

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY GENERAL PSY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM-

PSY 382



WHAT IS PSY 382?

Whether a student intends to start a career after graduation or attend graduate school, it is imperative that the student gain experience to make him/her more marketable in these arenas. This internship is for students who desire experience in an area related to the field of Psychology. This can be very broad because Psychology touches on many fields, but all experiences need to be approved in advance by the department to make sure that they follow in line with the goals of the program.

GOALS

- Provide student with an opportunity to test out a career of interest.
- Create a student network that will help foster contacts through LinkedIn.
- Gain experience to strengthen resume and confirm a potential career.
- Establish relationships with employers and key contacts.

- Find out early if the field is a good match.
- Earn credit to help toward completion of the Psychology degree.
- Research career goals and interests.
- Apply what the student has learned in the classroom to make the experience more real.

CREDITS AND GRADING

PSY 382 is a "variable credit" online course, with students taking a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12 credits. For each credit taken, the internship requires 3 hours of work {credit/hour chart}. In addition to working at the placement, all students will receive ongoing supervision to ensure achievement of the learning goals. Students will be required to complete written assignments through online course modules and communicate with the instructor and their classmates. Modules topics will vary; some topics will be directly related to the internship while others will be beneficial for future career preparation.

EXAMPLE INTERNSHIP TYPES

- Government Agencies
- Courts/Justice Systems
- Hospitals/Healthcare
- Business/Advertising
- Childcare/Preschool
- Camp Counselor
- Mental Health Facilities
- Detention Centers
- Summer Youth Programs

ONLINE ASYNC COURSE

All correspondence with instructor is on-line. Students do not need to reside in the East Lansing area for the internship. The credits earned for this internship are graded with the Pass/Fail system (not numerical). Credits are assigned based on hours worked in the internship {credit/hour chart}.

GET STARTED

Go to {<u>bit.ly/psyintern</u>} to learn more about finding an internship and registering your internship for credit with PSY 382

QUESTIONS?

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