

Second- and third-year students can register for an Independent Study under the supervision of a full-time faculty member. The project must receive approval from the Office of Academic & Student Services. Students should prepare this form in consultation with their supervising faculty, obtain their approval, and submit to the Office of Academic & Student Services for review.

Guidelines for the Independent Study:

1. During the second and/or third year, students may substitute an independent study for up to three credits of course work per semester. Students can take up to six credits of independent study total.
2. Work receiving independent study credit must include a significant written component, 15 pages per credit. It must be supervised and graded by a full-time faculty member of BC Law.
3. Your paper should be of publishable quality. It should include legal research and analysis, and must be properly cited and formatted.
4. In general, no professor agrees to supervise independent study projects for more than three students at any one time.
5. Students will work with their supervising faculty members on all details concerning the scope of the project: the methods of supervising; grading the student's work (letter grade, or pass/fail); deadlines, and the amount of course credit the project achieves. Faculty member's approval will normally be final.
6. This form must be completed by the student per all the provided instructions, and submitted to the Assistant Dean of Academic & Student Services for approval.
7. Once approved, the student will be registered for the independent study credit(s). In rare cases, where there are doubts of the sufficiency of the work, or the feasibility of the faculty supervision, Academic & Student Services may defer action pending a review by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and/or the Executive Committee.
8. Students may not receive independent study credit for work for which they are paid, or for which they otherwise will receive or have received credit.
9. The supervised independent study experience's intent is to be as academically enriching and rigorous as a classroom study experience carrying equivalent academic credit. Supervising faculty should arrange to monitor regularly the work of the students to assure they are making appropriate progress.
10. No independent study project will satisfy the course, seminar, or independent writing requirements of any other course or faculty member.

Name _____ Eagle I.D. # _____ Class of _____

Please follow instructions carefully. See reverse side for more independent study guidelines.

You *must* complete 15 pages per credit. Your paper must include legal research and analysis, and cannot only be an observation and reflection paper about work experience or a working environment.

If you intend to use the work product from this Independent Study to satisfy your upper-level writing requirement, you must register for a **minimum of 2 credits** (30 pages or more) and receive a **letter grade**. On this form, you will also have to provide a tentative schedule of meetings with your faculty advisor for the semester.

1. Number of Credits: _____
2. Semester (*check one*): Fall or Spring
3. Method of Grading (*check one*): Pass/Fail or Letter Grade
*To satisfy upper-level writing, you must select "Letter Grade"
4. Name of Supervising Faculty Member: _____
5. Satisfies Upper-Level Writing Requirement (*choose one*): Yes or No
6. How many independent study credits have you **previously** earned? _____
7. Description of Project (describe your project in a minimum of 3 sentences):

8. Schedule for Meetings and Development of Work Product. *If completing for an ULW requirement, you must provide a tentative schedule for the semester:*

Faculty Approval:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office of Academic & Student Services Approval:

Signature: _____ Date: _____