Be a Sociology Intern!

The Los Angeles Times recently reported that college students who take internships are much more marketable in today's job market. An internship experience on one's resume is increasingly becoming a must for today's college-educated young adult. It gives you an opportunity to clarify your career direction, often land a job, or obtain a valuable letter of recommendation for other employment or graduate school. Internships allow you to begin your professional networking, so necessary for starting up a career latter.

The Sociology Department does not require an internship for graduation. However, we offer an internship class and experience to our students who have at least a 3.0 GPA. If this is you, then be sure to become an intern. It is an online course with a mandatory 3-hour meeting during the first week of the semester. You will be notified of the date and time of the meeting. The internship requires 120 hours of fieldwork. (Please note that the internship in most other departments is 150 hours). This must be completed by the 13th week of class in order for your supervisor to have time to evaluate you so that you can be given a grade for your work. You need to locate an internship before the first day of class so you can start working right away. Otherwise, it is too difficult to complete the hours.

Follow these steps to become a Sociology Intern.

1. If you have a 3.0 GPA, enroll in Sociology 495, the Sociology Internship course. If you have difficulty completing this enrollment, email me with your CWID, as sometimes the computer will say you need a permit to register. You do not need a permit, but the system sometimes generates this on its own. I can help you with this.

2. Locate an internship. You can do this by one of three ways.
   a. Go to the Center for Internships and Community Engagement (CICE) website: www.fullerton.edu/cice. Follow the prompts for "Student" and for "Academic Internship" and "Find Academic Internship." Do this as soon as possible. We share internships with other universities and the good ones go fast.
   b. You can locate one on your own in an area of interest to you. This agency will have to register with CSUF's CICE for you to work there. This is a simple process that I can easily explain to you. Caution: You must have professional supervision in an internship and you cannot do clerical work. Internships are not volunteer work, so you must receive training and supervision from a professional in the field.

3. If you need more information, please see me for consultation about internship sites and opportunities. I am available to assist you with selection of your internship.

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