

Juris Doctor Rules Governing Independent Research (Academic Rules I.N.1. and I.O.)

I. THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

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N. Non-Course Credit – General. Non-course credit may be earned from the following sources:

1. Independent Research. After the student's first year of law school, the student may obtain between zero and two credits during any semester or summer for supervised independent research and writing. If a seminar is available within which the same project could be written, the project should be written in that seminar.

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O. Non-Course Credit – Administration. Independent Research . . . shall be governed by the following administrative rules:

1. Each shall be graded on a pass/fail basis.
2. The student will enroll for the credit during the normal enrollment period for the semester or summer session.
3. . . . [E]nrollment may only be effected after a full-time faculty member volunteers to supervise the research project. . . . The full-time faculty member may enlist the assistance of others with expertise in the chosen field.
 - a. Credit is to be awarded when the approving faculty member certifies to the Dean that credit has been earned.
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 - b. The projects for which credit is awarded shall be made available to other students and to the faculty generally.
 - c. The "approving faculty member" is:
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(2) in the case of Independent Research . . . , the supervising faculty member;
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 - d. A student may earn no more than a total of six credits toward the JD Degree under this rule I.N. No more than two credits of Independent Research may be included in the six credits under this rule.

LLM candidates should refer to the LLM Academic Rules