



## **NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY PETITION FOR MEDILL STUDENTS SEEKING CREDIT FOR AN INDEPENDENT STUDY OR RESEARCH PROJECT ABROAD**

### **FOR MEDILL STUDENTS ONLY**

Students in Medill are not permitted to complete journalism courses at other schools and earn general credit for them from Northwestern. For this reason, Medill requires students who are planning to do an ISP abroad to complete a special petition outlining their proposal and to have that petition approved by the school representative. Depending on the topic the student hopes to study, the petition may need to be approved by Medill's Academic Standards Committee.

#### **Instructions for Completing this Petition**

1. Carefully read the document, "Getting Northwestern Credit for Independent Study & Research Projects Abroad," available at the Study Abroad Office and at [www.northwestern.edu/studyabroad](http://www.northwestern.edu/studyabroad).

Meet with the Medill undergraduate registrar to discuss this petition and the rest of your study abroad application materials. All petition materials will be reviewed by the Medill undergraduate registrar and, if need be, by the Academic Standards Committee, to determine what credit, if any, can be awarded.

2. Upon return to Northwestern, follow the instructions outlined in "Getting Northwestern Credit for Independent Study & Research Projects Abroad" in order to transfer credit. In addition, meet with the Medill undergraduate registrar to request final approval for ISP credit.

#### **Please Note**

- **If your project plans change while you are abroad**, contact the Medill undergraduate registrar immediately to review your new plan.

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# MEDILL PETITION FOR OBTAINING CREDIT FOR AN INDEPENDENT STUDY OR RESEARCH PROJECT (ISP) ABROAD

## I. Student Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NU ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Project Information

Study Abroad Program Name/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Term you will be abroad (quarters/year): \_\_\_\_\_

ISP Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of credit sought:     General Elective             Major             Minor  
    Social Science Concentration             6-Unit WCAS Elective Concentration

It is expected that your ISP will build on one or more classes that you have taken at Northwestern. Please list these below.

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### *Supporting Materials*

**Personal Statement:** Please attach a personal statement explaining how the independent study project will support your academic goals. Describe the academic and personal experiences that prepare you to undertake this ISP in a thoughtful, analytic manner.

**Syllabus:** Please provide a description and detailed syllabus for the independent study project you propose. The syllabus should outline academic components of your ISP (e.g., required readings, research projects, assignments, and means of assessment) as well as practical components, (fieldwork, amount of time spent doing fieldwork, research methods, etc.) It should also provide a weekly schedule for completing these assignments.

**Letter of Support from NU Faculty Sponsor:** Please include a letter of support from the full-time Northwestern faculty adviser who will help you design your course, supervise your study, and evaluate your work.

## III. SIGNATURE: MEDILL SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE FOR STUDY ABROAD

The Medill School of Journalism tentatively approves the independent study course as outlined in this petition and its supporting materials.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. STUDENT SIGNATURE

The student agrees that permission to complete the independent study course is only tentative until official approval is granted upon the student's submission of final ISP materials. The student also agrees that failure to notify the Medill undergraduate registrar of changes in the plans outlined in this ISP petition and its supporting materials will result in no credit being awarded for the project.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_