

Syllabus - POLI 3901 Internship

There are three general requirements for the internship course.

1. Satisfactory completion of work at an approved position. An evaluation form is sent to your supervisor at the end of the semester to gauge your performance. Your supervisor simply needs to report that you completed your work satisfactorily. That is a necessary condition to pass the course. Your supervisor is also invited to comment on your performance, but this evaluation does not count as part of your grade. Your grade is based on your academic work. Although this requirement is not graded, if your supervisor indicates that you have not participated in the internship, you will fail the course.

2. Mid-term journal and final paper topic due. At mid-term, the student will submit a 1000 word (4 page) essay explaining what was learned about politics from experiences at that point.

It should include a discussion of both what you did and what you learned. In other words, they shouldn't be about personality conflicts or the great lunch place downstairs, but rather demonstrate an awareness that you've thought about what goes on at your workplace. They'll be completely confidential. The journal essays will be posted on your moodle class page at mid-term.

This paper will be given a letter grade and is worth 40% of the course grade. Late submissions will result in lower grades.

In a separate moodle assignment (see below) submit a paragraph explaining the final paper topic. The topic for the final research paper should be related to the internship duties and use examples from the internship experience to support the conclusions. It should be a topic that would combine what you're learning at your internship with some academic research. The final paper should describe how your topic is discussed in a book or two or in some academic journal articles and then discuss how your experiences either confirm, refute or adds to the general understanding of the topic.

3. Final paper. At the end of the semester, the student will submit a 1500 word (6 page) research paper on a topic related to the internship duties and using examples from the internship experience to support the conclusions. This paper is given a letter grade and is worth 60% of the course grade. Again, late submissions will result in lower grades.