

JD/LLM Writing Requirement Certification

I, Professor _____,

hereby certify that _____

has written a paper, entitled _____

in the spring term fall term of 20____

in my class entitled _____, course no. _____, or
as independent study that I supervised

and that the student should receive one two three four credits for this paper toward the writing requirement of the student's LL.M. degree pursuant to Rule 2-2 (8) of the Duke University School of Law Rules and Policies.

The paper or a significant portion (at least one-third) is international or comparative. That is, the paper:

- a) deals fully or primarily with a topic of international or comparative law, or
- b) deals with a topic of domestic law, but contains a significant portion (at least one-third of the paper) which deals with this topic from an international or comparative perspective **and which is relevant towards the general argument of the paper**, or
- c) contains a significant portion (at least one third of the paper) that deals with the paper's topic from an international or comparative paper but is only added on and not relevant towards the general argument of the paper; **in this case, credits toward the LL.M. writing requirement are given only for the international or comparative portion of the paper.**

For the distinction between (b) and (c), ask yourself if the paper could stand **without** the international / comparative law part. If it could, then (c) applies; otherwise (b) applies.

Generally, if either (a) or (b) applies, students should receive toward the LL.M. writing requirement the full amount of credits to which you assign the entire paper.

Faculty Signature

Date