

PSYC 498: Senior Field Internship in Psychology
Course Syllabus

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Meetings: Thursdays 1-2:30pm (concomitant with PSYC 410--see

1. Students must complete an average of 12 hours/week at your field internship site. This time commitment may include any specific training offered by your internship setting as well as the normal duties you assume at your site. Given a semester of 14 weeks, this equals a minimum of 168 hours of experience.

Some internships require *more* hours than this; if so, you must agree to fulfill the minimum hour requirements of the agency or organization in which you complete your internship. All commitments should be finalized at the time of internship approval (e.g., in PSYC 300), and all experiences carry the same unit of credit for PSYC 498, regardless of any extra hours required by your internship site.

2. Students must receive a favorable evaluation of their performance by their on-site internship supervisor (In order to receive a pass grade)

internship site; (d) given the self-assessment measures you completed in PSYC 300, a reflection of how your internship experiences matched with what you learned about your skills, values, and interests (e.g., were your internship experiences what you would have expected given your self-assessment measures?); and (e) a reflection on what you learned from your internship experiences about whether you would want to pursue a possible career in an area similar to or related to your internship and why. The paper should be approximately 1000-1250 words. No citations are required, but if you decide to include citations, they must be in correct APA format, 7th edition; and you must include an APA-formatted Reference section.

FINAL GRADES for PSYC 498 are determined based on a straight percentage. Pluses and minuses will be awarded for students at the top and bottom of each grade distribution.

122 and up: A

108-121: B

95-107: C

81-94: D

80 and below: F

The following are some issues of which you must be aware in order to get credit for your field internship in PSYC 498.

- a. NATURE OF FIELD INTERNSHIPS: Note that field internships cannot be predominantly clerical or observational in nature, and students will _____ for such internships. It is your responsibility either to discontinue the internship and to find another internship, and/or to contact me for troubleshooting advice, if you find that your internship is primarily clerical or observational.
- b. CHANGE IN SUPERVISORY STAFF AT FIELD PLACEMENT: If there is a change in your supervisor between when a field internship is negotiated and approved and when an internship begins, a new goals sheet must be completed and turned in to ensure that the internship is still desirable and will meet the requirements of the senior internship.
- c. CHANGE IN WHEN YOUR INTERNSHIP WILL BE COMPLETED: If you are a summer field intern and will not complete your internship hours by the end of the summer, you need to inform me by the first day of class and state the reason for this. Similarly, if you are fall field intern and will not complete your internship hours by the end of the fall semester, you need to inform me as soon as you realize that your hours will not be complete. Depending on the reason why your hours are not completed as required, your grade for your internship may or may not be adjusted down.
- d. WORLD ENGAGEMENT-SERVICE LEARNING CREDIT AND EXPECTATIONS: PSYC 498 counts for the WE-SL requirement as long as you do an off-campus internship and it fulfills the requirements of WE-SL. In order to meet this requirement, there are four things that must occur, most of which are

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