

SOC 382/482
Internship
Term Paper

Students participating in an internship experience in the department must submit a ten to fifteen page paper (laser printed), which contains at a minimum the following information:

- the functions / services and goals / mission of the sponsoring organization
- the ownership and corporate structure of the organization (including funding)
- the demographic characteristics of the organizations service area / clients
- the relationship of the organization / agency with other organizations / agencies which work in the same geographic area or with the same clients
- the personnel, facilities / equipment of the organization
- the management process / activities / control / evaluation procedures of the organization
- a description of the internship role within the organization
- a detailed description of the internship activities:
 - how did the organization go about orienting you to its structure and functions
 - how were you introduced to your function within the organization
 - what was expected of you
 - how did you spend a typical day in the internship site
 - how much time and energy did the internship role demand of you
 - what did you accomplish
 - how the internship role fitted into the organizational decision making structure
- what did you learn about the organization and its activities which could only be accomplished through completing an internship
- how did the “ideal culture” of the organization fit with the day to day activities of it
- what surprises did the internship hold for you
- how were you supervised
- how were your activities or projects evaluated
- what about this internship makes it a worthy education experience
- how could you have improved the internship experience
- how could the organization have improved the internship experience
- were you sufficiently prepared to undertake this internship experience? why or why not
- would you recommend this internship experience to other students? why or why not.

To the extent possible, the content of the paper should be related to theories, terms, and concepts in the discipline of sociology.