



Policy Title
Upper-Level Writing Requirement

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I. Policy Purpose

This policy provides the guidelines for students to receive the upper-level writing credit required for graduation.

II. Policy Scope

This policy applies to faculty, staff, and students.

III. Policy Compliance

Compliance with this policy allows a student to receive the upper-level writing credit required to graduate.

IV. Policy Definitions

Not applicable.

V. Policy Development and Implementation Procedures

The faculty developed this policy in accordance with ABA Standard 303 (a)(1) and Interpretation 303-2 regarding a writing experience beyond the first year of a student's matriculation.

VII. Policy Related Information

- A. The Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing course is designed to satisfy the upper-level writing requirement of ABA Standard 303(a)(2).
- B. All students must take Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing or an approved substitute elective course prior to graduating from SULC.
- C. The substitute elective courses must also satisfy the upper-level writing requirement of ABA Standard 303(a)(2), approved by the faculty, and listed in the SULC Catalog.
- D. The first-year writing courses (Legal Analysis & Writing I and Legal Analysis & Writing II) are prerequisites for all classes that satisfy the upper-level writing requirement.
- E. The writing experience of a student in Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing and the approved substitute courses referred to in this policy must be of sufficient rigor, requiring the student to meet with the professor, receive individualized feedback on a draft, edit, and rewrite the draft.
- F. For each student who receives upper-level writing credit in a substitute elective course, the professor must complete and sign a certification form verifying that the student has met individually with the professor for assessment of the work and has edited and rewritten the final graded assignment, and further verifying the length and quality of the final graded assignment. This form will be kept in the student's file in the Office of Records and Registration.
- G. The substitute elective courses referenced in this policy include the following:
 - 1. 459 Advanced Independent Research
 - 2. 517 Appellate Advocacy I
 - 3. 520 Appellate Advocacy II
 - 4. 619 Law and Poverty
 - 5. 643 Law Review Seminar
 - 6. 645 Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty Seminar
 - 7. 683 Legislative Drafting Seminar
 - 8. 711 Copyright Law
 - 9. 768 Health Law
 - 10. 783 Legislative Drafting II
 - 11. 826 Journal of International Business and Policy Workshop

VIII. Policy History and Review Cycle


This policy was created and became effective prior to the implementation of the uniform policy format which was implemented in 2019. The policy was reviewed and revised, on June 21, 2021, and placed in the uniform policy format. The policy was updated, on July 25, 2025, to list the elective courses that are allowed to substitute for the Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing course to earn the upper-level writing credit in accordance with ABA Standard 303 (a). The policy shall be reviewed every three years by the Director of Legal Analysis & Writing and any changes will be submitted to the faculty for consideration.

IX. Publication of Policy

This policy is published at <https://www.sulc.edu/page/sulc-policies> and in the Faculty Guide.

X. Policy Approval

This policy was originally approved by the faculty on July 25, 2025.



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