Metropolitan State University

SSCI 365 : Leadership in Organizations and Public Life

A. Course Description

Credits: 3

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies , Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

Students gain experience in applied social science while working as an intern in a non-profit or community-based organization, the public sector, or a social action group. Prior to registering, students meet with the instructor to select their specific internship project. Students supplement their specific field experience with participation in the group internship seminar which meets five times during the semester. Through this combination of extensive community-based experience and guided reading, writing and analysis, students develop their ability to integrate social science theory with community-based experience.

B. Course Effective Dates: 05/08/2019 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Can critically explore and clearly present an issue, theme or set of concepts that arise from the internship experience at an upper division college level.
2. Is able to write essays that analyze and apply select social science concepts at an upper division college level.
3. Is able to critique approaches to university engagement in civic life at an upper division college level.
4. Is able to reflect on the meaning of the internship experience in relationship to future professional and civic engagement plans.
5. Knows the principles and approaches of community engagement well enough to effectively perform internship tasks and analyze the experience based on relevant social science concepts.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

G. Special Information

Community Engagement