ARI/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.)

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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: ___________________________

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INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE ___________________________ DATE ______

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