

**THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

**SAMPLE APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: Undergraduate Student / Graduate Student

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: Music 296 / Music 494 / Music 496 / Music 596

Circle One: Applying for Independent Study Credits: 1 / 2 / 3

Circle One: Fall Semester / Spring Semester Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Faculty Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- This form should be used to secure authorization to register for an independent study and must be approved *prior* to registration. The form will be retained as part of the student's academic record.
- Prepare a written proposal for your independent study and discuss it with both your advisor and with faculty sponsor. The proposal should contain a clear statement of the topic to be investigated, the objectives of study, the method by which the objectives will be fulfilled, and the means of evaluation. A completed proposal will normally be one or more typewritten pages in length, and will include a syllabus outline and, where appropriate, a bibliography of sources to be studied. Attach the proposal to this form and secure the proper signatures below.
- Independent studies offer students opportunities to extend their classroom work and to enrich their curriculum with supervised study of topics not normally covered by courses. Ideally, the topic selected for independent work is one to which the student has already been exposed in regular courses or with which the student is already modestly familiar. For this reason, independent studies may *not* be used for topics covered by existing courses. When a course

(topic) is not offered during an academic year, this restriction may occasionally be waived by the director of the school.

- The curricula of all music degree programs are established by the faculty of the School of Music and are precisely described. For this reason, independent studies may not be taken to fulfill degree requirements except as electives. This restriction may occasionally be waived by the director of the school.
- Music majors may not enroll in more than 3 credits of independent study during the same semester.
- A maximum of 9 credits of independent study may be applied toward undergraduate or graduate degrees in music.
- Independent studies may not be taken as an SA/UN option.
- Music education majors registered for student teaching are not permitted to enroll for independent studies.

Comments:

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Signature of Student

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Signature of Faculty Sponsor

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Signature of Advisor

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Date Approved

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Signature of Director