IDS 390 - 07 Fall 2017

Cooperative Education

Course Description:

5 semester hours.

This is an internship, which is an optional academic experience integrating classroom theory with practical work experience. Participating students are employed off-campus with businesses/organizations related to their career choice. Based on the college policy regarding IDS 390 credits, 5 semester hours will require 200 hours as an intern.

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Learning Outcomes/Seminar Objectives:

Each student will have the opportunity to gain experience in a field related to his or her choice of academic major. The internship will provide experiences that could contribute to the senior capstone essay of seminar.

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Outline:

* Each student has already applied for an internship, been accepted by a business, and will work during the Fall 2017 Semester.
* Each business has designated a supervisor who has agreed to provide a list of expectations for the student and to complete evaluations of the student’s work. The business supervisor will certify the number of hours spent working as an intern.
* The faculty sponsor has spoken with each business supervisor and arranged to make phone calls and send emails to perform periodic progress checks and to receive a final evaluation.
* Each student will write a final report. The report will be at least five pages, one for each credit earned. Though other topics may be included, the report will address the following areas: activities completed, relating work done to initial job description, relating the experience to personal career goals, evaluation of self in relation to the experience, evaluation of supervisor and/or employer and the employment situation, and evaluation of the cooperative education program. Upon submission, the faculty sponsor will review the report and notify the student if any additions or revisions are needed.

Grading:

The grade will be pass/fail. If there are concerns that the result might be a failure, the faculty sponsor will contact the student and discuss ways to improve, with the goal of reaching a successful (passing) final evaluation.