SOC 590 - 594: Field Experience/Internship
Instructor: TBA
Days and Times: TBA

Student Learning Outcomes: At the completion of their internship experience students will have demonstrated the ability to:

1. Apply knowledge to solving social problems

2. View social phenomena from alternate perspectives
   a. Demonstrate competency in recognizing the implications of meso and macro social forces on individuals
   b. Demonstrate competency in understanding privileges, disadvantages and experiences of people in social statuses very unlike their own

3. Apply sociological perspectives, concepts and theories to internship roles, activities and settings

4. Understand themselves in new, sociologically-informed ways

5. Understand their society in new, sociologically-informed ways

6. Appreciate pluralism and diversity

7. Refine moral and ethical commitments to their local citizens

Students will meet with their instructor, in a face-to-face or online manner, several times during the course of the internship to discuss their observations and to problem-solve issues that may have arisen about their tasks and relationships in the setting.

In addition, students will submit their first several journal entries for instructor feedback partway through the internship.
Information distributed to students:

Guidelines for Internship Reports in Sociology and Sociology/Social Policy

Students complete 40 on-site hours per semester hour of internship credit. Thus all internships enrolled in for four semester hours require a minimum of 160 hours on the scene, at the same site. The necessary registration forms may be obtained at the Career Center office and must be completed before the internship begins.

1. *Keep a journal of your experiences, on a daily basis if possible.* Otherwise you should complete at least three extensive entries every week. Include in your journal entries:
   - an initial overview of the mission and major activities or programs of your internship site
   - a description of your activities
   - interpretation of your activities using academic course material
   - how your experience is affecting your thinking about the larger society and world
   - any other questions that your experience is raising for you

   Journal entries should be typed and submitted electronically to your instructor.

2. *Write a final experience-based reflection paper.* You should draw on sociological concepts, variables, theories and analyses to make sociological sense of your time in the setting. For example, what differences have you observed among individuals along the lines of sex, race or ethnicity, class and/or age?

   In addition, how did your final experience compare to what you expected? How well did you fit into this setting and, do you believe, would you fit into other settings like it?

   The paper should be 6-8 double-spaced, typed pages.

   **Enjoy your Internship!!!!**