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ENG, EPR, ETC or JOU 316 Internship in English, Public Relations, Technical Communications, or Journalism

Required Procedures:

Students must complete an [internship application](http://staff.missouriwestern.edu/users/frick/internap.html) (<http://staff.missouriwestern.edu/users/frick/internap.html>) prior to enrolling in the course. Upon obtaining placement, the student and agency supervisor must complete an [internship contract](http://staff.missouriwestern.edu/users/frick/contract.html) (<http://staff.missouriwestern.edu/users/frick/contract.html>) listing the number of hours to be completed at the agency and the work objectives to be accomplished during the semester. The signed contract also lists the grading criteria for the internship. At midterm time, the supervisor completes a midterm evaluation form regarding his/her intern. The evaluation form is returned by the intern to the internship coordinator. At the end of the semester, the supervisor completes a final evaluation form. The intern completes a final report or prepares a portfolio about his/her internship.

Course Objectives:

This course provides students with the practical application of skills in journalism, public relations, and/or technical communications at a business concern or agency. The internship correlates academic preparation with professionally supervised work experience (thirty clock hours for each hour of credit). Work objectives will be listed on the Internship Contract and signed by the intern, the intern's supervisor, and the Internship Coordinator.

Course Requirements:

- 1. Attendance is mandatory.** If you do not complete the hours required as stipulated in the internship contract, you will fail the course.
- 2. Office hours:** Feel free to contact me if you need assistance. I am always glad to meet with students and/or consult via email.
- 3. Academic Honesty Policy and Due Process:**
Academic honesty is required in all academic endeavors. Violations of academic honesty include any instance of plagiarism, cheating, seeking credit for another's work, falsifying documents or academic records, or any other fraudulent activity. Violations of academic honesty may result in a failing grade on the assignment, failure in the course, or expulsion from the University. When a student's grade has been affected, violations of academic honesty will be reported to the Provost or designated representative on the Academic Honesty Violation Report forms. Please see page twenty-four of the [Student Handbook and Calendar](#) for specific activities identified as violations of this policy and the student due process procedure. This handbook is also available online at <http://www.missouriwestern.edu/handbook/index.pdf>.

In ENG, JOU, EPR, ETC 316, work submitted under your name should be your work. You should clearly identify your duties/responsibilities for any collaborative projects submitted in your internship portfolio or final project. If you deviate from standard style practices (AP, MLA, APA = whatever your agency/supervisor uses), please explain why you have done so.

- 4. Student Disability:** Students with disabilities (impaired hearing, vision, reading disorders, etc..) should notify me in writing of their disability on the internship application. I will work out a course of studies/placement for such students.
- 5. Grading Policy:** Your grade for the course will be determined in this manner:

A

1. successful completion of work objectives
2. excellent and good ratings by the supervisor in the final evaluation
3. well-written final report or portfolio

4. completion of contracted work hours

B

1. completion of work objectives
2. good and average ratings by the supervisor in the final evaluation
3. well-written final report or portfolio
4. completion of contracted work hours

C-D

1. partial completion of work objectives
2. average/poor ratings by the supervisor in the final evaluation
3. writing deficiencies on final report or portfolio
4. completion of contracted work hours

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1. Failure to submit contract before September 3, and/or attend mandatory meeting on September 3, complete contracted work hours and/or supervisor's evaluation and/or final report or portfolio

One-time, Mandatory Meeting:

All interns enrolled for internship credits will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 3, in the Writing Project Conference Room adjacent to my office at Missouri Western (Eder Hall: Across from the elevator). We will review current placements, work ethics, and course reporting and grading procedures. **Failure to attend this meeting could result in your failure in the internship.**

Midterm Grade Reports and Procedures:

I will email or snail/mail a midterm evaluation form to your supervisor when you are midway through your internship, asking that he/she complete it and return it to you in a conference regarding your internship work. **You should be sure that the completed form is in my campus mailbox in the EFLJ department in Eder Hall, Room 222 NO LATER THAN Monday, October 12.** (It is acceptable for you to mail the midterm evaluation to me; please sign and date it so that I know that you have reviewed it with your supervisor.) If you would like to schedule a midterm intern conference with me, you are welcome to do so. Please call me and/or email me to schedule an appointment at our mutual convenience.

Final Report (Essay or Portfolio) and Course Grade:

Please realize that your internship course grade will be determined on the basis of your supervisor's final evaluation of your contracted work objectives and your end-or-term internship report (an essay or portfolio)—not on the midterm evaluation.

Your final report will be due to me before Monday, November 30 - my mailbox in the EFLJ Offices in Eder Hall 222.

You have two options for the Final Report:

Both options require a professional resume. You should have workshopped it before you submit it to me by having Linda Garlinger, MWSU Career Services Coordinator, or a Career Services professional staff member critique your resume. **Attach your revised version to the critiqued version in submitting your resume.**

Final Report Option I: Write an essay in which you **evaluate** your internship experience (at least five, double-spaced, word-processed pages, spell-checked, and proofread--copy that you would be proud for any faculty member in the department to read as an example of your best, finished and polished work).

Answering the following questions may be helpful to you in drafting your essay:

- (1) To what degree did you achieve your educational and personal objectives in the internship? What activities were conducive to your achievement of your objectives?
- (2) To what extent did your internship affect your career goals?
- (3) How did your internship work relate to your academic studies? What knowledge and skills did you apply in your internship work?
- (4) What did you learn about working with others and about yourself from your experience?

(5) How do you plan to use your internship experience in the future?

OR

Final Report Option II: Prepare a portfolio showcasing pertinent examples of your internship work experience. Include a professional resume and a cover letter describing your responsibilities for the work you include in the portfolio. The resume and cover letter should be your best, edited, and carefully-proofread prose.