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Journalism Internship-Spring 2022

JRNL 498-Section 1-CRN 31658

3 Credits-Credit/No credit grading

****Syllabus-Subject to Change****

****See separate document with COVID-19 related policies and procedures.**

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES

This syllabus outlines the responsibilities and procedures related to serving an internship for the School of Journalism. Students are required to complete a 3-credit, 160-hour internship as part of the degree for a BA in Journalism. They may serve the 160 hours in any semester and on any schedule acceptable to the intern and the hosting organization.

Students are responsible for arranging an internship in journalism or a related field that will have them under the supervision of a professional in that field. Internships in communications, public relations, marketing, film and other related careers tracks are acceptable.

The student will seek approval from the instructor before formally accepting an internship. Once the instructor approves the internship, students will submit a learning agreement to UM's Experiential Learning Office. Once that office approves the internship, the internship instructor will allow the student to enroll for credit.

Your faculty and advisers can help you with contacts when you are ready to seek out an internship. The School of Journalism hosts a job and internship fair each spring, bringing prospective internship hosts to Don Anderson Hall. You will be expected to attend a general internship meeting before the fair and before enrolling for your internship.

Follow the J-School's Job, Internship and Scholarship Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/223933414300449>

UM lists job and internship opportunities here:

<https://www.umt.edu/experiential-learning-career-success/handshake/students-and-alumni.php>

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students are expected to work with their internship host to create a unique set of learning outcomes which are listed in the learning agreement. In addition to those learning outcomes, School of Journalism interns are expected to meet the following outcomes.

- Produce a professional resume and demonstrate strong job interviewing skills
- Demonstrate dependability and consistency in the workplace
- Show a willingness to learn and work in a team
- Contribute to the workings of the host institution with initiative and creativity
- Demonstrate and improve writing and communication skills
- Gather, evaluate and present information in a compelling manner
- Gain a deeper understanding of the profession
- Demonstrate positive relationship building with coworkers, sources and the public

REREQUISITE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Student must have junior standing as a journalism major before undertaking an internship. Sophomores with special circumstances may ask the director for an override of this requirement.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Students may not use school gear or labs for internship work. Your host must provide you with the tools you need to be successful in your internship.

We expect your internship to be a paid position. If you are offered an unpaid internship, discuss it with the director before accepting.

ABOUT MOODLE/UM ONLINE

Syllabus, forms, links are all available in the Moodle page associated with this course/CRN.

GRADING

This course is graded Credit/No Credit. Credit will be granted to those who complete 160 hours with a host, get a positive review from the internship supervisor and complete the paperwork associated with the ELCS office.

ADDITIONAL COURSE POLICIES

If for some reason your internship is not working out, contact the internship course instructor immediately. There are any number of reasons an internship might not be right for you, so don't hesitate to reach out to the instructor or the director of the School of Journalism if you find it's not a good fit.