Submit this form with your proposal (see description of course on page 2) to the Professor for signature and then to Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for approval.

Office of the Registrar
Guided Research Project Request

Student's Name:______________________________ Student ID U#:________________________

Please Print

Phone #:_______________________________ F/T Day:____ P/T Day:____ P/T Eve:____

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _________________

Current Cumulative GPA: ___________ If Cumulative GPA is not 3.0, you must have a 3.33 (B+) average in the particular subject area in which the research is undertaken.

Subject Area GPA: _______________

I request permission to take Guided Research (1-2 credits) for ______ credit hours during:

___ Fall 20___               ___ Spring 20___               ___ Summer 20___

Law School Course LAW 723, Semester Course Reference Number (CRN#) _______________________

TOPIC: ____________________________________________________________________________

Have you previously registered for Guided Research:  ____Yes   ____No

If yes, Year_____ Semester_____ Instructor _____________________________________

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Student’s Signature & Date

Please attach a copy of your proposal.

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Permission for the Independent Study requested above is granted by:

1. ___________________________________________ Instructor’s Name Printed

   Instructor’s Signature & Date

2. ___________________________________________

   Associate Dean for Academic Affairs’ Signature and Date
A student may, with the approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, undertake Guided Research (for 1 or 2 credits only), under the supervision of a Full-time faculty member; OR, if interested in undertaking guided research with an Adjunct Faculty member, the student must discuss this decision with Associate Dean for Academic Affairs prior to approaching the adjunct professor. Faculty supervision shall be conducted through regular and frequent meetings. No faculty member shall supervise more than three projects in a semester. The end product shall be a paper which, after grading, shall be filed with the Registrar. The paper shall be graded by a letter grade.

Following are the Guidelines for Guided Research Projects:

1. Student must obtain approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs no later than the last day of the Drop/Add period by providing a written research proposal approved by the supervising faculty member.

2. The proposal must be supervised by a Full-time faculty member, OR by an Adjunct faculty member with prior permission of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

3. Guided Research Project Request Form (available at the Registrar’s Office) must be submitted to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for approval, after proposal is approved by supervising faculty member.

4. Only available to students with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 (B) or a B+ average in the particular subject area in which the research is undertaken.

5. Available for 1 or 2 credits only.

6. Papers should be 25 pages or more for 2 credits and 15 pages or more for one credit.

7. No more than one subject may be undertaken in a semester.

8. No more than two such projects may be applied for credit towards the Juris Doctor degree.

9. Faculty member may supervise only three projects in a semester.

10. Final paper, after grading, must be filed with the Registrar.

The Research Proposal must be prepared in the following form:

1. Problem: A precise statement of the particular inquiry to be undertaken.

2. Approach: Various questions that need to be raised and investigated in order to explore the problem.

3. Method of inquiry: Published materials, interviews, simulations, experiments, and other methods of inquiry intended to be used.

Data: Indication of the nature of data contemplated, not a bibliography, namely:

a. Primary data: reports, cases, hearings, case studies, and the like.

b. Secondary data: writing of scholars.

Indication must also be made of the various disciplines, in addition to law, whose data need be investigated.