

**Urban Fellows Paper
Writing Requirements for Course Credit
Fall 2016 & Spring 2017**

Urban Fellows are required to write a paper for 2 hours total of course credit (1 credit hour per semester for 2 semesters). 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.

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, which the paper can be used to satisfy.

1. Your final Urban Fellows paper will be due at the end of the spring semester. 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 (Prof. Juergensmeyer, Prof. Rowberry, or Prof. Marshall) who will supervise and grade your paper. Other faculty advisors may be used with permission.
Deadline: Friday, September 16th.
3. Submit your paper topic (draft title, and 1-2 sentence thesis statement) to your faculty advisor and Karen Johnston. **Deadline: Monday, October 17th by 5 p.m. via email.**
4. Submit an abstract for your research paper and outline of your paper to your faculty advisor. **Deadline: Wednesday, December 14th by 4 p.m. via email. Note- your fall grade will be registered as an "IP" meaning in progress. Once your paper is turned in, this grade will be changed to the same grade that you receive for the paper/spring semester.**
5. At least one draft of your paper must be submitted to your faculty advisor. **Draft Paper Deadline: Monday, March 27th 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 and participation in the program.
11. A copy of your final paper must be submitted by the end of the spring exam period to your faculty advisor. An electronic copy must also be submitted to 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. **Deadline: May 11th by 4 p.m. via email. You will receive the same grade for the fall and spring semesters – so at this point, your "IP" will be changed to a grade.**