



Independent Research Request Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Semester requested: _____

Subject of Research Paper: _____

Does the subject duplicate a current seminar? _____

If so, were you excluded by size limit from enrollment in the seminar? _____

Have you completed your fourth semester of Law School? _____

If no, please explain how you satisfy Rule § 3-2-6 _____

Please refer to Law School Rule § 3-2-6 which governs Independent Research approval.

§3-2-6 Independent Legal Research Credit

Up to three Legal Research credit hours may be earned by a student in or after the fifth semester in Law School through pursuit of a research interest not otherwise open because a seminar is not offered in that subject, or where the student is prevented from taking a seminar in that subject by size limitations on seminar enrollment, or where the student already took the relevant seminar, under the following conditions:

- A. The student desiring credit must, before enrolling for it, secure the consent of a faculty member willing to supervise the project; consent shall be obtained in writing, on a form furnished by the Registrar's Office that includes a detailed description of the research paper. One copy of the completed form will be delivered to the faculty member who will supervise the project, one copy will be filed in the Dean's Office, and one copy will be given to the Registrar.
B. In order to qualify for Independent Legal Research credits the student must produce a research paper at least equivalent to a seminar research paper, and as in the case of seminar papers the normal expectation is that a draft will be submitted, subjected to thorough critique by the faculty member supervising the project, and redrafted. Further redrafts may be required by the faculty member before a grade is assigned to the work.
C. Up to two graded credit hour will be given for such work, in the discretion of the supervising faculty member. In extraordinary circumstances, and with the permission of the supervising faculty member, a student may petition to receive a total of three credits for a single project. Such a petition should only be granted by the Dean's Office for projects of extraordinary length and complexity.
D. Nothing herein shall be taken to prevent students in their fourth semester of law school from obtaining approval of a project and beginning work on it, with a view toward completion and enrollment for credit in a subsequent semester.

Please submit this form to the Registrar no later than one week prior to the add deadline for the semester in which you seek credit. Please give a copy to your supervising professor.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Approved: _____
Supervising Professor

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Vice Dean

Date: _____