Urban Fellows registered for the class LAW 7494 are required to write a research paper for 2 hours total of course credit. This research paper will constitute a major portion of the grade; however, attendance and participation at events during the fall and spring semesters and completion of volunteer hours by the end of the spring semester are also factored into your grade.

Urban Fellows must write a research paper of publishable quality on an 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.

The top 2-3 Urban Fellows papers may be published in the *Journal of Comparative Urban Law and Policy*, an online open access publication of the Center for Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth. You may also try to publish your paper in a different journal or submit it 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, which the paper can be used to satisfy.

1. Your final Urban Fellows paper will be due Wednesday, April 11 by email. You will spend your fall semester attending lectures and developing your research focus. Your participation in the Urban Fellows lectures will be factored into your grade.  
2. Select a faculty advisor affiliated with the Metro Growth Center (Profs. Juergensmeyer, Rowberry, Marshall, or Johnston) who will supervise and grade your paper. Other faculty advisors may be used with permission. Faculty advisors from other departments or in the College of Law but not affiliated with the Metro Growth Center will be able to guide the student’s research, provide feedback on drafts and recommend an appropriate grade for the paper; however the research paper does not constitute the entire grade in the program and final grades will be also based on participation and volunteer hours and determined by Prof. Juergensmeyer and Karen Johnston. **Deadline: Friday, September 22nd.**
3. Submit your paper topic (draft title, and 1-2 sentence thesis statement) to your faculty advisor and Karen Johnston. **Deadline: Monday, October 23rd by 5 p.m. via email.**
4. Submit an abstract for your research paper and outline of your paper to your faculty advisor. **Deadline: Thursday, December 14th by 4 p.m. via email.**
5. At least one draft of your paper must be submitted to your faculty advisor. **Draft Paper Deadline: Monday, February 12th by midnight via email.**
6. The minimum page length for the final paper should be 25 pages, double-spaced, excluding footnotes or endnotes.
7. The paper should reflect thorough research of primary and secondary materials. All sources used in writing the paper must be cited appropriately.
8. The paper should include original analysis by the student.
9. The paper should be well-organized and written in conformity with accepted rules of grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
10. The student’s grade in the Urban Fellows course (LAW 7494) will be based on both the quality of the paper submitted, attendance and participation at events, and completion of volunteer hours.

11. Your final paper must be submitted by the end of the spring exam period to your faculty advisor and Karen Johnston. Please include the following in your final paper: Title Page - Name, Paper Title, and Date plus a short abstract describing your paper topic. Law students who wish to use this paper to satisfy their upper school writing requirement should inform their advisor and Karen Johnston so that the appropriate form can be filled out. **Deadline: April 11th by midnight via email.**

12. Note that extensions will only be given for extraordinary circumstances and barring extreme circumstances, the extension will be until the end of the spring exam period, May 10th. **In extreme circumstances, an alternative deadline beyond the end of the spring semester will be determined by Prof. Julian Juergensmeyer only.**