

## **Section 10**    **Outside Courses**

### 10.1    Policy

Credit towards the hours required for the J.D. degree may be earned for graduate-level course work successfully completed in other colleges or departments at The Florida State University or at Florida A. & M. University subject to the following conditions and limitations:

10.1.1 The subject matter or coverage of the course is reasonably necessary and material to the student's curricular program of study and is not otherwise reasonably available to the student within the College of Law's curriculum.

10.1.2 The credit hours granted for outside course work under this policy must be commensurate with the time and effort expended by and the quality of the educational experience of the student. [See ABA Standard 305(c).]

10.1.3 A student may not receive more than six semester hours of outside credit towards the J.D. degree under this policy.

10.1.4 To receive credit for an outside course the student must receive a final grade in the course of B or better or its equivalent.

10.1.5 The grade received for the course will not be used in the computation of the student's law school grade point average and the hours credit received for an outside course will be deemed as ungraded hours for the purpose of satisfying the

graded hours graduation requirement (see section 1.2.3), even though the course is graded.

10.1.6 Such graduate-level coursework shall not help satisfy the requirement that a student successfully complete a minimum of 45 semester credit hours at FSU College of Law [see Rule 1.4.1].

## 10.2 Course Approval

Before enrolling in an outside course, a student must obtain approval of the course pursuant to the following procedures:

10.2.1 The student must complete and submit an application for approval to take the course, which application must provide a syllabus or description of the course, including full particulars regarding the nature and extent of the work involved and the method of student evaluation, and an explanation of why the subject matter or coverage of the course is reasonably necessary and material to the student's curricular program of study.

10.2.2 A full-time member of the College of Law faculty must review the application and agree to sponsor the student's request by attesting that the course is reasonably necessary and material to the student's curricular program of study and that the credit hours to be granted for the course are commensurate

with the time and effort to be expended by the student and the quality of the anticipated educational experience.

10.2.3 The application must be approved by the Dean or the Dean's designee upon a determination that the course is reasonably necessary and material to the student's curricular program of study and is not otherwise reasonably available within the College of Law's curriculum and that the credit hours to be granted for the course are commensurate with the time and effort to be expended by the student and the quality of the anticipated educational experience. The Dean may refer to the Curriculum Committee close questions regarding the justification for approval of an outside course.

### 10.3 Credit Approval

After completion of an outside course and receipt of a final grade in the course, the student must obtain approval of the credit to be awarded for the course as follows:

10.3.1 The faculty sponsor must review the work actually completed by the student in the course and the student's final grade in the course and approve the credit hours to be awarded for the course upon a determination that those credit hours are in fact commensurate with the time and effort expended by the student and the quality of the student's educational experience in the course.

10.3.2 The credit hours to be awarded for the course must be approved by the Dean or the Dean's designee upon a determination that those credit hours are in fact commensurate with the time and effort expended by the student and the quality of the student's educational experience in the course.