

# 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 the associate dean. 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 who teaches, works, or has an interest in 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 the professor in the development of a topic, and, during the student's research, the student should submit an outline, a draft of the paper, and such other materials as the professor deems 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 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Student's outline is due for faculty review.
4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Faculty will review and return the outline to the student.
7 <sup>th</sup> Monday	First draft is due for faculty review and suggestions.
8 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Faculty will review and return the first draft to the student.
Last day of classes	Final draft is due.

Faculty: 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's Office by the student.

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

*Student:*

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*Student Name*

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*Student Signature*

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*Student ID*

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*Date*

This independent study will satisfy the requirements for the Administrative Law Professional Track (check if applicable): [  ]

This independent study will satisfy the requirements for the Real Estate & Natural Resources Professional Track (check if applicable): [  ]

*Faculty:*

I have agreed to supervise the above student 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 Study for the designated number of credit hours. Enrollment is subject to the same procedure and deadlines as all other coursework. The topic of the independent study will be:

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*Printed Faculty Name*

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*Faculty Signature*

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## Part II (Previous Independent Studies)

This above student has previously completed \_\_\_\_\_ hours of independent study.

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*Registrar's Office Signature*

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## Part III (Associate Dean Approval)

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*Associate Dean Signature*