

WRITING REQUIREMENT CERTIFICATION

_____ has satisfied the writing requirement for graduation
(student's name)

by work performed in _____ during _____
(course title and course number) (sem. – year)

Professor's signature

SATISFACTION OF THE WRITING REQUIREMENT

To satisfy the writing requirement, a student must complete a substantial legal research project that meets the criteria in subparagraph 1 or satisfies the requirements of a proposal approved by the Curriculum committee under subparagraph 2.

1. To satisfy the writing requirement a paper must:
 - a. Be in the form of a law review article, brief, or memorandum of law.
 - b. Be prepared under the supervision of a member of the faculty. The supervision requirement may be satisfied by:
 1. taking a course with not more than 20 students in which all students are required to write a paper complying with the requirement (identified in the registration materials as "writing seminar"); or
 2. through independent research supervised by a faculty member. No faculty member shall supervise more than five such papers in any given semester.
 - c. Be submitted in final written form of approximately 30 to 50 pages in length, after the submission of an outline and draft that have been critiqued by the professor.
 - d. If taken for a grade, a grade of at least "C" is required. If written under pass/fail election, a grade of "S" is required. Note that under a pass/fail election, a grade of "C" or higher is recorded as an "S", and a grade lower than "C" is recorded as an "F".

Note: A brief submitted in a moot court competition can satisfy the writing requirement if: (1) a draft of the brief has been critiqued and approved by a supervising faculty member; and (2) the student contributes at least 30 pages to the brief. If a student's contribution to the brief is less than 30 pages, the student may satisfy the page requirement by submitting as supplemental memorandum.

2. The Curriculum Committee is authorized to approve a case-by-case basis other Faculty proposals for satisfying the writing requirement, such as a series of shorter memoranda, problems, or drafting exercises. The Committee will approve only those proposals involving as much legal writing, in any appropriate form, as does the traditional 30-50 page paper.