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Upperclass Writing Requirement

Students fulfill the upperclass writing requirement by writing a substantial paper of an intensive, analytical character which is of high quality. Students are expected to produce as many drafts as necessary to produce a paper meeting this standard, but in all cases are required to submit an initial draft and to make at least one round of revisions after receiving comments from their faculty supervisor. The requirement may be satisfied by any of the methods below. 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.) There is no specified minimum length requirement for a special research project that satisfies the upperclass writing requirement, but the general expectation is that the writing will be 10-15 pages in length per credit. The supervising faculty member has discretion to award credits based on the scope and depth of the student's research and analysis and the amount of work involved, regardless of a paper's length.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name and Student ID Number	
Year and Division (ex: 2L Evening) and Expected Year of Graduation	
Student Signature	

UPPERCLASS WRITING REQUIREMENT INFORMATION

CHECK ONE	METHOD OF SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENT	NAME OF INSTRUCTOR ALSO INCLUDE SEMINAR, COURSE OR JOURNAL TITLE	SEMESTER AND YEAR OF ENROLLMENT OF THE CREDITS	DUE DATE OF FIRST DRAFT AND FINAL SUBMISSION
	A paper for a seminar designated by the instructor as requiring writing that would satisfy the requirement.			
	A special research project of not less than two credit hours supervised by a member of the full-time faculty.			
	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. <i>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 a member of the full time faculty 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.</i>			
	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.			

APPROVAL SIGNATURE

Faculty Supervisor Signature and Date	
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