

Proposal for an Independent Study Course

MUS-U 596 Research in Applied Music

MUS-U 596 provides students an opportunity to work independently, under the supervision of a faculty member, on project or topic that cannot ordinarily be studied in the context of a course. To register in MUS-U 596, you must fill out the form on the back of this page and have it approved.

Fill in your personal information along with an explanation of how you plan to use the course in your degree (as part of an outside area or minor, or in the major field as an elective, for example).

Bearing in mind that an independent study is expected to occupy approximately three hours of your time each week per credit hour (including your meetings with the faculty study director), choose the number of credit hours for the project.

Provide a description of your proposed course. It is important that you include the information specified on the form: the topic you will be exploring, a description of the activities you will undertake as part of the independent study, a tentative schedule of meetings with your faculty study director, and an indication of the product or activity on which the final grade will be based (an exam, a research paper, a lecture recital, etc., including an approximate length where appropriate).

Lessons on the major instrument with a faculty member other than a student's major teacher may be completed under MUS-F 561 and are not appropriate as a topic for MUS-U 596.

Ask the faculty member who will supervise your work to sign the form to indicate approval of your proposal. Then ask the chair of that faculty member's department to sign. Finally, submit the signed form to the Music Graduate Office.

After the Director of Graduate Studies has reviewed the form you will be contacted by e-mail to notify you that your proposal has been approved, or to request changes in the proposal. Once your proposal has been approved, the Graduate Office will authorize you to register in the course. You will need to add the course to your schedule; this is not automatic.

The process of obtaining the necessary approvals can take up to a week, so plan ahead to avoid late registration fees. MUS-U 596 is ordinarily not offered during the summer term.

Contact the Music Graduate Office (East Studio Building 120, 855-1738, musgrad@indiana.edu) if you have any questions about this process.

Please complete the form on the reverse side of this page and submit with the appropriate signatures.

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Please read the guidelines on the reverse before completing this form.

Student Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Degree/Major: _____ IU Email Address: _____

Semester and Year of this Course (e.g. fall 2025): _____ Number of Credits: (1,2,or 3) _____

Requirement you wish to use this course for (doctoral minor, major-field elective, equivalent of another course, etc.):

Name of your proposed faculty study director: _____

Write 2–3 paragraphs describing your topic and what you will do during the course.

What will be the schedule of your meetings with your faculty study director?
(e.g., “We will meet for one hour every week.” Exact dates and times are not necessary.)

What product or activity will the final grade be based on (e.g., paper, presentation, etc., including the projected length)?

Approvals

Signature of faculty member who will be supervising your independent study _____ Date _____

Signature of chair of the faculty study director’s department _____ Date _____

Submit this form to the Music Graduate Office (musgrad@indiana.edu or JS120)

Signature of Director of Graduate Studies _____ Date _____

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Auth Added and #: _____ Emailed: _____