

Individual Study I and II  
(adopted and effective Oct. 20, 2021)

A student may enroll in Individual Study I (Law 615) or Individual Study II (Law 715) as described below. In summary, an Individual Study I is a 1, 2 or 3 Z-credit course for students who wish to conduct supervised research, draft supervised writings, or both, or compete in an international, national, regional or local competition. An Individual Study II is a 1-, 2-, or 3-credit graded course for students who wish to draft a supervised writing(s). A student may not receive any other credit for work completed pursuant to an Individual Study I or II.

As student shall complete and submit to the Registrar the Application for Individual Study I or II form, as applicable, at least one week prior to the beginning of the term during which the Individual Study will occur (and save a copy to be submitted at the end of the term). The student shall complete and submit the Completion of Individual Study I or II form, as applicable, to the Registrar no later than the last day of exams for the term during the Individual Study will occur.

***The Registrar may not accept, and the Committee may not review or approve, any Application for Individual Study I/II that is incomplete or submitted to the Registrar less than one week prior to the beginning of the term during which credit will be earned.*** Upon request by a student, the Associate Dean for Academic Study may extend the deadline for submission, review and approval. The Registrar shall forward Applications to the Curriculum and Practices Committee as soon as practicable after they are received.

The Curriculum and Practices Committee may amend the forms discussed in this policy without faculty approval.

I. Individual Study I

A student who enrolls in Individual Study I:

- Shall, under the supervision of a faculty member: (1) conduct research or draft a writing(s), or both, on an assigned topic(s), or (2) participate in a regional or national competition (“competition”) as part of a mock appellate, trial, negotiation, mediation or arbitration team, or other competition team.
- May receive: (1) 1 Z credit hour for participating in a competition, (2) 1 or 2 Z credit hours, as determined by the supervising faculty member, for conducting research or drafting a writing(s), or both, on an assigned topic(s), or (3) 3 Z credit hours for a writing(s) that would satisfy the Upper Level Writing Requirement but for the requirement that the writing(s) be graded.
- For a 3-credit Individual Study I, the student shall obtain prior approval from the Curriculum and Practices Committee.

## II. Individual Study II

A student who enrolls in Individual Study II:

- Shall, under the supervision of a faculty member, complete a writing or writings that satisfy the requirements for the Upper Level Writing Requirement (“ULWR”).
- May receive 1, 2 or 3 graded credits (i.e., may not receive Z credits) as determined by the supervising faculty member and indicated on the Application for Individual Study II.
- For a 2- or 3-credit Individual Study II, the student shall obtain prior approval from the Curriculum and Practices Committee.

## Application for Individual Study I

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark the term and year during which the Individual Study I will be completed:

Fall 20\_\_

Spring 20\_\_

Summer 20\_\_

Mark the applicable category for the Individual Study and the provide the requested information:

Research and/or writing(s) on an assigned topic(s) for 1 credit  
(attach a description of the work to be completed that is at least  
250 words)

Research and/or writing(s) on an assigned topic(s) for 2 credits  
(attach a description of the work to be completed that is at least  
500 words)

Research and/or writing(s) on an assigned topic(s) for 3 credits  
(attach a description of the work to be completed that is at least  
750 words)

Participation on a mock trial team, or other competition team, at a  
regional or national competition for 1 credit (attach detailed  
information regarding the time, place, sponsor and nature of and  
requirements for the competition immediately below).

If you wish to have your transcript identify the substantive topic covered in your  
Individual Study, enter the substantive topic here: \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature on this form, I hereby certify the following:

- This Application is complete.
- I have not received and will not receive credit for the work to be done pursuant to this Individual Study I.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I will actively supervise this Individual Study I and ensure that the requirements for  
Individual Study I and Credit Hours Policies are satisfied.

Supervising Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

## Completion of Individual Study I

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State the number of hours worked for the Individual Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a copy of your Application for Individual Study I.

Attach a detailed description of the work completed for the Individual Study (for research and writing, identify all work product and each topic, as applicable), or, if earning credit for participating in a competition, state below the date(s) that you competed and the result.

State the number of credit hours and aggregate word count for all writings completed for the Individual Study: Credit Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature on this form, I hereby certify the following:

- That I have complied with all Individual Study I requirements.
- I have worked the number of hours and completed the work as stated above.
- I have not received and will not receive credit for the work done pursuant to this Individual Study I.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that I have actively supervised this Individual Study I and that the requirements for Individual Study I and Credit Hours Policies have been satisfied.

Supervising Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

## Application for Individual Study II

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark the term and year during which the Individual Study II will be completed:

Fall 20\_\_

Spring 20\_\_

Summer 20\_\_

Circle the number of credits sought: 1 2 3

Attach a separate document that includes an outline and a detailed of the writing project. For an Individual Study II that is for 1-, 2- or 3-credits, the description shall be, respectively, at least 250, 500 or 750 words.

If you wish to have your transcript identify the substantive topic covered in your Individual Study, enter the substantive topic here: \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature on this form, I hereby certify the following:

- This Application is complete.
- I have not received and will not receive credit for the work to be done pursuant to this Individual Study II.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I will actively supervise this Individual Study II and ensure that the requirements for Individual Study II and Credit Hours Policies are satisfied.

Supervising Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

## Completion of Individual Study II

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State the number of hours worked for the Individual Study: \_\_\_\_\_

State the number of credit hours and aggregate word count for all writings completed for the Individual Study: Credit Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a copy of your Application for Individual Study II.

Attach all writings completed for the Individual Study.

By my signature on this form, I hereby certify the following:

- I have complied with all Individual Study II requirements.
- I have worked the number of hours and completed the work as stated above.
- I have not received and will not receive credit for the work done pursuant to this Individual Study II.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

I hereby certify that I have actively supervised this Individual Study II and that the requirements for Individual Study II and Credit Hours Policies have been satisfied.

Supervising Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)