**Legal Systems and Skills course**

Dear students,

Congratulations on joining the University of Manchester Law School!

After Welcome Week at the university from 16th September you will be commencing your degree studies with a two-week introductory Legal Systems and Skills course which begins on Monday 23 September 2019. This aims to prepare you for your legal studies, ensuring that you have the knowledge and understanding required to start to study each of the core Law course units and introducing key legal skills that will be developed during your studies. The course also introduces the academic legal skills needed for studying at a UK university, preparing you to work independently and participate in small-group teaching sessions.

You will receive a textbook, *Legal Skills* Finch and Fafinski (7th edn OUP), in Welcome Week to use during the Legal Systems and Skills course and this book will continue to be of use to you throughout your legal studies. You will also be using online resources during the course and we will show you how to access these.

Before you start your studies we are asking you to visit a Crown Court to see the law in context, and observe court proceedings and lawyers in this environment. This can be at a location near to where you are currently living but if you are not based in England and Wales, there will be time to do this after you arrive and settle in to Manchester. Full details are provided here on the Welcome Week website in the document ‘Court Visit’ which you will need to download, and may want to print. You will need to have completed your court visit by Monday 23rd September and bring the notes you make along on that day for the first Legal Systems and Skills session.

Your timetable for the two-week Legal Systems and Skills course will be available to you closer to the start of term via the Welcome Week website.

We are looking forward to meeting you soon.