

JOU 4940: Internship Spring 2014

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Catalog Description: Student and instructor will select an appropriate work area related to the field of journalism for on-the-job training. Credit varies according to the length of the internship and the amount worked per week. Normally, a semester-long, full-time internship is needed for the maximum three-hour credit. Progress reports and summary required.

Credits: 1 to 3

Prerequisites: Minimum 2.7 GPA and have completed specialized courses in journalism appropriate to the internship. Students must have advanced approval from department to receive credit. The course may be repeated with change of content up to a maximum of 6 credits.

Course requirements: To receive credit, students need to complete three requirements:

1. Interns are expected to file progress reports on a regular basis, every three weeks or so. These can be e-mails listing daily assignments or an informal note describing your experiences on the job. Send them to wwanta@ufl.edu.

Keep all of your published work and other materials you worked on that did not get published. We may ask to see work samples. You'll certainly want to save your work for your professional portfolio.

2. A summary report is due at the end of the internship. It can be two or three typed pages or a lengthy e-mail. Evaluate your experience. Be honest and detailed in any criticism. This helps the department evaluate an internship experience and is not shared with your employer. It should discuss what the experience was like, the things the intern did for the employer and what sort of guidance and criticism was received.
3. We need an evaluation from your employer. An evaluation form is available in the Journalism office. We try to keep this low maintenance and not burden your supervisor. The department keeps a copy of the evaluation – whatever the form.