

Semester: \_\_\_\_\_ Law 595- \_\_\_\_\_ CRN: \_\_\_\_\_

## INDEPENDENT RESEARCH & WRITING PROPOSAL

TO: Associate Dean \_\_\_\_\_

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

Student's DawgTag# \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_@**siu.edu**

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be **FULL-TIME Faculty Member**)

**Semester & Year** research is to **begin**: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of semesters completed at beginning of research: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student must have reached his or her fourth full-time semester to be eligible for this course)

Cumulative GPA at beginning of research: \_\_\_\_\_ (Min. = 2.600)

- How credit many hours in the **Graduate School** have you taken for **law credit?** \_\_\_\_\_ (Credit earned for independent research counts against the 6 hours of graduate course work allowed for law students.)
- How many credit hours of **Courses Outside Regularly Scheduled Class Sessions** at the Law School have you taken? \_\_\_\_\_ (Credit earned for independent research counts against the 25 hours of courses outside regularly schedule class session allowed for law students.) *Courses outside regularly scheduled class sessions include but are not limited to Judicial Externship, Public Interest Externship, Semester in Practice Externship, Advanced Appellate Moot Court, Advanced Mock Trial, Law Journal, Journal of Legal Medicine, Independent Research & Writing, graduate courses taken at SIUC & SIUE.*
- How many **credit hours** will be given for **this project?** \_\_\_\_\_ (Max. = 6)
- Can this project be undertaken in a regularly offered law school course or seminar?  
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Describe subject matter: \_\_\_\_\_  
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STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSOCIATE DEAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RULES OF THE  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2013–14**

**ARTICLE IV - SPECIAL RULES REGARDING CURRICULUM**

**7. Independent Research and Writing** [amended 4/19/11]

(a) Supervision, Proposal, Credit Hours and Approval. A student desiring to enroll for this course must find a full-time law faculty member to supervise the project and the student must present a written proposal to the Associate Dean which sets forth the project scope, the proposed credit hours, and which includes the faculty supervisor's approval. This proposal must be approved by the Associate Dean before the student will be permitted to register for the course. The project cannot be approved when the student could conduct the project through a regularly offered law school course or Senior Writing Seminar. Any credit earned for such a project must be credited toward the six credit hours of graduate course work allowed to a student under Rule IV.6(a). A student must have completed 44 credit hours in law school to be eligible for the course. All approvals must be obtained before the semester begins. No faculty member is required to supervise any independent research and writing project and a faculty member shall not supervise more than two independent research and writing projects per semester.

**8. Eligibility for Law Journal, Journal of Legal Medicine, Independent Research, and Non-School of Law Courses**

No student shall be eligible to enroll for academic credit in Law Journal, Journal of Legal Medicine, Independent Research and Writing, or non-School of Law courses unless such student shall have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.6 [2.45 for students who matriculated at the School of Law prior to June 9, 2008] at the beginning of the semester in which the student is enrolled in such class.[amended 4/15/08; 4/19/11]

**ARTICLE III - ACADEMIC REGULATIONS**

**5. Course and Degree Requirements** [amended 5/11/10; 5/5/11]

(c) Other Requirements for Graduation. In order to obtain a J.D. degree, a student must also:

(viii) receive credit for no more than 25 hours of the 90 hours required by Rule III.5(c)(vii) in courses outside "regularly scheduled class sessions at the law school." Courses that count against this 25 credit hour limitation are those ABA Standard 304 indicates may not be counted as attendance in regularly scheduled class sessions, including Field Placements, Advanced Appellate Moot Court, Advanced Mock Trial, Law Journal, Journal of Legal Medicine, Independent Research and Writing, graduate school courses and other courses taken in departments outside of the law school for which credit toward the J.D. degree is granted, and any other courses determined by the Associate Dean as falling within ABA limitations. Legal Clinic courses do not fall within the 25 credit hour limitation. [added 5/5/11]