline, and developing strategies for efficient note-taking.

2.1 How to Study

The following notes are intended to help you study at university successfully. They do not cover everything that you might want to know about techniques of study: we want to keep them short enough for you to read quickly. But we hope that they make the process of learning and studying more efficient and more productive.

2.2 Lectures and Seminars

Lectures provide an introduction to a sub-field, topic, or issue. To get the most out of lectures it is important that you learn how to be an active listener. In particular, you should develop strategies for taking notes. You will not be able to take down every sentence the lecturer says, so you need to work out how to extract the relevant information and the gist of an argument. Some students develop their own short-hand, others type up their notes after a lecture to make sure they have fully absorbed the ideas. One particularly effective technique is to spend twenty minutes after the lecture re-reading the notes, putting them in order, and then formulating a couple of questions for the seminar.

Seminars are scheduled after a lecture and give students the chance to ask questions, offer up their own views, and give presentations (see ‘Oral Presentations in Seminars’, below). It is crucial that you prepare for seminars. Read through your lecture notes and do the set reading, come prepared with questions and ready to contribute to discussions.

3 Oral Presentations in Seminars

3.1 Why do tutors use oral presentations?

Oral presentations are the cause of a great deal of anxiety, so why do lecturers continue to require you to do them? There are quite a few good reasons...
• You learn more. Researching and presenting a subject usually results in better understanding and recall.
• Presentations given by members of your peer group can stimulate interesting discussions, which are not tutor led. They provide a chance for you to develop your own thoughts and ideas.
• It gives you the opportunity to practice giving presentations before you get into the ‘world of work’. Many people have to make presentations at work. You can give yourself a head start in the relatively safe environment of the classroom.
• It gives the class someone other than the tutor to listen and respond to.
• If you are giving your presentation as a team, this gives you the chance to meet and work with other people, and enjoy the team effort of putting your ideas together.
• There is usually some flexibility in the topic you present. It is your chance to do something that interests you; if you’re interested in the topic, your presentation will benefit!
• Unlike an exam, you can prepare more or less exactly and take all the materials in with you.

3.2 What makes a good oral presentation?

• It has to be audible. If the class cannot hear you, they are not going to pay attention. Looking up and making eye contact with people at the back of the room will help you project your voice. Try to reduce the amount of unnecessary noise around you; for example, if the classroom is by a busy road, it may be worth making sure all the windows are closed, at least for your presentation.
• Talk to your audience rather than reading your notes out. It will be far more interesting and far easier for them to follow.
• It has to be the appropriate length. Make sure you know how much time you actually have, and practice your talk beforehand against a clock. There is nothing worse than having to squash enough material for one hour into ten minutes. You do not necessarily have to talk non-stop; you can leave time for questions or discussion (people will ask questions if you make it interesting!).
• The content of your presentation needs to be relevant to the course and to your audience. Address your fellow students, not the tutor, and make sure the content is appropriate to their level of knowledge. If you want them to sit up and listen, make it directly relevant to their lives.
• Your presentation should have a clear structure. Your audience will quickly get lost if you jump around and do not make the structure explicit. Distributing a hand-out first with the outline of your talk will help your audience pick out your main points. It is helpful if you give ‘sign posts’ to the structure of your talk; for
example you could start by saying ‘first, I am going to talk through some definitions of --
- and then discuss the role of --- within ---’ and later: ‘so, I’ve spoken about - --, now I’ll go on to ‘
• Aim for a presentation style that holds the attention of your audience. Use understandable, clear language, OHPs, slides, hand-outs, questions and discussion. Look at the audience, make eye contact, smile, try not to fidget; ask the audience questions, or ask them to discuss a point.
• Use clear hand-outs. Provide hand-outs containing a summary of the presentation, follow-up reading, and any other crucial information. Make sure that your hand-outs are written/printed large enough, and that not too much information is squashed onto one side.
• If you are presenting in a group, make sure everyone is clear about their tasks and what they do when; you do not want three people all doing the same thing. Think about who will stand and sit where (and practice arranging the necessary furniture in the room beforehand). Groups give you the opportunity to divide the topic into sections, with each person presenting a section. Be careful however, that there is continuity and each part is relevant. Someone should give an introduction and a conclusion to hold the whole talk together.

3.3 Checklist

Try answering the following questions to help you clarify what you are going to do. Add any questions that will help you:

• How long have I got?
• What do I need to include in order to cover the topic?
• Where can I find out information?
• Have I cut out everything which is not relevant?
• Is the structure clear?
• What hand-outs do I need?
• When and how will I use them?
• What activities can the group take part in?
• Can I present from my notes without reading word for word?

3.3.1 Before the presentation

• Have I got the hand-outs in the right order?
• Have I got my notes to refer to?
3.3.2 During the presentation

- Take a deep breath
- Relax and smile!
- Do not hide behind the projector
- Do not read out the notes
- Talk to the back of the group, so your voice carries
- Look at your audience
- Do not rush through
- Give the opportunity to ask questions/clarify issues
- Be flexible; if your audience do not understand be prepared to rethink
- If someone throws in a question you are not entirely sure about, open it to group discussion.

This is the topic you have researched; relax and enjoy telling the rest of the group. If you are enthusiastic, it will come across.

3.3.3 After the presentation

For assessed work, you will be given formal written feedback by your tutor, but it is important to ask yourself, and ask a fellow student who saw the presentation, the following questions:

- What were the strengths of my presentation?
- Did the hand-outs work well?
- Did the group participate in/enjoy the activities?
- Could I be heard? Did I hide? Did I make eye contact?
- What were the weaknesses of my presentation?
- What could be improved for next time?

Remember – relax, smile and have fun!

3.4 Guidelines on Oral Presentation and Group Work

Summative group work and summative oral presentations are to be treated as any other piece of summative work and as such in the absence of extenuating circumstances will be subject to the undergraduate regulations relating to a repeat of the course or resit of the assessment in accordance with the conditions for progression.

All students are required to attempt and complete summative oral presentations or group work unless a student has adequately documented extenuating circumstances.
Where a student has genuine learning needs that have been recorded with the university's disability and dyslexia service and which prevents that student from attempting or completing the summative oral presentation or group work, these should be notified in writing to the course convenor prior to the assessment. The course convenor will then offer the student an alternative means of completing the assessment, which still meet the learning outcomes for the course.

4. Essay Writing

An essay is a way of presenting the reader with an account of the ways in which you have found your learning engaging and meaningful – it’s a ‘know and show’ opportunity for you. It is a chance to both create a map of a particular territory of knowledge, as well as an invitation for the reader to take a guided walk through that territory. It should have a clear structure and style, content that is relevant, and a rhythm and momentum to the arguments presented that the reader experiences as credible. So it should say, “Look, here is my well informed, balanced, complex view of this particular world that I’m asking you to look at, and I hope you find my ways of seeing persuasive”. In all, try not to let the assignment become just a flat and dull summary of other people’s ideas and thoughts. Try to present it in a way that shows the following features:

- that you have knowledge of a particular area of study including concepts, debates and issues, and research evidence that affect the issue;
- your systematic comprehension of what is known, by putting the knowledge in your own words in an intelligible way;
- that you can critically analyse the material under consideration, dissecting arguments in a systematic and balanced way;
- once you’ve taken apart other perspectives, you can synthesise those perspectives by putting them together again in a fresh way, looking at the connections and gaps between differing views;
- finally that you can evaluate the material in terms of its internal coherence, its links with other perspectives and views, and in relation to your own experiences and views. This will help you to give an account of how you have weighed things up, and why you’ve done so in the ways that you have.

The stages of essay production could look like this. But remember, this is not a prescriptive list. You will find your own start to finish path for a written assignment and may already be familiar with these and other aspects of effective writing. Our invitation to you is to take charge of the structures, mechanisms and methods that work best for you, so long as they help you to reach your highest potential.
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To summarise, a basic essay structure will often look like this:

| **Understand** | ensure that you know what the question is asking you to do. | E.g. ‘analyse’, ‘evaluate’, ‘critique’, ‘synthesise’ etc. |
| **Identify** – pinpoint the issues or the focus of the question. | Demonstrate that you have understood all the possible issues and undertaken further research. |
| **Structure** – ensure that there is a clear structure to your answer. | Include an introduction, main answer and conclusion which draw out the key points. |
| **Knowledge** – demonstrate a good grasp of the legal principles and the relevant law and show evidence of wider reading and research. | Always cite the relevant law to support the facts or your arguments and identify relevant key issues, concepts and debates. |
| **Arguments** – set out clear defensible arguments in your answer. | Do not simply recite the law. Compare and weigh up strengths and weaknesses and/or identify areas for reform. |
| **Support** – back up your arguments with authorities. | Always use cases and journal articles and relevant examples throughout your answer and include a bibliography at the end of your answer. |
| **Presentation** – ensure that your work is in the correct format and is clear, coherent and legible. | Use good grammar, language, expression and referencing and always follow the word count. |

### 4.1 The Dissertation

In the third year of your degree course you will have the option to write a dissertation of 10,000 words in length. This dissertation is equivalent to one full Course Unit and is therefore a quarter of your final years work.

The dissertation is an opportunity for you to examine, in depth, an area of interest to you. It is one of the most important pieces of work you will do as an undergraduate. It shows the extent that you are an independent learner and scholar.

You will be allocated a member of staff as your supervisor. The role of the supervisor is to help and guide you with your dissertation. However, the choice of dissertation topic, the research methodology and the actual work are up to you.
The dissertation is assessed on the basis of the quality of scholarship it demonstrates. Markers will look for your knowledge of the subject matter, evidence of independent thought and the clarity with which you present your ideas.

4.2 Choice of Dissertation Topic

Students are required to submit a provisional dissertation topic outline in consultation with a supervisor, which should be submitted on the relevant departmental form. This form should contain the student name, the proposed title of your dissertation or research question, a general outline of your dissertation topic and the research methodology you will be using. The choice of your dissertation title is solely your choice but should be relevant to your study.

4.3 The Dissertation Supervisor

The role of the supervisor is to help guide you through the key stages of the dissertation. This includes advice about the suitability of a topic; about appropriate reading; the structure and organisation of the dissertation and the way in which it should be presented.

You should meet with your supervisor throughout the term to discuss progress. It is your responsibility to contact your supervisor to arrange meetings. Please remember your supervisor is a busy academic and you need to contact your supervisor in plenty of time to arrange a meeting to discuss your dissertation.

4.4 Presenting your Work

Your name **must not** appear on your essay as it will be marked anonymously. For all Formative and Summative essays and Third Year Dissertations you should include the following information on the front title page (see Appendix 1);

- Your candidate number, this can be found on the ‘study’ tab of Campus Connect

- The course code, for e.g. LL1001.

- The essay title.

- Course tutor.
• Date of submission.

• Final word count.

Your essay or dissertation must be presented using the following format;

• Essays must be word processed using a legible size 12 font, and should be 1.5 or double spaced to allow the marker space to write comments and notes.

• Pages must be numbered.

• The word count must be included. Word count should include footnotes but not appendices or bibliographies. Penalties will apply where the word limits are exceeded. (See section on Penalties for Exceeding Word Length.)

• Where there is no general agreement on spelling or style (e.g. judgment or judgement; ‘4 July 1776’ or ‘July 4, 1776’), you should use your own preference. It is important that the essay should be internally consistent whatever conventions are used.

• You must submit an electronic copy to Turnitin via Moodle - there is no need to hand in a paper copy of your essay.

All work must be submitted by the deadline or penalties will be incurred. (See section on Penalties for Late Submission of Work).

5. Referencing

All assignments must be referenced using the OSCOLA system. Sian Downes, the School of Law Information Consultant, will be running workshops on referencing as well as on a range of other academic topics such as plagiarism. Please refer to the referencing handbook for details of how to use OSCOLA referencing.

5.1 A quick guide to OSCOLA
For a more detailed guide to OSCOLA please see the libguide for law or download the pdf from:

http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/published/OSCOLA_4th_edn.pdf

General points to remember:

- There is very little punctuation in OSCOLA. Do not use full stops in abbreviations (ECHR not E.C.H.R)
- Separate different citations in the same footnote with a semi colon.
- Whatever you do be consistent!

5.2 Bibliography

The bibliography comes at the very end of your essay, and entries should be presented in alphabetical order by authors’ surnames. You should refer to the OSCOLA Referencing Citation Guide for advice on how to present different types of entry in your bibliography.

5.3 Referencing the bibliography

Primary Sources

Cases

Give the party names, followed by the neutral citation, then the law report citation. Remember the hierarchy of law reports and cite the most appropriate one. If there is no neutral citation give the law reports citation in brackets followed by the court in brackets.

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*R. v Ahluwalia (Kiranjit)* [1992] 4 All ER 889 (CA) 891-94

If you cite a particular judge in a case, use the judge’s surname followed by the conventional abbreviation identifying their judicial office.


**Statutes and Statutory Instruments**

Cite any Act by its short title and year. Use capitals for the major words and do not put a comma before the year. Statutes are divided into parts (pt), sections (s), subsections (sub-s), paragraphs (para) and subparagraphs (subpara). In the footnotes put a comma after the year, then put the abbreviation to the part you are pinpointing to.

*Human Rights Act 1998*

*Immigration Act 2014, s 8 (2) (d)*

Statutory Instruments are numbered consecutively throughout the year. To cite them give the name, year, then the SI number preceded by a comma.

*The Energy Efficiency (Eligible Buildings) Regulations 2013, SI 2013/3220*
EU Legislation and cases

Official notices of the EU are carried in the Official Journal of the European Union, known as the OJ.

Legislation Title | [year] | OJ series | Issue/first page

Regulation, Directives, Decisions, Recommendation and Opinions are cited by the legislation type, number and title, followed by publication details.

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Since 1989 EU cases have been numbered according to whether they were registered at the European Court of Justice or the General Court.

Case number | case name | [year] | report abbreviation | first page

European Court of Human Rights

For judgements of the European Court of Human Rights cite either of the official reports. The Reports of Judgements and Decisions (ECHR) or the European Human Rights Reports (EHRR).

Case name | (year) | volume | law report | page number
Omojudi v UK (2010) 51 EHRR 10
Secondary Sources

Books
Give the authors name as it appears in the book, first name and then surname. Put the title in italics and capitalize any of the important words. All the information you need to cite a book can usually be found on the title page. Only cite an e-book if it is the only version available.

Author, | title | (additional information, | edition | publisher | year)

Encyclopedias
Cite an encyclopedia like you would a book, but exclude the author or editor, and publisher.

title | (additional information, | edition | year)
*Halsbury’s Laws* (5th edn, 2010)

Journal Articles
Abbreviation for journals can vary, so choose one of the options and use it consistently throughout your work. You can check abbreviations at the Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations.

author, | ‘title’ | [year] or (year) | volume | journal name or abbreviation | first page of article
Or
Alison L Young, ‘In defence of Due Deference’ (2009) 72 MLR 554

5.4 Online Journals
Where journals are only published electronically cite as you would hard copy journals, but with the URL in angled brackets <> and the date you accessed the article.
Illustrations may be included if appropriate. Ensure that they are given proper titles and numbers, and that the source is indicated.

The illustrations should also be referred to at some point in the text – i.e. integrated into the argument and not just ‘extras’ – and are usually to be placed in an Appendix.

All stipulated word limits include footnotes but not appendices or bibliographies.

5.6 Using the Internet

If employed with caution and common sense, the Internet can be a very helpful resource for essays, dissertations, presentations, and projects. The Department encourages you to make use of it responsibly.

If the Internet is a library, this means that there are good and bad books in it. The difference, however, is that even the less useful books in a library have been through some process of vetting (by publishers’ referees, and those who recommended the purchase), while the Internet has no “quality control” - absolutely anything can appear. Hence, the bad sites can be very bad indeed. Any search is likely to produce hundreds, if not thousands, of “hits,” and you can waste hours separating the useless from the useful. In any case, there are always frequent and frustrating encounters with links that are obsolete, temporarily out of action, or take an inordinate time to contact and download. Do not use Wikipedia since it is not an academic source and there is no assurance of the accuracy of information presented.

Your information Consultant for Law will give you training on how to evaluate and use different resources during Legal Methods.

The rules on plagiarism given in section Assessment Information also apply to Internet material, which you should never use without attribution in your bibliographies, and (if
applicable) your footnotes. You should refer to websites by the full URL addresses as well as the date(s) upon which you accessed the information.

6 Submission deadlines

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All submissions are due in on **Tuesday before 12.00pm**. Please see below for a list of deadlines. All work must be submitted to Moodle before the deadline, any work submitted after the deadline will be subject to a late penalty (please see the undergraduate handbook for information about penalties.)

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Outline of First Year Personal Adviser Sessions

**18th September 2017: Settling in and Managing your workload**

Students often find it difficult to manage their workload. During this tutorial, students will discuss the nature of undergraduate study and develop strategies for better workload management. Your personal tutor will ask about forthcoming deadlines and how you’ll go about structuring your time to meet them. Discussion may then turn to the reading for this week, available on Moodle: what are the problems involved in ‘getting started’ with writing?

**20th November 2017: Making the Most of Feedback**

In this session students will enter in to a dialogue with their Personal Adviser about the purpose of feedback, the various methods of feedback offered across their programme and how to make the best of feedback. In particular how to use feedback to ‘feed forward’ in to their next piece of assessment by recognizing expected standards, goals and marking criteria. This is also an opportunity for students to discuss any formative feedback received to date and strategies to help move from their current performance to their desired performance.

**Week commencing 8th January 2018: One to One Progress Review**
The final meeting of the term with your personal tutor will be a personal progress review. You should come to this meeting with a selection of marked essays and feedback sheets so that you can discuss your progress. Before the meeting with your personal tutor, it would be useful for you to re-read the feedback you have received on your essays so far in order to determine whether markers are highlighting similar points – if so it would be useful for you to prioritize focusing on these. During this meeting, your personal tutor will ask you how you have found the first term and whether you have set yourself any particular areas to develop for the next term. These will depend on you and your progress to date but might include essay writing, referencing or managing your workload, for example.

**Week Commencing 6th February 2018: Discussing Option Choices**

This session is an opportunity for students to discuss with their personal tutor the option subjects available for students to take and to ask any further questions arising from option information sessions/materials.

**Week Commencing 23rd April: End of Year Review**

This session is a further opportunity for you to discuss with your personal adviser any issues that have arisen during the year which may have affected your academic performance and how these can be addressed for the next academic year. This is also an opportunity to review your performance based on your grades to date. It is important that you attend one of these sessions which will be scheduled throughout the week.

**Outline of Second Year Personal Adviser Sessions**

**25th September 2017: Managing Your Workload**

As second year students you will find your workload has increased and that there will be different expectations from you in terms of academic performance. This session is an opportunity for you to discuss with your Personal Adviser strategies to deal with some of the challenges of studying at a more advanced level.

**15th January 2018: Progress Review**

The final meeting of the term with your personal tutor will be a personal progress review. You should come to this meeting with a selection of marked essays and feedback sheets so that you can discuss your progress. Before the meeting with
your personal tutor, it would be useful for you to re-read the feedback you have received on your essays so far in order to determine whether markers are highlighting similar points – if so it would be useful for you to prioritize focusing on these. During this meeting, your personal tutor will ask you how you have found the first term and whether you have set yourself any particular areas to develop for the next term. These will depend on you and your progress to date but might include essay writing, referencing or managing your workload, for example.

12th March 2018: Planning For Your Final Year

The final year is crucial to a student’s final achievement and future employability and it is important therefore to start planning how to make the best of the final year. This session with your personal adviser will focus on your chosen modules and what you need to do to prepare for study and also any areas of academic weakness and how these could be improved.

Outline of Third Year Personal Adviser Sessions

2nd October 2017: Managing Your Workload

As final year students you will find that your workload has increased and that there will be different expectations from you in terms of academic performance. This session is an opportunity for you to discuss with your Personal Adviser strategies to deal with some of the challenges of studying at a more advanced level.

22nd January 2018: Progress Review

You should come to this meeting with a selection of marked essays and feedback sheets so that you can discuss your progress. Before the meeting with your personal tutor, it would be useful for you to re-read the feedback you have received on your essays so far in order to determine whether markers are highlighting similar points – if so it would be useful for you to prioritize focusing on these. During this meeting, your personal tutor will ask you how you have found the first term and whether you have set yourself any particular areas to develop for the next term. These will depend on you and your progress to date but might include essay writing, referencing or managing your workload, for example.

5th February 2018: Career Ideas and Planning for the Future

This session will focus on the first steps to deciding how your particular strengths and skills could be used to determine a suitable career path and how to make initial enquiries and research your chosen area of interest. This session will supplement the
opportunity you already have to arrange one-to-one sessions with the College Careers and Employability Service throughout the academic year.