

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Independent Research Approval

Two Semester Project

Student Name: _____ SUID#: _____

Student Email: _____ Graduation Term (Month/Year): _____

Registration Term (check one): Fall Spring Summer Year: _____

Number of credits (1 or 2): _____

Academic Rule 5.1.3.2.(JD): A student may earn 1 or 2 hours of fully graded credit for independent research under faculty supervision which results in a significant research product by the student, on a topic of the student's choice that is approved by the faculty supervisor. The student's research product is to be completed in one or two semesters, as designated at the time of registration. The student must secure approval of a supervising faculty member before registering for such credit. Credit will be given only for research and writing undertaken after the student registers for the independent research project. The satisfactory completion of an independent research project may satisfy the writing requirement for graduation provided that the project satisfies the requirements of and is certified under Rule 2.1.5.5. Students may not register for more than four (4) credit hours 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. Independent Research Projects will not be subject to the Grading Curve. Independent Research Projects must be graded on the Alternative Grading System.

Academic Rule 6.1.2.5. (LL.M.): A student may earn two (2) hours per semester 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. A two-semester independent research project may qualify for satisfaction of the writing requirement. 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.

Description of Independent Research Project (Faculty: Please complete or insure the accuracy of the following description):

Signature of Student _____ Date: _____

Signature of Supervising Faculty Member _____ Date: _____

Note to Students: This signed form must be submitted to the College of Law Registrar's Office – Suite 220, where the appropriate section of LAW 991 Independent Research will be added to your schedule. No further registration action is necessary. Per Academic Handbook rule 3.1.2., the maximum academic semester course load is 16 credits – you must petition to exceed this number, and that petition must be approved before Independent Research credits will be added.

Grading Deadline: Per Academic Handbook rule 13.6., for classes where the grade is not based upon a final examination, the grade shall be due four weeks from the date of the first examination for fall courses, and three weeks from the date of the first examination for spring courses.