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General Syllabus

CRJU 3977V Academic Internship

Credit Hours: 3-6 Variable Internship/Practicum: 3-6 Variable

Prerequisite: Criminal Justice major with junior or senior standing, overall GPA of 2.8, consent of department, and any additional criteria as specified by the internship, and ENGL 10203 Composition II or ENGL 24103 Advanced Composition

Effective Catalog: 2025-2026

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Comprehensive work experience related to student's major field. Cooperative education, apprenticeships, extended job shadowing, internships, and other systematic, planned work experiences included. Approval of work experience and number of credits to be earned is required. Course may be repeated for a total of six hours with instructor approval. Required writing assignments.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

1. Demonstrate and explain specific work skills learned through the internship experience.
2. Identify and describe specific work related traits necessary for successful employment with the agency.
3. Explain the assigned agency's history and mission.
4. Reflect on and describe what they learned through the internship experience.
5. Identify concepts found in the work environment and relate them to principles, concepts or ideals found in their criminal justice course work.
6. Develop a journal of their daily experiences and write a descriptive report outlining their experience with the agency.
7. Use technology to present ideas, concepts, findings and recommendations.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills
Critical Thinking Skills: Students will identify problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis.

Communication Skills (written and oral)
Students will communicate proficiently. Students will use essay format for written presentation of research projects and discuss particular aspects of various topics in a seminar setting.

Ethical Decision Making
Students will model ethical decision-making processes. Students will examine ethical dilemmas within the criminal justice field and develop ethical frameworks to resolve specific ethical issues.

Global and Cultural Perspectives
Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

III. Major Course Topics

In the internship, course topics vary depending on the internship agency. Students receive practical work experience within the criminal justice professional environment.