



INDEPENDENT RESEARCH REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

LAW 802 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH I OR LAW 803 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH II

1. Download and Fill out the Independent Research Application located at http://www.tsulaw.edu/student_affairs/forms.html or get a hard copy from Mrs. Johnson in the Dean's Area. Submit the form as directed.
2. Select a topic of your choice. Research statutes, case law, and judicial decisions related to your topic.
3. Write an exhaustive outline citing applicable sources you found during your preliminary research.
4. Submit completed application with outline attached, to your supervising faculty.
5. After faculty has approved and signed your application, submit the signed application and outline to the Dean of Academic Affairs for approval.
6. 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.
7. Submit the written application 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 of the book).
8. Register for the course during the registration period. You will need to contact Mrs. Johnson at studentaffairs@tmslaw.tsu.edu to 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 of Academic Affairs.
 - e. Has not completed Appellate Litigation.
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”. *This does not prevent a student from submitting an application for Law 803. However, the minimum grade of requirement must be satisfied prior to the approval to enroll.*
4. If a student intends to register 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 monthly.
8. The student must submit the completed paper to his supervising professor on the date the paper is due for submission. The supervising professor will grade the substantive requirements of the paper and submit a grade to the Registrar Office 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. The outline must include proper citations as evidence of preliminary research. 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 Table of Authorities, and Honor Code Statement
 - c. properly foot noted or end noted with at least 100 footnotes

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

APPLICATION TO REGISTER FOR

Law 802 - Independent Research I Or Law 803 - Independent Research II

1. Applicant Information:

Student Name: _____ T Number: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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/Year/Grade Received in Appellate Litigation _____

8. Semester for which you are applying: Spring _____ Summer _____ Fall _____

9. 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. This does not prevent a student from applying for Independent Research II. However, enrollment will not be approved until the Independent Research I grade is received from the professor.**

10. Name of Professor sponsoring your paper (Please Print) _____

11. Proposed topic of your paper _____

12. If applying for Independent Research II please complete the following:

Semester and Year enrolled in Independent Research I _____

Supervising Professor _____

Final Grade Received _____

13. 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.

14. Meeting dates for review of progress on research. Students are encouraged to have at least six meetings with supervising professor before submitting final papers. The due date for final paper submission to supervising professor is the last day of final exam week.

Please attach to this application a copy of proposed meeting dates with your supervising professor to review your progress.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Supervising Professor

Date

Signature of Dean of Academic Affairs

Date

An application will be processed only if it has an attached outline of the proposed research area and the signatures of supervising Professor and Dean of Academic Affairs. Completed applications should be returned to Office of Student Affairs at the Law School.