



Special Research & Writing Course Petition Graduate Legal Studies

Special Research and Writing permits LL.M. students to earn academic credit for writing an independent research paper under the supervision of a tenured or tenure-track faculty member. Adjunct professors may not supervise Special Research & Writing without special permission from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Students should approach a faculty member that teaches subjects related to his/her area of interest. You should have some idea about the topic before approaching a possible faculty supervisor for your project.

Registration for Special Research and Writing is through submission of this form to the LL.M. Admissions. Students cannot register online for the course. Faculty Advisor Approval is required if utilizing these credits for specialty-specific coursework requirements for EENR, Health, INTL, IPIL or Tax LL.M. degree plans.

(Special Research and Writing is not intended to be used for students who opt to write a thesis. A thesis must be written through the Masters Thesis course.)

You must receive a minimum grade of "C" to receive credit. *Papers must be completed and submitted to the professor during the semester in which you registered for the course. Students whose papers are not submitted within this time frame may be administratively withdrawn from the course: Incompletes ("I") are not given.*

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| Paper Lengths (per credit) | 1 credit | -5,000 words, including footnotes |
| | 2 credits | -10,000 words, including footnotes |
| | 3 credits | -15,000 words, including footnotes |
| | 4 credits | -20,000 words, including footnotes |

Student: _____ PS# _____

UH Email: _____ Course # _____

Section # _____ Semester/Year _____ No. of Credits _____

Faculty Advisor Approval _____ Date: _____

Supervising Professor:

Name (Please Print)

Signature