Sociology 4980: Internship
Information & Application Packet
Department of Sociology at Georgia State University

Purpose & Objectives
Internships are a type of experiential learning that provides students with both observational and hands-on knowledge to enhance their academic endeavors and increase their ability to perform professionally. The central tenet of the internship program is that meaningful knowledge is “created through the transformation of experience” as described in the university’s Signature Experience Initiative. Students are expected to apply knowledge from their classes to professional settings that are appropriate to sociology.

The objective of this internship course is, then, to provide students with actual work experiences where they will gain and experience transformative knowledge to succeed in social service, non-profit organizations, and local and state governments. Students are expected to reflect their experiences, sociologically in writing at the end of this course. Students are under the direction of Dr. Jung Ha Kim, the Director of Undergraduate Studies, throughout the term of the internship.

Academic Credit Hours of Internship
The Department of Sociology offers academic credit hours to eligible students. Students can receive 3 or 6 hours of academic credit toward their degree while interning at an approved intern site. Students are required to sign up for 3 credit hours. However, with approval from the Director of Undergraduate Studies, some students may be eligible to sign up for 6 credit hours. Students may also sign up for an internship for two (consecutive) semesters.

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<td>9 Hours/Week, 108 Total</td>
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*Students may schedule their internship time in any way that is mutually workable with the agency supervisor at the organization as long as the total required hours are completed by the end of the semester. However, under no circumstance, will any credit be given for prior work completed.*

Student Eligibility
Students must meet all the following requirements:

1. 2.50 overall GPA or 2.75 GPA of 3000/4000 level course work with 15 hours minimum
2. Completion of SOCI 1101: Introduction to Sociology
3. Completion of 9 additional hours of sociology course work
4. At least 60 hours of total course work completed (at least 9 hours of which completed at GSU)

Students must submit all of the following documents to apply:

1. Internship Application (see attached)
2. A printed copy of your Academic Evaluation (available on PAWS / GoSolar)
3. A typed one page, single-spaced, statement of purpose, which includes answering the following questions: WHAT you hope to gain from the internship; HOW this internship is related to your career goals; and WHY you decided to work at the internship site

Application Due Dates
Fall Semester: July 15th
Spring Semester: November 1st
Summer Semester: April 1st

*Incomplete or late applications are not accepted. **
**Application Procedure**  
Students should apply for the internship program well in advance of the semester of actual enrollment.

1. Submit application materials before the deadline to Mr. Reginald Butler in Langdale Hall 1041.
2. The Academic Coordinator Mr. Reginald Butler verifies eligibility.
3. Acceptance letter sent via email from Dr. Jung Ha Kim.
4. Upon acceptance into the program, students will be authorized to register for SOCI 4980.
5. Student selects an internship site from the official site list online at: [http://sociology.gsu.edu/internship-site-opportunities/](http://sociology.gsu.edu/internship-site-opportunities/) If and when students wish to work at alternative sites, they must be approved by Dr. Jung Ha Kim.
6. Student contacts site to set up interviews and make working arrangements.

**Course Structure**  
The bulk of students’ time in this course will be spent at their internship sites. There are no regularly scheduled class meetings on campus, except to attend two mandatory sessions: the Orientation session (during the second week of classes) and Debriefing session (a month prior to the end of the semester). Depending on the mid-term evaluations conducted by the on-site supervisor, additional meeting(s) may be needed with specific students.

Grades are based on attending mandatory meetings, completion of internship hours, evaluation of the agency’s supervisor on the student’s performance, and completion of written work (a sociological reflection of the Internship experience) at the end of the semester. Other requirements may apply as determined through coordination between the agency supervisor and Dr. Jung Ha Kim.

**Student Responsibilities**

1. Students are expected to meet eligibility requirements for acceptance into the Internship course.
2. Students are responsible for securing their internship sites.
3. Once accepted, students are expected to participate in the ongoing operation of the agency to the fullest extent possible.
4. Since the internship is considered an employment experience, students are expected to maintain a professional demeanor throughout the experience.
5. Students must also meet course requirements and attend mandatory meetings/sessions.

**Important Contacts**

Dr. Jung Ha Kim is the Director of the Undergraduate Studies and in charge of the Internship course within the Department of Sociology. She may be reached at jhkim@gsu.edu or 404-413-6518. Students are under the direction of her throughout the term of the internship.

Agencies should contact Dr. Jung Ha Kim regarding any student matters. Agencies should contact Mr. Reginald Butler at rbutler18@gsu.edu or 404-413-6503 for placement opportunities.

**Agency Supervisor(s)**

The major responsibility of the agency supervisor is to guide the student’s internship experience within the agency setting. The supervisor will make the final determination as to whether a student is qualified to complete an internship with their agency. The supervisor will consult with the student to determine work responsibilities. Any problem(s) that may develop MUST be reported by the supervisor or the student to Dr. Jung Ha Kim. The supervisor will be asked to complete a brief evaluation of the student’s mid-semester performance as well as an end of the semester evaluation.
We are blind to our own biases.

The illusion of objectivity.

The delusion of knowledge.

The fallacy of logic.

The myth of reason.

The pseudoscience of psychology.

The opiate of the masses.

The hallucination of the mind.

The delusion of the heart.

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