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**General Syllabus**

**POLS 495V Political Science- Internship**

Credit Hours: 3-9

Internship or Practicum Hours: variable

Prerequisite(s): Junior standing, 6 hours of political science coursework, and consensus of department head.

Effective Catalog: 2019-20

**I. Course information**

**A. Catalog description**

Field experience with a political or government related institution or agency, supervised by an individual at the internship agency and a member of the political science faculty. Internships are administered through the department head. May be repeated for a maximum of nine hours.

**B. Additional Information**

Student must meet with the instructor regularly. They will prepare an abstract of their project, a bibliography and their results.

**II. Student Learning Outcomes**

**A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Work with others in a political or governmental setting, learning policies and procedures, office management skills, and how to serve as a liaison with other government offices and agencies.
2. Communicate effectively with others within and without the political office or organization and communicate clearly the directives or goals of the particular political office holder or their agency.
3. Apply principles of organization and leadership to their own careers.

**B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

**Analytical Skills:****Critical thinking skills**

Students will analyze and evaluate both philosophical and non-philosophical arguments.

**Communication Skills (oral and written)**

Students will articulate abstract political ideas to a wide audience.

**Ethical Decision Making:**

Students will apply some of the basic normative ethical theories in dealing with political and government problems.

**III. Major Course Topics**

Topics will vary with the internship experience