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## **Seminar recordings in the Melbourne Law School**

### **GSA Council Policy Statement**

#### **GSA Position**

GSA calls on the Melbourne Law School to revise its policy around students' access to recordings of seminars in the following ways:

- 1. Ensure all seminars are recorded*  
Many seminars are already recorded. Extending this to all seminars will allow students who need them to be able to access recordings.  
GSA recognises that some sections of specific seminars may need to have recordings paused when confidential or sensitive material is discussed, but recording of seminars should be the default option.
- 2. Widen access to recordings of seminars to students who miss classes*  
Currently, recordings are only available to students who can demonstrate illness for a period of two weeks or more.  
To improve accessibility and equity for all students, GSA believes this access should be extended to all students who can demonstrate they had medical reasons for missing a class, or that other compelling personal reasons prevented them from attending.
- 3. Enable all students to access seminar recordings during Swotvac*  
This provides all students to use recordings to revise subject material prior to exams, without the potential to impact attendance at classes during semester

#### **Rationale**

GSA believes that University of Melbourne graduate students are dedicated and committed students, who seek every opportunity to succeed in their courses.

GSA appreciates the value students gain from actively participating in seminars and other classes, and recognises that this value cannot be fully replicated by listening to recordings. To this end, GSA encourages students to attend all classes for their courses.

However, a range of personal circumstances (including but not limited to illness, injury, caring responsibilities and work requirements) can mean that students may miss class from time to time. In these instances, having access to seminar recordings means they can still access the content of the seminars and not risk falling behind in their study.

Additionally, providing access to recordings to all students during the Swotvac period will give them the opportunity to use the recordings to revise the subject material and perform more effectively in exams.

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