

Upper-Level Writing Requirement Information

As a requisite for graduation, all students must satisfy the Upper-Level Writing Requirement. Students may satisfy the Upper-Level Writing Requirement as a part of a two (2) credit seminar, an approved advanced drafting course, an approved two (2) credit independent research paper, or through a note written by a FAMU Law Review member. Courses approved for satisfaction of the Upper-Level Writing Requirement must earn a grade of B- or above and must meet the minimum standards outlined below. The faculty certification must be approved in the semester the grade is recorded for courses satisfying the upper-level writing requirement.

Seminar Paper or Independent Research Paper

The research paper must be a minimum of 25 pages in length including footnotes, and the paper must meet all the standards listed on the Upper-Level Writing Requirement certification form.

Advanced Drafting Course

Advanced drafting courses that satisfy this requirement fall in the following categories: transactional legal drafting, litigation-oriented legal drafting, legislative drafting, and appellate legal drafting. Practice-oriented writing courses can be used to satisfy the Upper-Level Writing Requirement only if the faculty member teaching the course agrees in advance to require the following:

- 25 pages minimum of qualifying written work
- The written work must
 - * involve legal analysis;
 - * involve individual/original thought and drafting;
 - * be subjected to instructor review and student revision;
 - * have proper writing style for the legal context; and
 - * use proper legal citation form for the legal context.

Students in these courses may elect to have their credit fulfill either a portion of the Experiential Learning Requirement or the Upper-Level Writing Requirement, but not both. Courses approved for satisfaction of the Upper-level Writing Requirement must meet all the standards listed on the Upper-Level Writing certification form.

Law Review Note

Law Review notes meeting the standards satisfy the Upper-Level Writing Requirement. The certification may be given by either the Law Review faculty advisor or, preferably, a faculty member with expertise in the area of the student's writing. Law Review members should identify and confirm the faculty member that will certify their note as early in the process as possible.

The Upper-Level Writing Requirement may not be satisfied at any other institution under any circumstances.



Upper-Level Writing Requirement Certification Form for Law Review Notes

Law Review Faculty Advisor Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____ FAMU Student ID#: _____

Indicate Semester and Year: Fall _____ Spring _____ Summer _____

- ☐ The above student is a member of the Florida A&M University Law Review.
- ☐ The above student has fulfilled Upper-Level Writing Requirement by completing a Note for the Florida A&M University Law Review titled:

☐ The Note has been accepted for publication in the following co-curricular law school journal:

CERTIFICATION

The writing requirement is not automatically satisfied by successfully completing the requirements for submitting a Law Review note. The Law Review faculty advisor must complete this certification form to certify that the Law Review note satisfies the standards of the Upper-Level Writing Requirement. The faculty member will then submit the completed certification form to the College of Law Registrar.

Inasmuch as the above-mentioned note:

I certify that the above-mentioned note:

[] is a significant analytical paper

[] Satisfies the Requirement

[] reflects substantial legal research

[] Does not satisfy the Requirement

[] contains original thought

[] displays proper writing style and

[] uses correct citation form

CREDIT HOUR POLICY COMPLIANCE

A student must complete at least 45 hours of work during the semester for each academic credit awarded, as evaluated by the faculty advisor. This student completed _____ hours of work to be awarded _____ credit hours.

Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____

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