### Social Sciences Board

**Approved by Teaching Audit Committee 31 May 2013 and Education Committee on 23 July 2013**

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### Title of programme

Bachelor of Civil Law/Majister Juris

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### Brief note about nature of change:

Introduction of a new option for the BCL/MJur students, ‘International and European Criminal Law’

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### Effective date

1 October 2013

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### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2012*

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### Detail of change

1. P.947, after l.8, insert “International and European Criminal Law”.

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### Explanatory Notes

This change adds a new BCL/MJur option to be offered to students from the academic year 2013-14.

### Academic justification and course details:

Both international criminal law and European criminal law are areas International Criminal law is an area of significant growing importance in recent years. International criminal law, which deals with the prosecutions of individuals for international crimes, is an area of
significant growing importance in recent years. Although enforcement of international
criminal law may occur at both the domestic and international levels, the international
tribunals typically have more influence on the development of the substantive law. Since
the signing of the Rome Treaty and the establishment of the (permanent) International
Criminal Court international criminal law increasingly occupies a central place in
international law.

At the EU level, the law of Justice and Home Affairs has moved from being one of the two
intergovernmental 'pillars' of the EU's initial three-pillar structure to a more mainstream
and supranational position following the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon. The
practical effects of this area of law are already felt in domestic courts, the existence of the
European Arrest Warrant and the development of the substantive law on money
laundering providing just two examples.

The recent dramatic developments in these areas this area, and their its growing
importance is reflected in the growth of research as well as growth in the interest of
students to further their knowledge and understanding of these areas of law. Currently
the law faculty offers no courses for the BCL/MJur degrees in these areas and these
topics this area and this topic is are not covered elsewhere in the faculty's curriculum.

Many other universities offer courses on international criminal law and we believe that
there is also demand for a similar course at our university. Meanwhile, being a new
development, European criminal law is to a large extent an unexplored territory which we
think will provide an added value to the course and offer something which is not taught on
other BCL/MJur courses, and indeed is rarely taught at all in Law Faculties outside
Oxford, though it seems highly likely that this will change as the subject becomes more
mainstream.

With the introduction of this new course we hope to also attract research applications in
these areas and create a vibrant community of students interested in these areas of law.