

Internships

Combine Classroom
Knowledge with
Real World Experience

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The Internship Program in Sociology & Anthropology

Our internship program is designed for students who want to integrate the academic and theoretical dimensions of their education within the context of a work setting.

Through the internship program, students gain practical experience related to future employment and they benefit from discussions of professional issues that are not usually covered in the classroom.

Why Consider an Internship?

- X to apply what you are learning in the classroom to a “real life” setting;
- X to explore possible career paths
- X to provide experience for future graduate study;
- X to expand your professional network;
- X to enhance your résumé;

Who is Eligible for an Internship?

Students who are in the latter part of their academic careers and have met the following course prerequisites:

- X Principles of Sociology (S161) or Culture and Society (E105);
- X Two Sociology courses at the 200 level or above (for SOC S494) or two Anthropology courses at the 200 level or above (for ANTH A496).

What Internships Are Available?

- X Students have had internships in local hospitals, businesses, schools, and social service agencies.
- X Some previous internship sites include the Youth Service Bureau, The American Red Cross, Logan Center, Memorial Hospital, Oaklawn Psychiatric Center, St. Margaret’s House, Center for the Homeless, REAL Services, and Stone Soup Community.

How Do I Earn Internship Credit?

- X Discuss your internship plans with Dr. McGuire the semester before you plan to register; then enroll in SOC S494, Field Experience in Sociology or ANTH A496, Field Study in Anthropology;
- X Devote 100 hours in the field and attend bi-weekly campus meetings;
- X The internship may be repeated for a maximum of six credits, but only three credits may

be applied to the major or minor in sociology. The internship may count for one of the 400-level seminars required of Sociology majors, but not for the 400-level seminar required of Anthropology majors.

What Qualifies for an Internship?

- X The internship must involve work experience that is related to your educational or career goals;
- X Internships may be part-time or full-time, paid or volunteer work.

What Students Say About Their Internships

“I enjoyed meeting women who are struggling against all odds to make life better for themselves and their children. It helped me understand more fully that underneath all of the trials and scars, we all want to feel that we belong and that we matter to someone.”

Intern, St. Margaret’s House

“Working alongside practicing therapists I was able to ask questions relating to tasks we were accomplishing as well as questions concerning their interests, likes, and dislikes in the field. In doing so, I gained a great amount of knowledge about...physical therapy.”

Intern, Memorial Hospital

“I developed an attachment to the clients...they taught me their culture and welcomed me into their homes and lives.”

Intern, American Red Cross

“Meeting new people improved my people skills as well as my communication skills.”

Intern, Safe Station

“Having the opportunity to work in one’s field of interest as a college student doesn’t happen all of the time, and I feel so lucky that I have gotten the chance to experience just what I am studying so hard for; it makes all of the tests and papers completely worth it.”

Intern, Oaklawn Psychiatric Center

“I was able to gain... a wealth of information about who I am and what my passions are.”

Intern, LoveWay

“This experience has really allowed me to see the world through the eyes of someone that is disabled...It’s reinforced my decision to pursue my MSW and helped me to realize that I’ve chosen the right profession.”

Intern, Logan Center

