

INTERNSHIP COURSE INFORMATION

The purpose of the internship for Criminology and Criminal Justice majors is threefold:

1. it provides senior-level students with an opportunity to experience the work environment of criminal justice practitioners;
2. it gives students a chance to analyze theoretical concepts in an applied setting;
and
3. it assists students in making career choices

The Criminology and Criminal Justice office has a reference book of prior internship sites.

Important!

Students intending to take the internship **must** make an appointment with Dr. Danielle McGurrin, internship coordinator, prior to contacting an agency and registering for the course. **Students will not be allowed to register without making this appointment.**

- To make an appointment, please contact the division office at 503 725-4018 or ccj@pdx.edu.

Please note:

This course is partially online, using Blackboard. All assignments are to be submitted via this program. In order to use Blackboard, students must have an ODIN account (PSU's network).

- If you do not have an ODIN account, please go to <http://oit.pdx.edu/set-up-odinacct>
- For instructions on using Blackboard, please go to <http://www.psuonline.pdx.edu>

REQUIRED HOURS

Majors must take eight (8) credits of internship. This entails 200 hours with the internship site over ten weeks, or 20 hours per week.

REQUIRED TEXT

Gordon, Gary R. and R. Bruce McBride. 2008. Criminal Justice Internships: Theory Into Practice, 6th edition. Cincinnati, OH: Anderson Publishing Co.

REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS

Students will be required to submit 4 written assignments based on reading and answering questions from the text and reflecting on experiences in the internship. All assignments are to be submitted via Blackboard (see note above). The fourth reflection paper should form the basis for a 7-10 minute presentation during the final exam class meeting.

REQUIRED LETTERS

Agency Letter – A letter must be sent from the agency confirming your placement, the number of hours to be spent at the agency (per week or per term), and what tasks you will be required to perform.

Agency Evaluation – 50% of your course grade will be based on your performance at the agency, which will be based on a written evaluation that we request from your supervisor near the completion of the term. Without this evaluation, no credit will be given for the course.