Penn Law
University of Pennsylvania Law School

Faculty Agreement to Supervise
Independent Research Seminar

Independent Research Seminars:
The purpose of these seminars, typically student initiated, is to permit an interested group of highly motivated second-and third-year students to pursue a subject in greater depth than might otherwise be possible in the regular course curriculum, without too great a diversion of faculty time from competing curricular demands. Thus, the students bear the primary responsibility for defining the subject, preparing the syllabus and reading list, conducting research and discussion meetings and completing and criticizing any written work. Each such seminar must be conducted subject to the ultimate supervision of a member of the law faculty, whose consent will have to be secured by the student participants. The responsibilities of the faculty supervisor are to assist in preparing the seminar syllabus and reading list, to assure that the goals and conduct of the seminar are of substantial educational value, and to evaluate student performance for the record. No such independent seminar may be taken for credit unless a faculty supervisor is found and his/her approval secured for the seminar syllabus. *Furthermore, unless specifically authorized in accordance with the policy on independent journals seeking official recognition, no credit will be awarded for an independent research seminar associated with the operation of a student-run journal that involves tasks such as article selection, copy-editing, cite-checking, proofreading, or other work preparing the scholarship of others for publication.*

Student Name:_____

Class of: _____

NAME OF SEMINAR: _____

In the field of: _____

Semester: Spring Fall Year: _____
(*circle one)*

Please describe briefly the nature of the Independent Research Seminar:

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To be completed by supervising faculty:

***Please note that independent research seminars supervised by adjunct faculty will require the approval of the Deputy Dean for Academic Affairs.**

Grades for Independent Research Seminars are Pass/Fail.

I agree to supervise the _____ credit Independent Research Seminar as described above:
(number of credits)

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Faculty Supervisor Name

_____ _____
Faculty Supervisor Signature *Date*

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*Associate Dean's Signature (**if required**)* *Date*