

DEAN MOUTON'S APPROVAL _____ DATE _____



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

LAW 802 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH I, SEMESTER/YEAR _____

OR

LAW 803 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH II, SEMESTER/YEAR _____

NAME _____ DATE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

PROFESSOR'S NAME (PRINTED) _____

1. Get an application for Independent Research from Mrs. Johnson in the Dean's Area, on Dean Mouton's TWEN website for Independent Research, or download this form, fill out and submit as directed.
2. Get a written approval of a tenured or tenure track supervising faculty member to write a research paper under his/her supervision for the semester. The paper must be equivalent in scope to a Law Review article of at least 20 double spaced typewritten pages, excluding the cover, table of contents, footnotes, and Table of Authorities, written on a topic of your choice.
3. Submit the written application for Independent Research with your signature and your supervising faculty member's signature. Attach an exhaustive outline for the paper. (Refer to the first reading assignment in Scholarly Writing for Law Students, Chapters 1-4. The book is required for this course and may be purchased in the university bookstore or wherever law books are sold. Good examples of acceptable outlines are on pp. 85-87).
4. Get Dean Mouton's written approval to register for this course.
5. Register for the course during the registration period. You will need to contact Mrs. Green, law school Register, as this is a closed enrollment course.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. No student will be allowed to register for Law 802 or Law 803 who:
 - a. has an unfinished paper in a course in which an “I” is pending
 - b. Does not have a grade of “C” or better in any course that is a foundation course for the paper.
 - c. Does not have written approval of the supervising professor.
 - d. Does not have written approval of Dean Mouton.
2. A student must first enroll in Law 802, Independent Research I in one semester before he/she can register in Law 803 Independent Research II.
3. A student may enroll in Law 803, Independent Research II, only after having successfully completed Law 802 with a minimum grade of “B”.
4. If a student enrolls in Law 803, the student must show that the proposed paper is substantially different from the work done by the student in Law 802, even if the topics are related.
5. The student must submit an exhaustive outline of the proposed paper to the supervising professor.
6. The supervising professor must be teaching in, or have competence in, the general area of the proposed student research.
7. The supervising professor and student must meet at least once every month during the semester until the paper is completed.
8. The student must submit the completed paper to his supervising professor and submit a duplicate copy to Dean Mouton’s office on the date the paper is due for submission. Dean Mouton’s office will verify that the paper has met minimum page requirements, minimum footnote requirements, as well as other format requirements. The supervising professor will grade the substantive requirements of the paper and submit a grade to Dean Mouton on or before grades are due to be submitted.

GUIDELINES FOR AN APPROVED OUTLINE

1. Refer to the first reading assignment in Scholarly Writing for Law Students, Chapters 1-4. Good examples of acceptable outlines are on pp. 85-87.*

2. The paper should be
 - a. of Law review quality
 - b. at least 20 double spaced typewritten pages in length, excluding the cover, table of contents, footnotes, and bibliography
 - c. properly foot noted or end noted

*Source for guidance: Elizabeth Fajans and Mary R. Falk, Scholarly Writing for Law Students, Thomson West

APPLICATION TO REGISTER

LAW 802, INDEPENDENT RESEARCH I, SEMESTER/YEAR _____

OR

LAW 803, INDEPENDENT RESEARCH II, SEMESTER/YEAR _____

1. Student Name: _____
2. Number of law school credit hours successfully completed _____
3. Number of law school credit hours in which you are presently enrolled _____
4. Number of incomplete (I) grades still pending _____
5. List any courses you have taken where your FINAL grade was LESS than a "C"

6. Present law school cumulative grade point average _____
7. Semester for which you are applying: Spring _____ Summer _____ Fall _____
8. Course for which you are applying (Check One)
_____ Law 802 Independent Research I
_____ Law 803 Independent Research II
- **You cannot apply for Research II unless you have enrolled in Independent Research I and received a grade of "B" or better.**
9. Name of Professor sponsoring your paper (Please Print)

10. Proposed topic of your paper : _____

11. If applying for Independent Research II please complete the following:
Semester and Year enrolled in Independent Research I _____
Supervising Professor _____
Final Grade Received _____

12. Attach a copy of the DETAILED outline of your proposed research paper along with a brief summary explaining the purpose or significance of this research.
13. Meet with Professor at least once every month during the semester until your paper is completed.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Supervising Professor

Date

Signature of Dean Mouton

Date

An application will be processed only if it has an attached outline of the proposed research area and the signatures of the supervising Professor and Dean Mouton. Completed applications should be filed with Mrs. Johnson, Dean Mouton's Administrative Assistant, Room 223, Dean's Suite, 2nd floor.