

## SOCIOLOGY 494: INTERNSHIP IN CRIMINOLOGY

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**COURSE CREDIT:** 3 Semester Hours

**PREREQUISITES:** Completion of Sociology 346 and Sociology 447 or completion of Sociology 346 and concurrent registration in Sociology 447.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students are placed in a supervised internship with a criminal justice or law enforcement agency in the community. Students volunteer time and effort in exchange for practical experience. Service areas suitable for internship placements include city and county law enforcement, state highway patrol, residential facilities for juveniles, juvenile diversion, and adult probation, to mention only a few possibilities.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The course objectives for students are as follows:

- To provide the Student with practical experience and skills (1) necessary to be an effective employee in criminal justice and law enforcement settings; or (2) to pursue admission into a graduate program in criminology or sociology.
- To provide the Student with an opportunity to apply the knowledge gained from sociology and criminology courses to real life criminal justice situations.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS;

The course requirements are as follows:

- The Student will locate a suitable agency and will enter into a **Criminology Internship Agreement** with the agency. On Exhibit A of the **Criminology Internship Agreement**, Student and agency shall describe the activities of the Student while participating as an intern, shall state the date for the commencement of the internship, shall state the date for the completion of the internship, and shall state the number of hours per week that the student will participate as an intern.
- The Student will complete at least 120 hours of internship experience in an agency setting. The Student will record the number of hours spent in internship activities on a **Time Log**. The agency supervisor should sign a **Time Log** weekly. The Student shall submit the **Time Logs** to the course instructor at the intervals specified in the *Assignment Deadlines* section of the study guide.

- The Student will keep a **Journal** of activities, impressions, and reactions to the internship experience. The **Journal** shall be well written, edited, and typed (using 12-point font size and New Roman font). A minimum of two typed pages per eight hours of agency contact is required; this yields a minimum of thirty pages of **Journal** entries for the entire internship. The Student shall submit the **Journal** entries to the course instructor at the intervals specified in *Assignment Deadlines* section of the study guide.
- The Student shall prepare a **Student Evaluation of the Internship Experience, which** shall consist of at least four pages, typed and double-spaced. The Student will deliver this evaluation to the course instructor upon completion of the internship.
- The agency shall provide a note or letter to the Student, signed by the agency supervisor, which will indicate whether or not the Student satisfied the agency's expectations in connection with the internship. The Student will deliver the note or letter to the course instructor upon completion of the internship.
- The Student must comply with the requirements of the agency as to any application for the intern position (in some cases possibly including a background check or fingerprinting), attendance, punctuality, appearance, behavior, and confidentiality.