POS 3940 Internship
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Course Protocols available in canvas/webcourses are part of this syllabus, students are expected to read the syllabus and protocols prior to asking questions. Professional etiquette is expected and when violated, you can be penalized up to 15% of your overall course grade.

Course Description
As a restricted registration course, the work here is agreed upon and signed by the departmental internship coordinator, the Chair, the College of Science, and the student. In addition to the coursework detailed in this syllabus, students are accepted to intern at an agreed upon location where they spend at least the agreed upon number of hours a week specified on the restricted registration and is relative to the course credit in order to gain professional experience and learn from the mentors at their site. This course may be repeated for credit, but only up to 6 credits can be applied to the major. Remaining credit is applied to upper division requirements.

Course Objectives:
Internship objectives are to reflexively learn about the discipline of political science through experience in the field and through coursework that requires students to use discipline-specific knowledge and methods as a way to understand the field more completely.

Required Textbooks: none

Assignments:

Grade Categories	Description of the requirements	Weight toward final grade (1000pnts)
Journal Entries	Daily logs organized and submitted 1x a week.	250
Hours worked	Must use the Hours Worked Form available in webcourses	500
Research Assignments	Turned in through various phases throughout the semester.	250

All assignments will be turned into the "Assignments" section of webcourses.

All faculty are required to document students' academic activity at the beginning of each course. In order to document that you began this course, please complete the syllabus quiz by the end of the first week of classes or as soon as possible after adding the course. Failure to do so may result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid.

10 Journal Entries

Follow the directions for each entry. Minimum 250 words.

Hours Worked Log

This is worth ½ of your entire internship grade, and we may ask your supervisor for their assessment of these hours worked which can be a portion of this grade. Be sure to use the Hours Worked Form in webcourses and to meet with your supervisor to fill this form out both at the beginning and the end of your internship. By the last day of classes, submit this document as a print-out and deliver it to the Department of Political Science or scan it and submit it via webcourses.

3 Research Assignments:

Use APA formatting and readability counts.

1. Research the origin of your organization and explain the organizational structure for an audience outside your organization. The goal is to help the public understand your organization better. Min. 500 words and 2 academic or news sources.
2. Explain the central political issues your organization works on and how they accomplish their goals from the voice of the organization's lobbyist to Congressional hearing. Min 500 words and 2 <u>academic</u> sources.
3. Write an analytical paper on a central issue, e.g., security, homelessness, racism, voting rights, etc…—an issue area your organization works on. Use at least <u>5 peer reviewed journal articles about the issue</u>, and write a minimum of 1500 words.
    a. Explain the importance of the issue and what is at stake
    b. Explain the important actors and their interests
    c. Explain the central institutions (rules, laws, etc—not organizations)
    d. Describe a solution or policy to this issue and explain why this is a good approach.