

**SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF LAW**

**Independent Research Approval
Two-Semester Project**

Name of Student _____ 3L _____ 2L _____ (check one)

Student ID Number _____ Semester _____ Semester _____ Year _____

Name of Faculty Member _____

Academic Rule E.2(b) provides: Two-Semester Independent Research Projects. A student may earn 2 hours of fully graded credit for independent research under faculty supervision which results in a significant research project by the student on a topic of the student's choice. The student's research product is to be completed over a two-semester period. The student must secure approval of a supervising faculty member before registering for such credit. Credit will be given only for research undertaken after the student actually registers for the independent research project. Satisfactory completion of a two- semester independent research project may satisfy the writing requirement for graduation provided that the project satisfies the requirements of Rule A(3)(b). Students may not register for more than four credits of independent research projects during their law school careers without first seeking the approval of the Academic Standards Committee. Such approval shall be granted if, in the judgment of the Committee, taking into consideration the student's academic record, the academic integrity of the student's overall program will not be impaired.

Approval is requested to register for Course No. 991, Section 1, Independent Research. Following is a description of the independent research project to be undertaken in conformance with the above-quoted Academic Rule:

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Signature of Faculty Member _____ Date _____

Registration approved by _____ Date _____

Final Grade _____ Date _____

Certified by _____