

COURSE OUTLINE

GEOG 50 Geography Internship

Catalog Statement

GEOG 050 is a discipline-specific course, which allows students to earn from 1.0 – 3.0 units for a structured, supervised internship either on-campus or off-campus under the supervision of a faculty advisor. It is designed to provide students with appropriate preparation and a hands-on work experience in one of the following fields: Geographic Information Systems, Environmental Analysis, Urban Planning, International Development, and Geographic Education. The purpose of this class is to enhance students' knowledge, skill levels, and professional competency in their targeted career. This course is recommended for the self-motivated student, and requires faculty advisor approval to register.

Total Lecture Units: 0.0

Total Laboratory Units: 1.0-3.0

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Total Lecture Hours: 0.0

Total Laboratory Hours: 48.0-144.0

Total Laboratory Hours To Be Arranged: 0.0

Total Faculty Contact Hours: 0.0

Recommended preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 120 or ESL 151.

Prerequisite or corequisite: Enrollment in appropriate discipline-specific theory or lab course at GCC.

Course Entry Expectations

Prior to enrolling in the course, the student should be able to:

- organize and write thesis-based essays;
- use detailed examples, facts, logical explanations, and other appropriate support for thesis statements;
- summarize, analyze, and synthesize information, express and apply standards for judgment, compare and contrast, and evaluate evidence in order to form and state reasoned opinions;
- gather and organize information through library research;
- demonstrate a command of grammar, diction, syntax, and mechanics sufficient for college level work: control of standard English at the sentence level, with few major errors in grammar and punctuation;
- adhere to the proposed internship facility's standards of practice and ethical code of conduct;
- demonstrate sufficient understanding of discipline-specific terminology, theory and practices acceptable for internship at the host facility.

Course Exit Standards

Upon successful completion of the required coursework, the student will be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of the professional and educational minimum qualifications for employment and advancement within the target career/discipline;
- demonstrate effective professional practices and soft skills of a specific career/discipline;
- demonstrate basic occupational competencies (knowledge, skills and abilities) required for employment in the target career/discipline;
- analyze personal performance of specific skills related to the target career/discipline;
- compose a resumé.

Course Content

Total Faculty Contact Hours = 48.0-144.0

Orientation (prior to enrollment in the course)

- Professional standards, behavior and ethical code of conduct
- Job skill requirements
- Self-reflection and problem solving
- Professionalism
 - Appropriate attire
 - Professional behavior
 - Being aware/avoiding sexual harassment
- Developing learning objectives
- Employer-student contract

Internship (**48-144 hours TBA**)

- On-the job shadowing of current employees
- Hands-on training of specific tasks and duties required of current employees
- Analysis of spatial patterns utilizing GIS
- Collection and documentation of environmental and geographic data
- Preparation of environmental and geographic charts, graphs and maps
- Information gathering of current industry trends
- Presentation of data under supervision of current employees

Methods of Instruction

The following methods of instruction may be used in this course:

- lecture;
- demonstration (e.g. observation of current employees on the job);
- field work;
- meetings with faculty advisor (e.g. discussions regarding the relationship between internship experiences and academic theories);
- multimedia.

Out of Class Assignments

The following out of class assignments may be used in this course:

- journal (e.g. documentation of duties performed);

- written assignments (e.g. research of industry-specific educational requirements);
- final resume;
- final project (e.g. professional portfolio).

Methods of Evaluation

The following methods of evaluation may be used in this course:

- internship facility supervisor's evaluation of student;
- reports (e.g. weekly reports of reflections on internship experiences);
- student self-evaluation (e.g. self-assessment of internship performance).

Textbooks

No required textbooks.

Faculty Advisor may assign readings from discipline-specific texts.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the required coursework, the student will be able to:

- demonstrate basic occupational competencies required for employment in the target career/discipline.