

**INDEPENDENT RESEARCH APPLICATION**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ "S" Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Class (2L/3L): \_\_\_\_\_ Law School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Hours Requested (1/2): \_\_\_\_\_ Total Credit Hours for Semester (include independent research) \_\_\_\_\_  
Advanced Writing Credit Requested: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Semester: \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you done Independent Research in a previous semester? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Submit with this application a detail written outline or an abstract of the topic along with a preliminary bibliography.**

**The following rules apply to all independent research projects.**

- Students on academic probation may not register for an independent research.
- A student may not register for more than one independent research during his/her matriculation at the Law Center.
- An independent research will not be granted during the summer session except for extraordinary conditions to be determined by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
- To be eligible for consideration, a full-time student must have earned at least 30 semester hours. A part-time day or evening student must have earned at least 24 credit hours.
- A student will not, as a rule, be allowed to take more than a total of sixteen (16) semester hours including the independent research hours.
- A student may drop the independent research course, but only after written notice to the Professor and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and only after timely completion of the withdrawal process.
- The applying student shall submit a detailed written outline or an abstract of the topic along with a preliminary bibliography to a full-time faculty member that the student is requesting to supervise the project.
- The faculty-member may deny permission for any reason.
- The completed application for independent research shall be submitted to the Office of Records and Registration no later than the official date for registration of the semester for which the independent research is requested.
- The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs may deny permission based on the topic, the workload of the student, the workload of the professor, or any other relevant factor.
- Students seeking upper level writing credit for an independent research project must meet the requirements stated in the Upper Level Writing Credit policy.
- A one-hour independent research paper must consist of a minimum of 15 type written pages with appropriate citations.
- A two-hour independent research paper must consist of a minimum of 30 type written pages and must be of publishable quality.
- The student shall confer individually with his/her supervising professor regularly during the semester to assess his/her research and written work. The student shall edit and rewrite his/her paper as necessary to a produce work of such quality that they could be published as student notes in a law review.
- A student research project must be completed during the same semester of enrollment unless extenuating circumstances prevents its completion. If this occurs the supervising professor must submit a statement explaining the delay.
- All final papers shall be given to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs by the supervising professor.

I understand my responsibilities under the Independent Research policy. A written outline or abstract of the topic and a preliminary bibliography are attached to this application. I also understand the Law Center's policy on plagiarism and honor code violations in relation to written work. I have discussed this project with \_\_\_\_\_ who has agreed to supervise it.

(Professor's Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Typed/Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervising Faculty Member's Signature  
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Project Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Writing Credit: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Denied: \_\_\_\_\_ Reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

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Date