

Substantial Paper Writing Requirement

S.J. QUINNEY COLLEGE OF LAW

1. The paper shall meet the following criteria:

- a. Address a significant issue or set of issues related to law.
- b. Provide original, in-depth, and critical analysis of the issue, including doctrinal, comparative, institutional, interdisciplinary, theoretical, and/or policy analysis. The paper shall not merely describe, survey, or summarize legal materials or existing scholarship.
- c. Demonstrate substantial legal research, evidenced by extensive, relevant, and supportive citations to diverse sources.
- d. Be written logically, clearly, and concisely, with proper grammar and spelling.
- e. Consist of at least 7,000 words, excluding footnotes, endnotes, and/or bibliography.
- f. Receive a minimum grade of B.

2. The following steps shall be taken in preparing the paper:

- a. The student shall develop the paper topic in consultation with a faculty member.
- b. If the paper involves research on human subjects, the student shall obtain prior approval from the University of Utah Institutional Review Board (IRB).
- c. The faculty member shall review and comment extensively on at least one complete draft of the paper and should encourage multiple drafts.
- d. The student shall revise the paper in response to faculty review and comment.
- e. The faculty member shall review and grade the final draft of the paper.

3. The substantial research paper requirement may be satisfied by producing the paper in a:

- a. seminar;
- b. think tank;
- c. course taught by a tenured, tenure track, or other full-time faculty member in which the research paper option is offered; or
- d. directed research arrangement.

4. The substantial research paper requirement may not be fulfilled with a paper written for law review or journal credit.

5. The substantial research paper requirement shall be deemed satisfied when a faculty member certifies to the Registrar's office that the research paper has met the foregoing criteria.

I, _____, certify that _____'s research paper titled

(professor)

(student)

written for _____

(name of research paper)

(course title)

taught _____ satisfies the substantial research paper requirement as described above.

(semester/year)

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Professor Signature: _____ Date: _____