



J.D. Research and Writing Registration Form

See page 2 for a detailed explanation of each research offering.

Name: _____ SSN or UNI: _____
Last First

Email: _____ Class: 2L 3L Current Term: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date Submitted: _____

L6675 Major Writing—Graded CR/F only

Supervising Faculty: _____
Print Name Supervising Columbia Law School Faculty Signature Date

L6672 Minor Writing—Graded CR/F only

If fulfilled by Seminar/Course that automatically grants Minor WC, instructor signature is not required.

Course Number _____ Title _____ Term Registered _____

Supervising Faculty: _____
Print Name Supervising Columbia Law School Faculty Signature Date

L6685 Unpaid Faculty Research Assistant

To perform legal research and writing in aid of scholarly investigations.

Number of Points _____ (2 points per academic year maximum)

I have agreed to grade this work by (Check One): CR/F Regular Letter Grade

Supervising Faculty: _____
Print Name Supervising Columbia Law School Faculty Signature Date

L6683/L6689 Supervised Research Paper

Number of Points _____ (Up to 3 points per term, maximum 4 points per academic year.)

See note on page 2 if research is related to independent internships/externships (i.e., not in the Law School curriculum) or is course-related.

If research is course-related, please include the following:

Course Number _____ Title _____ Term Registered _____

I have agreed to grade this work by (Check One): CR/F Regular Letter Grade

Any change to the grading method must be made prior to submitting the final paper. Instructor must notify Registration Services of any changes.

Supervising Faculty: _____
Print Name Supervising Columbia Law School Faculty Signature Date

L6822 Teaching Fellow—Graded CR/F only

Total points cannot exceed the number of credits of the course for which the student is serving as Teaching Fellow.

Number of Points _____ (4 points per term maximum)

Course Number _____ Title _____ Term Registered _____

Supervising Faculty: _____
Print Name Supervising Columbia Law School Faculty Signature Date

Please see page 2 for detailed information regarding the above offerings.

Research Offerings

Major and Minor Writing Credits

The J.D. Writing requirement ensures that students will have completed one substantial piece of supervised research and writing during their studies. The purpose of laying down some rather strict rule for the Major Writing Credit is to ensure that this research and writing exercise is properly supervised and evaluated, and to clarify the relation between the Writing Credit requirement and the ordinary paper requirement for papers, courses, etc. At the same time, by providing a relaxed regime for the second or Minor Writing Credit, it is the hope that a variety of legitimate writing projects may be accommodated that may not be pursued with the same degree of supervision as the Major Writing Credit.

Registration of Writing Credits requires all students to propose their topic to and secure agreement of supervision from a law school faculty member to act as Supervisor before submitting registration. It is not sufficient to register for a seminar, research offering, clinic, journal or moot court and to expect the award of any writing credit.

Journal editors may not act as Faculty Supervisors. A paper or note submitted to and/or accepted by a journal or law review may qualify for Writing Credit, but only under faculty supervision.

Editorial work, cite checking, etc., for law reviews or other journals are not sufficient to earn any writing credit.

Major Writing Credit 0 pts

A paper may qualify for a Major Writing Credit only under the supervision of a faculty member. This may be any member of the regular, clinical, adjunct or visiting faculty. A seminar paper, the completion of a research project or a note submitted to a journal may satisfy this requirement if supervised by a faculty member. All 3L J.D. students must register for and initiate course work for the Major Writing Credit by the end of the add/drop period of the fifth term (the third term at Columbia Law School for students admitted with advanced standing).

Minor Writing Credit 0 pts

The Minor Writing Credit may be satisfied by an ordinary course paper, brief or other written research activity done completed under the supervision of a faculty member. It may be earned any time during the second or third year, but must be registered by the end of the add/drop period of their final Law School term.

All of the offerings listed below 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.

Internships and Externships (other than Columbia Law offerings): If you are seeking academic credit for a non-Columbia Law School internship/externship, you must register under Supervised Research Paper and satisfy the requirements as described above and in Rule 1.5.

L6822 Teaching Fellows

1 to 4 pts

This offering is closed to LL.M.s.

LIMITS: Cannot earn J.D. point credit for Teaching Fellow service more than once in the same course, or for more than 2 courses overall.

Please see Rule 1.12 of Rules for the J.D. Degree.

Also, special approval may be required to receive credit as a Teaching Fellow for a Columbia Law School seminar, clinic, or externship.

L6685 Unpaid Faculty Research Assistant

1 or 2 points per term;

No more than 2 points per academic year

Please see Rule 1.6 of Rules for the J.D. Degree.

Under the faculty member's supervision, you will serve for one or more terms as a research assistant without pay and in this capacity perform legal research and writing in aid of scholarly investigations.

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