



## Academic Advising Project

### Evaluating, Enhancing and Expanding Academic Advising in the School of Law

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#### AIM

The aim of this project, partnering with Law students, is to identify gaps and weaknesses in the current academic advisor programme in the SSL, and to implement initiatives to enhance the programme.

#### OBJECTIVES

The objectives are to:

- Establish a Student Strategy Group (done);
- Run two Student Focus Groups;
- Evaluate and enhance the academic advisor programme at Stage 1;
- Run Staff Training Workshops on the role of Academic Advisors;
- Introduce a skills-based level 3 module to complement LAW10420;
- Run aspects of the module on a pilot basis, with support from the Student Strategy Group and Focus Groups. Activities will include Student-Led Academic Advisory Workshops

#### STRATEGY

A student strategy group has been formed to identify gaps and weaknesses in the current academic advisor programme, as well as possible solutions and ideas for its improvement and enhancement. This Strategy Group will work with a Research Assistant to facilitate the running of two Student focus groups and facilitate Student-Led Academic Advisory Workshops, focusing on issues identified as important by students themselves.

A skills-based level 3 module, on Legal and Professional Development will be designed based on these initiatives which will run from 2022-2023 onwards. Feedback from the Student Strategy Group, Student Focus Groups and a Staff Workshop will be incorporated into the module design. Students taking this module will continue to assess the academic advisory programme and will run Academic Advisory Workshops as part of the module.

This will be a sustainable initiative with benefits for the students involved and other students in the SSL. Academic staff in the SSL will also benefit from having an enhanced and structured relationship with their academic advisees.