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**Method of Satisfying the Upperclass
 Writing Requirement**

This form must be completed **in its entirety** and signed before it is submitted to the Office of the Registrar. Selected guidelines governing the petitions process are listed on the reverse of this form.

PLEASE PRINT:

 Last Name First Middle

 Current Year/Division

 Student Signature – **REQUIRED** Date

 Anticipated Semester/Year of Graduation

| Check One | Method Used to Satisfy the Upperclass Writing Requirement | Semester/Year of Enrollment |
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| | A paper for a seminar designated by the instructor as requiring writing that will satisfy the upperclass writing requirement. Seminar Title: _____ Instructor: _____ | |
| | A special research project of not less than two credits. A completed & signed special research project application must accompany this form. Supervised by Professor: _____ | |
| | A piece certified by the faculty advisor of the Law Review, the Journal of International Law, the Public Interest Law Journal, or the Insurance Law Journal to be publishable or nearly publishable. <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Law Journal <input type="checkbox"/> Law Review <input type="checkbox"/> Journal of International Law <input type="checkbox"/> Public Interest Law Journal | |
| | A substantial paper in a course in which the professor permits no more than 5 students to submit papers for course credit in lieu of an examination. Course Title: _____ Instructor: _____ | |

Faculty Member's Signature/ Date

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Upperclass Writing Requirement

Students fulfill the upperclass writing requirement by writing a paper of an intensive, analytical character pursued through multiple supervised drafts before the final draft to produce a substantial paper of high quality. The requirement may be satisfied by any of the following methods:

1. a special research project of not less than two credit hours supervised by a member of the full-time faculty
2. a paper for a seminar designated by the instructor as requiring writing that would satisfy the requirement
3. a piece certified to be publishable or nearly publishable by the faculty advisor of the Connecticut Law Review, the Connecticut Journal of International Law, the Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal, or the Connecticut Insurance Law Journal. (Please note: Not all work for these journals will satisfy the upperclass requirement. Even if a student's work is accepted for publication, the piece must undergo multiple drafts supervised by the faculty advisor in order to qualify for upperclass credit. Faculty advisors are not necessarily available to supervise student journal pieces and should be consulted at or near the beginning of a project if such supervision is desired.)
4. a substantial paper in a course in which the professor permits no more than five students to submit papers for course credit in lieu of an exam and which otherwise must meet the standards of the upperclass writing requirement.

Except in the case of the above-listed journals, satisfaction of the upperclass writing requirement must be by work done on graded basis (i.e., not on a pass/fail basis). Students on journals may satisfy the requirement by undertaking a separate special research project for up to two credits based on research and writing substantially similar to that which they are doing in connection with their required journal piece.

Because of the multiple draft requirement, students should begin work on a project designed to satisfy the requirement no later than the beginning of their next to last semester of study. (That is, if a student plans to graduate in May, he/she should begin work on the project not later than the beginning of the Fall semester.)

Student must have a completed [Method of Satisfying the Upperclass Writing Requirement form](#) on file at the Office of the Registrar prior to graduation, though earlier suggested deadlines are posted.