



**International Business Minor
IB 496 Independent Study Petition**

Student Name: _____ PSU ID #: _____

Major: _____ PSU Email: _____

Students interested in pursuing an independent study in the field of international business may choose to do so with the permission of an International Business professor in the Risk Management Department of the Smeal College of Business. Independent study is an opportunity for students to explore topics not otherwise covered by the standard course offering or to pursue topics covered in greater depth. If a professor agrees to supervise an independent study project, then s/he and the student will normally work out a specific plan of readings, papers, meetings for discussions, and/or other course work and a general standard for evaluating that work.

Students may petition for independent study credits to count towards IB Minor requirements, in consultation with our office. Please attach a short, written statement (no more than one page) with the following information:

- Your independent study title
- Faculty member overseeing the independent study
- Number of credits
- Learning objective – topics or questions to be addressed
- Justification for pursuing independent study
- How often will the student and professor meet?
- Specific method(s) of evaluation (how student’s work will be assessed)
- Semester in which the course will be taken

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Faculty Member overseeing the Independent Study

Important: You must secure the approval of the Risk Management Department (355 Business Building) for the independent study and be registered for IB 496 credits on LionPath.

Submit this form to the Strickler Office of International Programs, 484 Business Building.

- Approve
- Deny

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

IB Minor Petition to be reviewed by Dr. Terrence R. Guay, Associate Dean of International Programs