

## Department of Law

### Thesis Guideline for Law Students

#### Program: LLB (Hons.) and LLM (Master of Laws)

#### 1. Introduction

The thesis is essential for undergraduate and postgraduate law programs of the Department of Law of the International Islamic University Chittagong. It is designed to demonstrate the students' legal research ability and understanding of legal Research, and to develop research skills and habits among the students where relevant analytical thinking and academic writing skills are required.

#### 2. Eligibility and Credit Hours

- **LLB (Hons.):** Thesis for the final year outgoing student. Students must pass the coursework before registering for the thesis.
- **LLM:** Thesis is a mandatory component. Students must pass the coursework before registering for the thesis.

#### 3. Topic Selection

##### Guidelines:

- Must be **relevant to national and international legal issues**, Islamic Law (Shari'ah legal issue), and comparative law.
- Should address a **specific legal problem** with clear research questions.
- Must be **approved by the Departmental Thesis Committee**.

#### 4. Thesis Proposal Submission: Students must submit a research proposal including:

- **Proposed title**
- **Introduction and background**
- **Statement of the problem**
- **Objectives and research questions**
- **Methodology**
- **Expected outcomes**
- **Preliminary literature review**
- **References**

The supervisor and department must approve the proposal before proceeding.

## 5. Supervision and Timeline

- Each student is assigned an **academic supervisor**.
- Regular meetings with the supervisor and signatures must be documented as prescribed in the form. (**Appendix- 1**)
- Deadlines for Submission are announced each semester by the department.

Stage	Duration for LLB (Hons.)	Duration for LLM
Topic Approval	Week 1	Week 1
Proposal Submission	Week 1	Week 1
Draft Chapter Submission	Week 2	Week 2
Final WORK / Submission	Week 5	Week 5

## 6. Structure of the Thesis

The thesis/Legal Dissertation paper for LL.B. (Hons.), LLM Programs shall be 6000 (10% more or less) words ( 40–60 pages)

1. Title Page/ Cover Page
2. Approval From the Supervisor / Certificate of the Supervisor
3. Declaration
4. Acknowledgment
5. Abstract
6. Table of Contents
7. The entire thesis paper/Dissertation shall comprise six distinct chapters.

### i. Chapter -1

- a) Introduction
- b) The objectives of the Research
- c) Research Questions
- d) Research Methodology
- e) Literature Review
- f) Limitations of the Research

### ii. Chapters 2-5 (Main body/discussion of the relevant thesis topic)

### iii. Chapter 6

- a) Finding /Defects, /Loopholes
- b) Recommendations/ Suggestions
- c) Conclusion

### 8. Bibliography

## 7. Research Methodology

Students may use:

- **Doctrinal Legal Research:** Analysis of laws, statutes, and case law.
- **Socio-legal approach:** Integration of law and society with surveys or interviews.
- **Comparative legal analysis:** Between Islamic law and other systems.

- **Qualitative or mixed methods**, depending on the scope.

## 8. Citation and Referencing

- The Department of Law follows the **OSCOLA citation style** (Oxford Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities).
- Use footnotes for all citations.
- Maintain a complete **bibliography** at the end.

## 9. Formatting Guidelines

- **Font:** Times New Roman, 12pt for main body, Heading 14pt, footnotes 10pt
- **Spacing:** 1.5 line spacing/Double Spacing
- **Margin:** 1 inch on all sides
- **Paper size:** A4
- **Alignment:** Justified
- **Binding:** Hard Bookbinding (as per department notice)
- **Language:** English

## 10. Plagiarism and Academic Ethics

- a) Plagiarism is strictly prohibited.
- b) All work must be original, and proper credit must be given to sources.

## 11. Assessment and Thesis Defense

- Internal and external examiners will evaluate the thesis.
- Students must defend their thesis in a thesis **defense examination**.
- The final grade is based on:
  - a) Quality of Research
  - b) Depth of Legal Analysis
  - c) **5 Minutes Multi-media Presentation with at least 10 slides.**
  - d) Thesis Defense Performance

## 12. Final Submission Checklist

- ✓ Title page and declaration included
- ✓ Supervisor approval obtained
- ✓ All sections complete and paginated
- ✓ Plagiarism check done
- ✓ Proper citation used
- ✓ Submission before the deadline

Appendix-1



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Department of Law  
Thesis Supervision, Spring/ Autumn-20....

Course Title:

Course Code:

Name of the Research Topic: .....

Name of the Research Supervisor: .....

Name of the Researcher: .....

S.L	Description of the topic of supervision	Signature of Research Supervisor	Date
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Opinion of the Chairman of the Examination Committee: