Directed Writing Petition

- Request to receive credit for Directed Writing upon approval from the Petitions Committee.
- Complete sections 1 through 6 below and obtain approval signature from a Law School Faculty Member.
- Directed Writing petitions are due by the Final Study List Deadline for the quarter in which the project is to be taken.
- Each student seeking Directed Writing credit must submit a completed petition.
- Return completed petition to the Office of the Registrar, Room 100, Stanford Law School, 559 Nathan Abbott Way, Stanford, CA 94305-8610.
- If you have any questions, contact the SLS Registrar’s Office at 650.723.0994 or email registrar@law.stanford.edu.

1. Student Information: Fill in the following (please print):

   Name (Last, First) _________________________________________________ ID#___________________
   E-Mail__________________________________________________Phone___________________

   DIRECTED WRITING

   Teams of students may earn “Directed Writing” credit for collaborative problems involving professional writing, such as briefs, proposed legislation or other legal writing. Only projects supervised by a member of the faculty (tenured, tenure-track, senior lecturer, or professor from practice) may qualify for Directed Writing credit. It will not necessarily be appropriate to require each member of the team to write the number of pages that would be required for an individual directed research project earning the number of credits that each team member will earn for the team project. The page length guidelines applicable to individual papers may be considered in determining the appropriate page length, but the faculty supervisor has discretion to make the final page-length determination.

2. Course Information (answer 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, & 2f below):

   2a) Print name of Law School Faculty Member supervising this project ______________________________

   Units. Students may receive either 1-4 units of credit for a Directed Writing project.

   2b) How many units is this Directed Writing project (1, 2, 3, or 4)? _______

   2c) What quarter & year are you taking this project? ☐ Autumn ☐ Winter ☐ Spring Acad. Year: _______

   Grading Option. A Directed Writing project can be graded on the H/P/R/F or Mandatory P/R/F system. A student cannot receive a grade on the H/P/R/F system for more than eight units of independent research (Directed Research, Directed Writing, Senior Thesis, and/or Research Track). Any units taken in excess of eight will be graded on a Mandatory P/R/F system.

   2d) What grading option is this project? ☐ H/P/R/F or ☐ Mandatory P/R/F

   Writing credit. A Directed Writing project may count as the equivalent of a “PW” (Professional Writing – For students entering Autumn 2012 and thereafter) course with approval of the supervising faculty member and the Associate Dean for Curriculum.

   2e) A course designated as a “PW” course is defined as one in which the students engage in the sort of professional writing common to practicing lawyers, e.g., writing briefs, drafting contracts, etc. Are you requesting PW credit for this project? ☐ Yes or ☐ No

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2f) Has the instructor chosen to opt out of the *automatic* grading penalty system for late papers?  □ Yes or □ No

3. A student can receive up to (accumulative) eight unit maximum of Directed Research and/or Directed Writing credit (combined), in addition to units granted for either Senior Thesis or Research Track. List all Independent Research (Directed Research, Directed Writing, Senior Thesis or Research Track) and/or Externships taken and approved as of this date.

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4. **Important Reminder:** In accordance with ABA accreditation standards, JD students may not count toward the JD graduation requirement more than thirty-one (31) quarter units of the following types of coursework: externships, directed research, directed writing, practicum, senior thesis, research track, courses taken outside the Law School, and moot court (Kirkwood competition).

   As of this date, how many units have you taken of this type of coursework? ______

5. On a separate sheet of paper (typed), please complete 5a, 5b, and 5c below (label your answers 5a, 5b, & 5c):

   5a) Will the work that will be done involve team-based work by two or more students?

   5b) Has the written work that will be done for this project been used in connection with any other course or project? Will it be? If yes to either, explain.

   5c) Describe, IN DETAIL, the work that you will do and the topic and nature of the written work you will submit.

6. **Student Signature:**

   Signature __________________________________________ Date __________________

7. **LAW SCHOOL FACULTY MEMBER ACTION** (To be completed by Law School Faculty Member.):

   I have agreed to supervise the Directed Writing project described in this petition.

   Signature __________________________________________ Date __________________

8. **Attention J.S.D., J.S.M. & L.L.M. students.**

   Print the name of your adviser ____________________________and obtain approval signature below.

   Adviser Signature ____________________________________ Date _________________