

ART/PHOTO INDEPENDENT STUDY INSTRUCTIONS

Independent study is an intensive and rigorous undertaking. A program of independent study implies that the student has reached a level of involvement and maturity that insures a respectable body of work, including advanced and challenging ideas. Further, it means that the student is self-motivated and capable of pacing himself/herself. The instructor's role is to critique, direct and evaluate the work as it progresses. Only when conducted within this framework will an independent project meet the University requirement for credits earned by independent study.

Special Requirements for Study at the 496 Level:

1. For 496, applicant must be at least 7th or 8th semester standing.
2. For 496, applicant must have a minimum of 12 credits in the area of study requested. Example: 12 credits in painting. An attached transcript must be included. Grades should be at such a level to indicate strength in the area.
3. Though not mandatory, it is preferable that the applicant has taken four credits at the 400 level in the area of choice, prior to participating in a 496 independent study.
4. Check with your instructor for any additional requirements.

Procedures:

1. Attach a written Proposal and a PSU transcript (496 and 596 only). Proposal must include a complete plan to study as follows:
 - Reason for request
 - Description of area for research
 - Plan for program development
 - Extent of work (number of works completed)
2. Presentation of work must be on a two-week interval. Weekly meetings will be arranged for if student or faculty so desires. Any alteration of this program of study or schedule without written consent will void the contract and satisfactory completion of course.

PENN STATE SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACT

SEMESTER: FALL ___ SPRING ___ SUMMER ___ YEAR ___
ART 296 ___ ART 496 ___ ART 596 ___ PHOTO 296 ___ PHOTO 496 ___ ~~PHOTO 596~~ ___
Schedule Number _____ Section _____

STUDENT PLEASE COMPLETE

Student: Please read instructions before completing.
Please attach written proposal to this form for 496 or 596 Independent Study.

Student Name _____ Instructor Name _____
PSU ID _____ Phone Number _____
Email Address _____ Grade Point Average _____
Semester Standing _____ Number of Credits Desired _____

Area of Independent Study Requested:

Ceramics	_____	Printmaking	_____
Drawing-Painting	_____	Photography	_____
New Media	_____	Other: (specify)	_____
Sculpture	_____		_____

ART or PHOTO 496 or 596: List the courses and number of credits you have already taken in this area of concentration: (Applicant must have at least 12 credits in the area of study requested.)

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

INSTRUCTOR PLEASE COMPLETE

How many 296/496/596 students have you accepted prior to this application for this semester? _____
(Faculty should limit independent study to no more than 3 students per semester.)

Are there additional requirements? Please List _____

Comments _____

Independent Study Approved -- YES NO *(Please Circle One)*

If no, please give reasons: _____

INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____