

Urban Fellows Paper Writing Requirements for Course Credit

Urban Fellows are required to write a paper for 2 hours of course credit. Urban Fellows may write a research paper of publishable quality on any urban, growth management, or environmental law and policy issue. Writing a high quality paper is a great way to build your professional image, showcase your knowledge in a particular area, and illustrate your writing skills.

Urban Fellows papers will be published on the Center's website so that they are accessible to students and others in the community who are interested in your research topic. You may even be able to publish your paper in a journal, or submit your paper to a student writing competition.

The guidelines for writing an Urban Fellows paper are listed below, and follow the requirements by the College of Law for the upper level writing requirement.

1. You cannot write your research paper in your first semester in the Urban Fellows Program. You must attend one semester of lectures to help you develop your research focus.
2. Notify the Center Directors of your paper topic.
3. Register for the 2 credit hour Urban Fellows course (LAW 7494). Non-law students may also register for the Urban Fellows course in the law school and receive 2 credit hours for writing a paper. Talk to your Faculty Affiliate about the process and then contact Karen Johnston for further registration information. You should register for the course the semester that you intend to write your paper.
4. At least one draft paper should be submitted to the Center. The draft paper should be submitted at least three weeks before final exams begin to allow time for feedback.
5. The minimum page length should be 25 pages, double-spaced, excluding footnotes or endnotes.
6. The paper should reflect thorough research of primary and secondary materials. All sources used in writing the paper must be cited appropriately.
7. The paper should include original analysis by the student.
8. The paper should be well-organized and written in conformity with accepted rules of grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
9. The student's grade in the Urban Fellows course (LAW 7494) will be based on both the quality of the paper submitted and participation in the program. The paper will be graded by the faculty affiliated with the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth unless other arrangements are made.