



Application to Conduct Independent Study for Major Credit While Abroad

Submit this form with your Smith Study Abroad Application Materials

Prior to departure, a student wishing to earn major credit for independent study work must obtain approval from a Smith faculty member. By submitting this application the student understands that they will be expected to submit relevant independent study course materials and all written course work including lab notes or field notes and the faculty member agrees to read and assess the submitted work upon the student's return. During their time abroad, the student will be responsible for corresponding as needed with the faculty member, especially if the independent study plans change in any way.

The total amount of credit students will receive for independent study work conducted abroad will be determined by the LGSC. The amount of credit accepted towards the major will be based upon the faculty member's application of Smith Special Studies credit criteria. Remaining credit earned on the program will be accepted towards general degree requirements.

To be completed by the Student:

Student Name: _____ Graduation year: _____

Major: _____

Study Abroad Program: _____

Term and Year Abroad: _____

Topic of *Independent Study* to be completed abroad:

To be agreed upon by the Student and Faculty Member:

Expectations for Work Completed (length, format, sources required, materials to be included):

Required consultation during research and writing:

Number of Smith special-studies-equivalent credits to be earned if all expectations are met:

FACULTY: I approve the proposed independent study and the student's plan for completing Special Studies work, and agree to review the work for major credit upon the student's return and will report the results to the Lewis Global Studies Center in an email to studyabroad@smith.edu.

Faculty Name (please print) _____

Department _____

Faculty Signature _____ Date _____

STUDENT: I understand that approval for major credit will be determined after my return, based on the evaluation of the written materials I bring back for review.

Student Signature _____ Date _____