

How are the Field Placement and Course Content Connected:

- the on campus meeting time is spent discussing your field experience with the supervising professor and possibly other interns and discussing topics and concerns relevant to the field experience. Some readings are assigned. Students are expected to maintain a log of their internship experiences and to use sociological insight to analyze their field experiences;
- students who complete their hours in the field and the in-class portion of the internship will receive a grade which is based on the evaluations of their supervisor in the field and the quality of description and analysis shown in their log books and on campus discussions.



Department of Sociology and Anthropology Internships

allow students to apply classroom learning to work environments. They enable students to network and to gain practical experience related to future employment.

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Internships

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The Internship Program In Sociology

The Internship Program in Sociology (S494) can be an important milestone in the advanced undergraduate's training and preparation. The Internship Program is designed for students who want to integrate the academic and theoretical dimensions of their education within the context of a practical work setting. Through the Internship Program students gain practical experience related to future employment and they benefit from discussions of professional issues and concerns which are not usually covered in the classroom.

Why Consider an Internship in Sociology?

- to combine your academic experience with applied work;
- to explore possible career paths or to provide experience for future graduate study;
- to gain contacts and network with people and organizations;
- to enhance your resume;
- to earn academic credit.

Who is Eligible for an Internship in Sociology?

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

- S161, Principles of Sociology or E105, Culture and Society;
- One research methods course: S258, Quantitative Research Methods OR S268, Qualitative Research Methods OR S351, Social Statistics;
- At least one other Sociology course at the 200 level or above;
- and permission of instructor.

What Qualifies for an Internship in Sociology?

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

Where are Internships Available?

- students may find an internship sponsor on their own or Professor Scott Sernau can provide assistance in locating a sponsor and a field placement;
- internships are available in many professional areas and with many local social service agencies.

How Do I Earn Internship Credit in Sociology?

- discuss your internship plans with Professor Scott Sernau, then enroll in S494, Field Experience in Sociology;
- plan to devote approximately 100 hours in the field and in bi-weekly campus meetings;
- with approval of the supervising professor, the internship may be repeated for a maximum of six credits, although 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.