

## RESEARCH PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

1. The following shall be the sequence of pages –
  - 1.1. Title
  - 1.2. Introduction of the topic
  - 1.3. Survey of literature
  - 1.4. Problem statement
  - 1.5. Research Questions
  - 1.6. Hypothesis
  - 1.7. Scope of study with respect to the topic
  - 1.8. Objectives
  - 1.9. Methodology
  - 1.10. Proposed research outcomes
  - 1.11. Proposed Chapterization
  - 1.12. Bibliography
  
2. The research proposal must not be more than **30 PAGES** long.
  
3. Candidates must adhere to the Dissertation Guidelines as applicable.

## DISSERTATION GUIDELINES

**LLM Dissertation (LWH604)**

**Credits: 4 credits (200 marks)**

**It must be 120 – 150 pages long, including all the pages.**

The dissertation must include the following:

### **1. COVER PAGE**

1.1 The front covers shall contain the following details:

1.1.1 **Full title of thesis – Font size: 22**; Centered and positioned at the top.

1.1.2 **40 mm dia replica of the Institute emblem**

1.1.3 **Full name of the candidate – Font size:14** in **Bold, Italics**, properly centered at the bottom of the page.

### **2. OPENING SHEET/ TITLE PAGE**

2.1 The title page (first inner page) should be similar to the cover page

2.2 In addition, name of the degree for which the report is submitted; name of the guide, name of candidate, department, institute, month and year of submission of the report.

### **3. DECLARATION**

3.1 Declaration to the effect that the data used for the work, the work depicted in the report, and the written material contained in the report are not copied from others and that due permission has been taken from, and due credit has been given to, the sources whenever they are used.

### **4. CERTIFICATE**

4.1 The bound copy should contain a certificate issued by Supervisor and signed by the Head of Department that the Dissertation contain no material that are plagiarized. If no certificate signed by the supervisor & the HOD, the dissertation will not be accepted as submission for 200 marks.

### **5. SIMILARITY INDEX**

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5.2 The University will use Turnitin software to check the similarity index. No private, personal, or unauthorised tools used by the student will be allowed.

5.3 **Similarity content is allowed up to 10%**. Dissertations with a similarity index above 10% will be *prima facie* rejected.

5.4 A sample of the Turnitin report is shared for reference.

## **6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

6.1 Limited, preferably, to one page.

## **7. INITIAL PAGE:**

7.1 Contents

7.2 List of cases

7.3 List of statutes

7.4 List of Abbreviations

7.5 Abstract should be preferably one-page synopsis of the project report. A list of keywords should follow the abstract.

## **8. CHAPTERS**

8.1 Introduction

8.1.1 Literature Review

8.1.2 Research problem

8.1.3 Scope

8.1.4 Research questions

8.1.5 Objectives

8.1.6 Hypothesis

8.1.7 Methodology

8.1.8 Expected Research outcomes.

8.2 Chapter I

8.3 Chapter II, etc.

8.4 Conclusion

8.4.1 Analysis

8.4.2 The findings

8.4.3 Research Outcome achieved (Reference is to what is stated in the Introduction)

8.5 Bibliography/ References

NOTE: The list of references should appear as a consolidated list with references listed either alphabetically or sequentially as they appear in the text of the thesis.

Spacing and font size should be consistent inside a single reference, and there should be double spacing between two different references.

*i. Statutes*

*ii. International documents*

*iii. Case laws*

*a. International decisions*

*b. National judgements*

*iv. Books*

*v. Journals/ Periodicals*

8.6 Appendix / Annexures

8.6.1 Each annexure should be identified as Annexure 1, Annexure 2, etc.

8.6.2 It should also have a title.

8.6.3 The annexures and their titles should be listed in the Contents.

## 9. BODY OF THE REPORT

- 9.1 The report should be written in British English.
- 9.2 Each chapter shall begin on a fresh page.
- 9.3 Chapter number (in Hindu Arabic) and title shall be printed at the centre of the line in **14 size** in bold face using both upper and lower case (all capitals or small capitals shall not be used).
- 9.4 Sections and Subsections
- 9.4.1 A chapter can be divided into Sections, Sub-sections and Sub subsections so as to present different concepts separately. Sections and sub-sections can be numbered using decimal points, e.g. 2.2 for the second section in Chapter 2 and 2.3.4 for the fourth Sub- section in third Section of Chapter 2.
- 9.4.2 Chapters, Sections and Sub-sections shall be included in the contents with page numbers flushed to the right. Further subsections need not be numbered or included in the contents.
- 9.4.3 The Section and Subsection titles along with their numbers in 12 fonts in bold face shall be **flushed to the left** (not centred).
- 9.5 Fonts
- 9.5.1 The font type is **Times New Roman**.
- 9.5.2 The **font size of the text is 12 point**. The minimum font size of materials within a table or a figure can be 10 point, however.
- 9.5.3 Text should be ‘justified’.
- 9.5.4 The **font size of the footnotes is 10 point**. Text should be ‘justified’. The footnotes must be in **ILI Format**. (You can access it here: <http://www.ili.ac.in/cstyle.pdf>)
- 9.6 Line Spacing
- 9.6.1 The line spacing in the main text must be **1.5 spacing**.
- 9.6.2 Single line spacing should be given for footnotes, and references.

## 10. PAGE NUMBERING

- 10.1 Page numbers for the prefacing materials of the report shall be in small Roman numerals and should be centred at the bottom of the pages.
- 10.2 Page numbers for the body of the report should be in Indo-Arabic numerals and should be centred at the bottom of the pages. The pagination should start with the first page of Chapter 1 and should continue throughout the text (including tables, figures, and annexures)

## 11. MARGINS

- 11.1 The Printed Sheets shall have the following written area and margins:
- Top: 2.54 cm
  - Bottom: 2.54 cm
  - **Left margin: 3.81 cm**
  - Right margin: 2.54 cm
  - Header: 1.27 cm (i.e. 0.5")
  - Footer: 1.27 cm (i.e. 0.5")

**12. Printing**

12.1 Dissertation should be printed on single side of the paper.

**13. Binding**

13.1 The final hard bound copies to be submitted with colour specification: **BLACK with GOLDEN ENGRAVING**

13.2 **Three copies** have to be submitted to the University. The students are free to print additional copies for themselves.