

Upper-Level Writing Requirement Information

As a requisite for graduation, all students must satisfy the Upper-Level Writing Requirement. Students may satisfy the Upper-Level Writing Requirement as a part of a two (2) credit seminar, an approved advanced drafting course, an approved two (2) credit independent research paper, or through a note written by a FAMU Law Review member accepted for publication in a co-curricular law school journal as certified by the Law Review faculty advisor for the FAMU College of Law. Courses approved for satisfaction of the Upper-Level Writing Requirement must earn a grade of B- or above and must meet the minimum standards outlined below. The faculty certification must be approved in the semester the grade is recorded for courses satisfying the upper-level writing requirement.

Seminar Paper or Independent Research Paper

The research paper must be a minimum of 25 pages in length including footnotes, and the paper must meet all the standards listed on the Upper-Level Writing Requirement certification form.

Advanced Drafting Course

Advanced drafting courses that satisfy this requirement fall in the following categories: transactional legal drafting, litigation-oriented legal drafting, legislative drafting, and appellate legal drafting. Practice-oriented writing courses can be used to satisfy the Upper-Level Writing Requirement only if the faculty member teaching the course agrees in advance to require the following:

- 25 pages minimum of qualifying written work
- The written work must
 - * involve legal analysis;
 - * involve individual/original thought and drafting;
 - * be subjected to instructor review and student revision;
 - * have proper writing style for the legal context; and
 - * use proper legal citation form for the legal context.

Students in these courses may elect to have their credit fulfill either a portion of the Experiential Learning Requirement or the Upper-Level Writing Requirement, but not both. Courses approved for satisfaction of the Upper-level Writing Requirement must meet all the standards listed on the Upper-Level Writing certification form.

Law Review Note

A note written by a FAMU Law Review member will satisfy the requirement if the note is accepted for publication in a co-curricular law school journal and is certified by the Law Review faculty advisor for the FAMU College of Law.

The Upper-Level Writing Requirement may not be satisfied at any other institution under any circumstances.



Upper-Level Writing Requirement Certification Form for Law Review Notes Accepted for Publication

Law Review Faculty Advisor Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____ FAMU Student ID#: _____

Indicate Semester and Year: Fall _____ Spring _____ Summer _____

The above student [] is a member of the Florida A&M University Law Review

The above student has fulfilled Upper-Level Writing Requirement by completing a Note for the Florida A&M University Law Review titled:

The Note has been accepted for publication in the following co-curricular law school journal:

CERTIFICATION

The writing requirement is not automatically satisfied by successfully completing the requirements for submitting a Law Review note. The Law Review faculty advisor must complete this certification form to certify that the Law Review note satisfies the standards of the Upper-Level Writing Requirement. The faculty member will then submit the completed certification form to the College of Law Registrar.

Inasmuch as the above-mentioned note:

I certify that the above-mentioned note:

[] is a significant analytical paper

[] Satisfies the Requirement

[] reflects substantial legal research

[] Does not satisfy the Requirement

[] contains original thought

[] displays proper writing style and

[] uses correct citation form

Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____

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