

## INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Fall Semester 20\_\_\_\_

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 Spring Semester 20\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Please describe your research project: (1) the problem that you plan to investigate, (2) the sources that you intend to use, and (3) the paper that you intend to write. You should define the problem clearly and relate it to the state of the existing law. Your proposal should explain, as completely as possible, the paper you plan to write. A paper for one hour credit should be a minimum of 15 pages in length, exclusive of footnotes; one for two hours, a minimum of 25 pages. Your proposal should cite actual authority, court decisions, statutes, articles, and books. Very few proposals will be shorter than one or two pages.

If your project is related to work that you are doing or have done for a law review or journal note, then add (4) the circumstances that justify approval—for example, how it will expand upon or differ from your work for that publication.

If you have done earlier work on the subject, for example in a seminar or an earlier independent study, paragraph (4) of your proposal should disclose that and define what the changes and new directions will be.

If your project will satisfy the upper-level writing requirement, then (5) comply with Paragraph 14 of the Law Catalog under Juris Doctor – Degree Requirements.

This project is approved for:

one hour (ungraded credit)

two hours (ungraded credit)

when successfully completed

will be used to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement.

will not be used to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement.

Sponsoring Professor \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Sponsoring Professor: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Independent Research Committee:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair – Signature (Rendleman)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Demleitner)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Hu)