

Special Research & Writing Petition

Overview: The Law Center permits students to earn academic credit for writing an independent research paper under the supervision of a faculty member. Students should approach a faculty member who teaches subjects related to his/her area of interest. You should have some idea about the paper topic before approaching a possible faculty supervisor for your project.

Note: Adjunct Professors may not supervise a special research & writing course without special permission and supervision from the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

Credit: Credit for this course is graded on the ordinary grading scale from A to F. The supervising faculty member may also withdraw you from this course for unsatisfactory performance. Special Research & Writing does not satisfy the senior writing requirement and the paper produced cannot be used for other courses.

Requirements:

1. Students are able to obtain a maximum of four hours of Special Research & Writing credit for his/her law school career.
2. Special Research & Writing credit is included within the non-substantive course cap towards your graduation requirements.
3. You must finish your paper and submit it to the professor during the semester in which you registered for the credit in time to receive a grade. Students whose grades are not submitted within this time frame may be administratively withdrawn.

Paper Lengths (per credit):

- 1 credit - 15 pages in length, plus footnotes
- 2 credits - 25 pages in length, plus footnotes
- 3 credits - 40 pages in length, plus footnotes
- 4 credits - 55 pages in length, plus footnotes

Number of credits: _____

Supervising Professor: _____ (Print clearly)

Professor's Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Approval Signature (Assistant Dean for Student Affairs): _____



Registration Information

Student Name: _____ PeopleSoft ID# _____

Course #: _____ Section #: _____ Semester/Year: _____

Comments: