Approval to Enroll in Supervised Independent Research

I.D. NUMBER. Last Name, First, M.I. Date

I propose to undertake independent research on the following basis:

___________ Semester 20__ __0 credits __1 credit __2 credits

I will work under the supervision of Professor ____________________________
(Only a full-time faculty member may supervise independent research and writing.)

The topic of my research will be: ________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________

All Law Students: This completed form must be submitted to the Office of the Law School Registrar by the 10th day of the semester or 5th day of the summer session, which is also the deadline to enroll in this course.

For LLM Candidates Only: LLM candidates must obtain preliminary approval from the Office of Graduate and International Programs (Warren Hall Room 207) before seeking faculty approval and completing this form.

The paper must be submitted in final form to the supervising professor and a copy must be submitted to the Vice Dean on a date not later than the last day of the exam period, or such earlier date as the professor shall specify. Should no satisfactory paper and copy be submitted by such date, the grade will be a withdrawal. If a withdrawal grade is assigned for the project, but credit for the work is still desired, one must re-register for independent research in a future academic term and pay tuition for it. J.D. students who started Law School Fall 2009 and since may apply no more than 2 credits of Independent Study toward their degree.

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Student Signature Date

I approve the above-named student's registration for Supervised Independent Research as indicated above with the paper to be submitted to me and to the Vice Dean no later than (select one):

___this date during the semester: ________________________________
___last day of classes   ___last day of exams

______________________________________________ Date

Signature Of Full-Time Faculty Member

Approval of Associate Dean: ________________________________ Date

Records Office use only:

Date Entered CRN Initial

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I. THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE

N. Non-Course Credit – General. Non-course credit may be earned from the following sources:
   1. Independent Research. After the student’s first year of law school, the student may obtain between zero and two credits during any semester or summer for supervised independent research and writing. If a seminar is available within which the same project could be written, the project should be written in that seminar.

O. Non-Course Credit – Administration. Independent Research . . . shall be governed by the following administrative rules:
   1. Each shall be graded on a pass/fail basis.
   2. The student will enroll for the credit during the normal enrollment period for the semester or summer session.
   3. . . . [E]nrollment may only be effected after a full-time faculty member volunteers to supervise the research project. . . . The full-time faculty member may enlist the assistance of others with expertise in the chosen field.
      a. Credit is to be awarded when the approving faculty member certifies to the Dean that credit has been earned.
      . . .
      b. The projects for which credit is awarded shall be made available to other students and to the faculty generally.
      c. The “approving faculty member” is:
         . . .
          (2) in the case of Independent Research . . . , the supervising faculty member;
          . . .
      d. A student may earn no more than a total of six credits toward the JD Degree under this rule I.N. No more than two credits of Independent Research may be included in the six credits under this rule.

LLM candidates should refer to the LLM Academic Rules