

INDEPENDENT STUDIES FACULTY SUPERVISION FORM

Independent studies, which may be taken for one hour or two hours of credit, allow a student to undertake independent study leading to a substantial research paper under the supervision of one or more faculty members. A student may not receive credit for more than 2 hours of independent study credit without prior approval by Associate Dean Jackson. The independent study will be offered on a letter grade basis only.

Prior to registration for an independent study, the student is given this form and instructed to contact (a) faculty member(s) who teaches, works, or has an interest in the area of law in which the student is contemplating doing independent research work.

The independent research process is very much akin to the process in which a student writes a law review article for the purpose of publication. The student should therefore work with you in the development of a topic, and, in the course of the student's research, the student should submit an outline, a draft of the paper, and such other materials as you deem appropriate.

If the student is taking the course for one hour of credit, the work generally should lead to a substantial research paper of at least 20 pages (double spaced) in length, exclusive of footnotes. If the student is taking the course for two hours of credit, the work generally should lead to a substantial research paper of at least 40 pages (double spaced) in length, exclusive of footnotes. In certain circumstances, work of an equivalent nature may be acceptable in lieu of paper of these respective lengths.

The schedule of work for the student and faculty member for that quarter is as follows:

4 th Monday	Student's outline is due for faculty review
4 th Friday	Faculty will review and return outline to student
7 th Monday	First draft is due for faculty review and suggestions
8 th Monday	Faculty will review and return first draft to student
Last day of classes	Final draft is due

Please sign the statement in Part I below when you first agree to supervise the student. The student should have a topic selected at that time. This form will be returned to the Registrar by the student.

Part I (Agreement to Supervise and Assignment of Credit Hours)

I have agreed to supervise _____ (name of student and I.D. number) in the completion of an independent study paper. The paper will be written for ____ (1 or 2) credit hours. I understand that at the time the student returns this form, signed by me, to the Registrar's office, he/she may enroll in the Independent Studies course for the designated number of credit hours. Enrollment is subject to the same procedure and deadlines as all other coursework.

Date

Signature of Faculty Member

Name of Faculty Member: _____

Part II (Previous Independent Studies)

_____ has previously completed _____ hours of independent study.

Date

Signature of Registrar

Part III

Approved by Associate Dean.

Date

Signature of Associate Dean

Memo to Students Planning on Enrolling in Independent Studies

Independent Studies in Law may be taken for one hour (Law 9199), or two hours (Law 9299), and allows a student to undertake independent study leading to a substantial research paper under the supervision of one or more faculty members.

At the time a student registers for the course or prior to registration, the student must obtain an “Independent Studies Faculty Supervision Form” from the Registrar and have Part I of the form completed by a faculty member(s) who teaches, works, or has an interest in the area of law in which the student is contemplating doing independent research work.

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If the student is taking the course for one hour of credit, the work generally must lead to a substantial research paper of at least 20 pages (double spaced) in length, exclusive of footnotes. If the student is taking the course for two hours of credit, the work generally must lead to a substantial research paper of at least 40 pages, (double spaced) in length, exclusive of footnotes. In certain circumstances, work of an equivalent nature may be acceptable in lieu of a paper of these respective lengths.

After the student’s work has been evaluated by the supervising faculty member, a grade will be submitted to the Law School registrar for posting on the student’s academic transcript.