



Approval to Enroll in Independent Supervised Research

I.D. NUMBER. _____ Last Name, First, M.I. _____ Date _____

I propose to undertake independent research on the following basis:

_____ Semester 20__ _____ 0 credits _____ 1 credit _____ 2 credits

I will work under the supervision of Professor _____
(Only a full-time faculty member or an approved part-time faculty member may supervise independent research and writing.)

The topic of my research will be: _____

All Law Students: This completed form must be submitted to the Office of the Law School Registrar by the 10th day of the semester or 5th day of the summer session, which is also the deadline to enroll in this course.

For LLM Candidates Only: LLM candidates must obtain preliminary approval from the Office of Graduate and International Programs (Warren Hall Room 218) before seeking faculty approval and completing this form.

The paper must be submitted in final form to the supervising professor on a date not later than the last day of the exam period, or such earlier date as the professor shall specify. Should no satisfactory paper be submitted by such date, the grade will be a withdrawal. If a withdrawal grade is assigned for the project, but credit for the work is still desired, one must re-register for independent research in a future academic term and pay tuition for it. *J.D. students who started Law School Fall 2009 and since may apply no more than 2 credits of Independent Study toward their degree.*

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I approve the above-named student's registration for Independent Supervised Research as indicated above with the paper to be submitted to me no later than (select one):

____ this date during the semester: _____

____ last day of classes _____ last day of exams

Full Name of Faculty Member _____ Signature of Full-Time Faculty Member _____ Date _____

Approval of Vice Dean: _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Records Office use only:

Date Entered _____ CRN _____ Initial _____

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

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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 faculty member who is either full-time or part-time including professors on phased retirement (e.g., tenured professor, professor in residence, professor of practice, professor of legal writing, jurist in residence, visiting professor or adjunct law professor) volunteers to supervise the research project. In the case of part-time professors, the Dean or Dean's designate must approve the choice.
 - a. Credit is to be awarded when the approving faculty member certifies to the Dean that credit has been earned. . . .
 - 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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 - (ii) 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