

Research Offerings

All of the offerings listed here count against the 19-point maximum non-course offerings allowed for the J.D. Degree

L6683/L6689 Supervised Research Paper

1 to 3 points per term;

No more than 4 points per academic year

Please see Rule 1.5 of Rules for the J.D. Degree

NOTE: A significant written product and substantial oversight from the faculty supervisor is required to earn academic credit for Supervised Research Paper (L6683/L6689).

As the resolution adopted by the Faculty for Supervised Research [codified in J.D. Rule 1.5] reads in relevant part: *For example, a paper that will require work comparable to that required by a 2-credit seminar (e.g., approximately 6500–8000 words) should be awarded 2 points of credit. As a very rough guide, it may be assumed that a paper of the scope and length of a law review Note (e.g., approximately 10,000–12,000 words) would qualify for 3 points.*

Internships, externships (other than Columbia Law offerings), directed reading projects, research registered to satisfy Curricular Practical Training authorization for visa purposes, among other, must be accompanied by such a written product in order to be eligible for academic points.

Course-related research paper: If you are seeking academic credit for extra research and writing in conjunction with a seminar or course, you must register under Supervised Research Paper and satisfy the requirements as described above and in Rule 1.5. Normally, the cap for this work is 1 or 2 points.

Independent Internships/Externships: You may earn some academic credit in conjunction with your independent internship by registering for a Supervised Research Paper under the direction of Columbia Law School Faculty member. You cannot receive academic credit otherwise for the internship itself, or for writing a paper about your internship experience.

Your paper must be scholarly work on a topic approved by the faculty supervisor and related to legal issues encountered in the work you will be undertaking during your internship. Also, the paper must consist entirely of original work not submitted to the employer. To earn credit for any research registration, a significant written product on a legal topic and substantial oversight from the faculty supervisor is required.