



INDEPENDENT LEGAL RESEARCH/ WRITING REQUEST

Submit completed form to Law School Registrar by last day of add/drop

Term: Fall Spring Summer Year: 2018 2019 2020

Student Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Course: LAW 704-01 Legal Research, 1 credit hour, graded
LAW 705-01 Independent Legal Writing, 2 credit hours, graded

Subject area or project title: _____

NOTE; a brief description of the project MUST be attached.

GENERAL POLICY

Faculty should require regular consultations regarding the writing project and the submission of a draft. Specifically for **LAW 705 01** the student will be expected to interact and consult throughout the writing process with the faculty supervisor. At a minimum the student will be expected to submit a topic statement, an outline, a first draft, and a revised final draft to the faculty supervisor. The faculty supervisor will comment on the submitted documents and suggest, if needed, additional avenues for research, alternative arguments, changes in organization, and other revisions. Attention will be given both to the substance and the form of the written product. Both LAW 704 01 and LAW 705 01 are graded courses. Though one may enroll in LAW 704 and LAW 705 simultaneously, two distinct papers must be produced. It is not permissible to combine the credits to create a longer paper.

The American Bar Association standards for accrediting law schools require not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-class student work per week, or the equivalent amount of work over the course of the semester, for each credit awarded.

Because independent research and writing projects do not involve classroom instruction, students are therefore expected to spend an amount of time equal to at least three hours of work each week on research, writing, and other work related to the writing project for each credit earned.

Further guidelines are found online at <http://law.wm.edu/academics/howto/register/index.php>

Please note that independent projects are due no later than the last day of exams for the semester in which the student is registered. No extensions of this deadline will be granted except under extraordinary circumstances. Permission for an extension must be obtained from the instructor and the Associate Dean for Administration.

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