

**TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW**

REQUEST FOR RESEARCH CREDIT

NAME: _____ STUDENT ID#: R _____ DATE: _____

For ____ hours credit, _____ Semester or summer, 201_____

NOTE: The approval of independent research in the School of Law is conditional upon the research meeting student needs for investigating and learning an area of law not covered, or not covered in the desired depth, in the student's regular course offerings.

Independent research consists of the student's exploration and examination of materials on the approved topic in accordance with accepted legal research procedures and the preparation of a paper presenting his or her ideas and analysis. Where ideas are used which are not the author's credit is to be given using an accepted citation form.

The above definition of independent research should be sufficient to alert the student to the difference between valid independent research and plagiarism. Because some students seem uncertain of what constitutes plagiarism, however, its definition is included here:

Plagiarism is the using, stating, offering, or reporting as one's own idea, expression, or reproduction of another person's work without proper credit as to its origin.

In the space below, explain the purpose and scope of the individual research project, why this purpose cannot be met through any courses presently offered, and why the topic is an appropriate one for investigation: _____

_____ Date

_____ Signature of Student

_____ has approval to undertake the above research project under my supervision in anticipation of receiving of ____ hours of credit during the _____ Semester, 201 _____. All work to be submitted in connection with project must be completed by _____ and no later than the last day before finals for the academic period in which the student enrolls for credit. No incompletes will be given. This approval certifies that no solution to the student's request for independent research is available other than independent study.

Date

Signature of Instructor

Instructor: Print Name

If the Instructor is not a member of the tenured or tenure-track faculty, this course must be approved by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Date

Signature of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Complete if applicable:

This project will satisfy the advanced legal research and writing requirement for graduation.

Signature of Instructor

Limitations on Independent Research: No more than one independent research paper for credit may be taken in any one semester or summer session, except under special circumstances with the approval of the faculty members involved and the Office of the Dean. A research paper may not exceed 2 credit hours. No more than 4 credit hours for independent research may be counted toward the total credit hours required for graduation, and a student receiving credit for Law Review, Administrative Law Journal, or Estate Planning & Community Property Law Journal is limited to a maximum of 2 credit hours for independent research.

For registration, drop this completed form in the registrar's mailbox located on the front counter of the administrative suite.