

Independent Study /Online Course in Conjunction with Study Abroad Program

Program: _____ **Montpellier** _____ **Prague** _____ **Dublin** _____ **Rome** _____ **Other:** _____

Name: _____ Major _____

Independent Study Title _____ Course # (ex "COM 399") _____ # of credits _____

INDEPENDENT STUDY OPTION

Please attach a proposal covering the following points. Submit to Study Abroad Office **NO LATER THAN ONE MONTH BEFORE START OF PROGRAM** after having consulted with your faculty sponsor and having obtained their signature.

1. Write a clear statement of what you plan to study. In this statement you should make clear how you will be taking advantage of being overseas.
2. Because this is a variable credit course, explain how you determined the number of credit hours. Normally 1 credit =10 hours in class + 20 hours of out of class study. Thus a 3 credit independent study should encompass approximately 90 hours of total work over the course of the term.
3. Describe how you plan to work with the faculty supervisor you have selected—a syllabus would be appropriate here. Your syllabus should include learning objectives and outcomes, a week by week agenda including day and time deadlines for submission of work (please note how the work will be submitted and reviewed). You must also include grading criteria and a final deadline when all work must be completed. If you need help with this, discuss the outcomes and agenda with your faculty advisor first. **Please note: during your time abroad you will be in class 4 days a week 5-6 hours per day. You WILL NOT have significant time to devote to your independent study during this time.**
4. Present in detail the resources you plan to use. A reading list, a description of places that you will visit, people that you will talk to, etc would be appropriate here.

To the faculty advisor: By signing this form you agree to work with the above named student on their independent study as outlined above and on the attached proposal. **This independent study is a requirement for the student's participation in the above listed study abroad program.** Your home department will need to create the independent study and register you as the faculty of record. It is your responsibility to make sure that the student completes all work by the deadlines outlined in the attached syllabus, and to enter their grade.

Faculty: _____ Date: _____ Email: _____ Tel: _____

To the student: By signing this agreement, you understand that you are engaging in an independent study which is a requirement of your participation in the above listed study abroad program. If you do not complete the coursework as outlined in the syllabus you risk failing the course. While you are overseas you may encounter difficulties communicating with your faculty advisor due to time differences, technological differences and other unforeseen issues. Despite this, it is YOUR responsibility to turn in all course work on time. Due to the special nature of the study abroad program and the independent study, you may not withdraw, drop or retake any course associated with the program.

Student: _____ Date: _____

ONLINE COURSE OPTION

Students may take an online section of a Drexel course instead of completing an independent study project during their study abroad term. Students are responsible for finding an appropriate online Drexel course and registering themselves for the course **NO LATER THAN WEEK 7 OF SPRING TERM** preceding your departure. Students who fail to do so must fulfill an independent study project instead.

Online Course Title _____ Course # (ex "COM 399") _____ # of credits _____

To the student: By signing this independent study waiver, I attest to register myself for the course listed above prior to week 7 of the spring term preceding my departure. I will complete this online course during my study abroad term.

Student: _____ Date: _____

Prague and Montpellier ONLY – COURSE WAIVER

Students participating in Prague or Montpellier are not required to complete one of the options above – although it is encouraged. If you choose NOT to do so, please sign below:

I waive the option of increasing my credit load during my study abroad term with an independent study or online course. Signed _____ Date: _____