1. The Research Paper units involve supervised research. Students wishing to undertake any of these units must nominate a member of the academic staff who is prepared to supervise the proposed research topic. With the approval of the Higher Degrees Committee, a person from outside this University may only act as supervisor in a joint supervisory arrangement with a UWA staff member. Enrolment in the Research Paper units will be approved only if the nominated member of staff (or other approved person) approves the proposed research topic and agrees to act as supervisor.

2. A student wishing to undertake a Research Paper unit must give the Director of Postgraduate Studies (Coursework) (currently Professor Neil Morgan) a written proposal containing the following information:

(a) Title of the proposed research topic.

(b) Name of the proposed supervisor/s.

(c) Either a synopsis of the envisaged contents of the proposed research paper or a detailed outline of the method and direction that the proposed research will take. (As a guide, this synopsis or outline should be 500-700 words in length.)

As soon as possible after submission of the proposal, the Director will inform the student in writing whether their enrolment has been approved.
3. (1) LAWS8594 RESEARCH PAPER I

This research paper is to be completed over one semester. Students can enroll in either Semester 1 or Semester 2 of any year. The completed research paper should be 7,500 words in length, plus or minus up to 20 per cent (excluding footnotes, tables, bibliography and any appendices).

(2) LAWS8595 RESEARCH PAPER II (12 points)

This research paper is to be completed in one semester. Students can enrol in either Semester 1 or Semester 2 of any year. The completed research paper should be 15,000 words in length, plus or minus up to 20 per cent (excluding footnotes, tables, bibliography and any appendices).

(3) LAWS8596 RESEARCH PAPER IIIA
LAWS8597 RESEARCH PAPER IIIB
LAWS8598 RESEARCH PAPER IVA
LAWS8599 RESEARCH PAPER IVB

These research papers are taken over two semesters and parts A and B must be completed to fulfil the requirements of the unit. Students can commence the unit in either Semester 1 or Semester 2. The completed research paper should be 15,000 words in length, plus or minus up to 20 per cent (excluding footnotes, tables, bibliography and any appendices).

4. Submission and Marking of Research Paper

The required number of copies of the completed research paper should be delivered to the Supervisor by the commencement of the examination period in the relevant semester. An application for an extension of time for submission must be made to the Supervisor at least two weeks prior to this date.

The required style and format for the research papers, and the number of copies to be submitted, are the same as for an Honours dissertation for students completed the Bachelor of Laws Honours programme. Details of these requirements are set out in the Honours Brochure, a copy of which may be obtained from – http://www.lawstudents.law.uwa.edu.au/honours

Procedures for marking the research papers are also the same as for LLB Honours dissertations, details of which are again set out in the Honours Brochure.