

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Sociology
SOC 478(01) - Internship in Sociology
Spring/2012

I. LOCATOR INFORMATION

Instructor: Roger Klomegah, Ph.D.

Course Number & Name: SOC 478(01) - Internship in Sociology

Semester Credit Hours: 3:0

Day and Time Class Meets: MWF 8:00 – 8:50 (TBA)

Duration of Course: January 9 – April 27

Total Contact Hours for Class: 36 hrs

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II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is for sociology majors who wish to acquire pre-professional and supervised field work experience in an agency or organization in the community while applying sociological knowledge and skills. The course also offers students an opportunity to build community contacts and to acquire complementary knowledge and skills for future careers and/or graduate school. Students' performance will be supervised and evaluated jointly by external agencies (site supervisors) and internship course coordinator (faculty).

Prerequisites: Senior standing; SOC 210, SOC 335, and SOC 350 or SOC 351.

III. DISABLED STUDENT SERVICES

In accordance with Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ACA) of 1990, if you have a disability or think you have a disability to please contact the Center for Personal Development in the Spaulding Building, Room 155 (1st Floor); 910-672-1203.

IV. TEXTBOOK

Not required

FSU Blackboard Learning System Gateway: <http://blackboard.uncfsu.edu/?bbatt=Y>

V. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. test sociological insights gained in the classroom in the field (community setting);
2. acquire pre-professional training and/or work experience;
3. acquire exposure to parts of society they have not been exposed to;
4. engage in networking;
5. acquire exposure to public service and volunteering;

ELIGIBILITY

Senior standing with Sociology major only, must have taken Principles of Sociology (SOC1 210), Sociological Research Methods (SOC1 335), and one Theory course (SOC1 350 or SOC1 351).

INTERNSHIP SITES

Whereas some students may have an idea about where they will like to do their internship, others may not. Students, with the help of the Internship coordinator, will contact various agencies and government offices for internship opportunities and identify appropriate placement for students. (**See the attached list of Internship Agencies**). Internships should be unpaid.

VI. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

Course Grade

The course grade will be based on internship log, comments by site supervisor, a paper on internship experience, and intern's portfolio. Guidelines for internship portfolio are given below.

- Internship log contains a daily record of the hours an intern spent at the internship site. The log **MUST** be signed by the site supervisor. **Completed logs must be turned in to internship faculty supervisor by April 26.**
- There is a form to be completed by the site supervisor for comments about the intern at end of the semester. Alternatively, an official letter from the site supervisor may be substituted for the form.
- A final paper on internship experience should address what an intern has learned at the site and the connection between the experience and sociological knowledge. Specifically, the paper must show that the student has met the following learning outcomes:
 - a) test sociological insights gained in the classroom in the field (community setting);
 - b) acquire pre-professional training and/or work experience;
 - c) acquire exposure to parts of society they have not been exposed to;
 - d) engage in networking;
 - e) acquire exposure to public service and volunteering;
- Paper is limited to 7 pages and must be typed and double spaced. The paper must be included in the portfolio. **Deadline for submission of paper is April 23.**
- An intern is required to submit a portfolio at the end of the internship period (**Deadline is April 23**). The portfolio should reflect the student's academic, creative, professional, and personal interests and accomplishments in terms of the internship. It may include things like art, expository or creative writing, pictures, video or cassettes recordings, slides, etc, and must include a professional quality resume. Portfolio must include the term paper.

The content of the portfolio is limited only by the intern's imagination; however, it must be adequate enough to provide evaluative information, which will account for 50% of the course grade.

- All required materials for course evaluation are due by April 23.
- Internship Portfolios are due to the instructor by April 23.

Students are required to meet as a class with their internship supervisor during the beginning of the semester.

Credit Hours/Internship Hours

Three (3) credit hours are assigned to an internship in a semester, and require a minimum of three (3) hours per week for each hour required. Three (3) hours x 3 credit hours per week = 9 hours per week x 13 weeks (1 semester) = 117 hours needed to earn three (3) hours of credit.

Requirements	Weight
Evaluation by Site Supervisor	50%
Internship Log	25
<u>Paper on Internship Experience</u>	<u>25</u>
Total Possible Percentage	100

FSU Grading Scale

A = 92-100 B = 83-91 C = 73-82 D = 64-72 F = 63 and below

The following are the minimum requirements for SOCI 478(01):

1. Keep an internship log
2. Complete a paper on internship experience
3. Be evaluated by site supervisor
4. Prepare an intern portfolio

Deadlines

All students are expected to adhere strictly to deadlines for preparing all required materials/documents.

VII. SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY/RESOURCES

David Hachen Jr. 2001. *Sociology in Action*. Thousand Oaks, California: Pine Forge Press.

Phyllis A. Langton. 2005. *Practicing Sociology in the Community: A Student's Guide*. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Pearson Education, Inc.

William A. Johnson, Jr., Richard P. Retting. 2004. *The Sociology Student Writer's Manual*, 4th edition. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Pearson Education, Inc.