

ULWR FAQs:

What does the Seminar with Paper stand for on [the public course schedule](#)?

Courses marked with a U have a paper requirement that meets the standards of the ULWR. Courses marked with Course Tag can be lengthened to meet the ULWR standards. As a professional courtesy, always explicitly discuss lengthening a course requirement to meet ULWR standards with your professor.

I'm interested in using a course marked Seminar with a Paper. Do I have to get credit for the additional words needed to satisfy the ULWR?

No. Many students choose to get credit, typically through an independent study, but it's not required. For example, let's say a course assignment is 5,000 words. A student might opt to write the additional 2,000 words needed to satisfy the ULWR without getting academic credit. If a student registers for a 1 credit independent study, they would then need to write the required 5,000 words for the course assignment, as well as the 3,500 words required by the 1 credit independent study, for a total 8,500 word paper, excluding footnotes.

My professor said their two credit course can be changed into three credits; how do I do this?

This is a popular, but inaccurate statement. If a course with a paper requirement is taught for 2 credits, it is a 2 credit course. It cannot "be changed to be" a 3 credit course. The professor is referring to the option to add a 1 credit independent study to lengthen the paper required in the course to meet the ULWR. You would need to complete and have your professor sign [the independent study contract](#), and then submit it to our office for processing before [the add/drop deadline for independent study registration](#).

Do I need to submit any paperwork at the beginning of the semester regarding ULWR completion?

No. So long as you are registered for the minimum 2 credit course/law school activity you will use to complete the ULWR, you do not need to submit any paperwork at the beginning of the semester.

But do I need to register for journal credits to use my journal comment to satisfy the ULWR?

No. You do not need to register for journal credits to use your comment to satisfy the ULWR.

I want to work with an adjunct faculty member, is that allowed?

Yes. Students may work with an adjunct or visiting professor for ULWR certification; however, we **strongly encourage** students who are being supervised by an adjunct faculty member, especially for journal comments, to obtain accurate, additional contact information for them outside of their AUWCL information, should you need to extend your paper and your supervising faculty member is not teaching in the next term. Under FERPA privacy laws, our office **cannot** release anyone's non AU contact information to anyone. You are responsible for maintaining communication with your supervising faculty member at all times until a grade is submitted.

The policy says we can fulfill the ULWR with "a series of documents." What are the parameters?

This stipulation is meant for courses that generate a portfolio of written work over the course of the semester in lieu of one longer paper. All the usual rules still apply: the series must be a combined total of 7,000 words minimum excluding footnotes, supervised by the same professor, of similar topics.

I'm an evening student and worried about going over on credits. Could I do two, 1-credit independent studies with the same professor over two semesters and use those to satisfy the ULWR?

Yes. All the usual rules apply: the combined project must be a combined total of 7,000 words minimum excluding footnotes, supervised by the same professor and of similar topics. As a professional courtesy, you will need to explicitly explain this arrangement to your professor at the start of the first semester.