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SOC INTERNSHIP COURSE

COMM 392: JOURNALISM

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Office Hours by Appointment

By phone or Zoom

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INTERNSHIP DATES

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However, your weekly reports, time sheets and the final paper are due on the dates specified below.

GRADES

Most of your grade is determined by weekly reports.

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You should spread put your experience over the longest number of weeks so you can have time to learn and grow on the job.

The bottom line is that you must put in 100-120 hours on your internship, spread out evenly over the semester.

WEEKLY REPORTS AND TIMESHEETS

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You will find these questions under the assignments tab in Sakai.

These weekly reports should be approximately **200 words** discussing some key issues regarding your experiences.

Please expand on the questions in any way you see fit. Write clearly and include some specific details and examples to describe your experience and work activities.

Attach your signed time sheet to every report. You can make a timesheet, use what your internship provides you with, or find a form on the SOC web site under the at the bottom of this page. You can submit the time sheet in any format (PDF, JPG, WORD, etc), as long as I can see the hours you worked and verify the signature of your supervisor.

Timely delivery of your weekly reports and timesheets is important in your goal to receive an A in this course. Missing or late assignments will result in a lower grade.

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SEMESTER GRADE COMPONENTS

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Weekly reports: Reports, each worth 5 points, for a total of 35 points

Time sheets: 5 points

Final Report: 25 points.

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WEEKLY REPORT AND TIMESHEET SCHEDULE

Reports and timesheets are due on Saturdays.

Write your responses in the large white box.

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Week 1 - Aug 28-Sept 4

Begin internship

Week 2: June 12-17

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Begin/Register for class

Week 2: Sept 5-10

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- Listen to: Crush your internship podcast <https://www.stitcher.com/show/crush-your-internship/episode/028-ken-bain-what-the-best-college-students-do-42935702>

Week 3: Sept 11-17

First virtual meeting on Zoom via 7

Week 4: Sept 18 -24

Report 1 and timesheet due by 11:55 p.m Sunday

Week 5: Sept 25 - Oct 1

Report #2 due Sunday at 11:55 pm and timesheet

Week 6: October 2-8

Report and timesheet 3 due at 11:55 pm Wednesday (October 12 due to fall break)

Week 7: Oct 11-15

Fall break nothing due

Week 8: Oct 16-22

Report and timesheet 4 due at 11:55 pm Sunday

Week 9: Oct 23-29

Report and timesheet 5 due at 11:55 pm Sunday

Week 10: Oct 30-Nov 5

Report and timesheet 6 due at 11:55 pm Sunday

Week 11: Nov 13-19

Report and timesheet 7 due at 11:55 pm Sunday

Week 12: Nov 20 -26

Nothing due holiday

Week 13: 27-Dec 3**Week 14-15****Work on Final Paper**

Final paper due at start of final time

Directions:

This is the equivalent of your final exam. This paper integrates your course work, your internship experience, and your goals for professional development. Try to put your internship into perspective and show your level of responsibility and initiative for learning. The major emphasis should be and Part I. Consider Part II as a brief individual assessment. This paper should be no more than 1,000 words long. Due via Sakai

Part I – Research Question

In your application for the internship course, you agreed to ask everyone who works at your internship site a research question.

The question should have been along the lines of: “I want to learn every aspect of what it’s like to work at _____” or “What advice do you have for college graduates?”

During your internship, ask this question to everyone at your work site. In the final paper, include some of the answers you received, explaining who gave you the answer and how you think the answer may apply to your future career.

Tell me about specific moments during your internship when you saw answers to this question play out. You may find that the answers you received to this question are accurate – or not realistic. The proof must be based on personal experiences and activities during the internship. Both theoretical and practical topics can be explored. Your answer should reflect your new knowledge and understanding.

Part II - Individual Assessment**Preparation**

How did your courses and class work prepare you for your internship? Describe specific topics, theories, and ideas that were useful.

Knowledge and Skills

What were the most important things that you learned during this internship? Relate your learning to specific activities and experiences in your internship.

Integration

How does the internship fit into your future career or graduate study? Write about the value of the internship experience in relation to your professional development. How will you apply the things you have learned?

Evaluation of yourself

How would you evaluate your overall performance in the internship? Support your answer with specific examples related to the intern evaluation form.

Evaluation of the organization

How would you evaluate your internship organization? Were you taught things you didn't know before? Were you mentored? Should we send students to this organization in the future?