

# Information about the Internship Program at the Department of Criminal Justice, CSUSB

## Internship Criteria

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### About the Internship

- The internship must relate directly to the Department's program.
- Students must find their own internship sites. The Criminal Justice Department maintains a list of past internship locations and this list is available to students.
- Internships can be paid or unpaid.
- Internship agencies may be in the public or private sectors.
- A student already employed in an appropriate agency may serve an internship in that agency.
- A minimum of 120 hours is required for each internship, though an agency may request up to 200 hours. These hours must be completed during the quarter in which the student is enrolled in the internship.
- Student internships are graded on "Credit"/"No credit" basis. Letter grades are not given.
- In some circumstances students are allowed to complete two internships (for a total of 8 credit units). However, only one internship can be used for the major. The other internship would be credited toward general units for graduation.

### Student eligibility

- Students must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- Students must be a junior or senior.
- Students must also have completed 4 of the 6 required courses in the criminal justice major, before the internship starts. Exceptions may be made for students who have not yet completed CJUS 312 (Statistics in Criminal Justice), and/or CJUS 598 (Integrative Studies in Criminal Justice).

## The Internship Process

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### 1. Find an Internship

- Students must find their own internship sites. The Criminal Justice Department maintains a list of past internship locations and this list is available to students.
- The duties involved in each internship are specially designed by an agency and/or an internship supervisor in consultation with the student, and will be included in the Internship Learning Agreement (ILA) Contract.
- Each internship involves a commitment on the part of the student of a minimum of 120 hours up to a maximum of 200 hours.

### 2. Complete Internship Learning Agreement (ILA) Contract and Release of Liability Form

Internship Learning Agreement contract forms and Release of Liability forms can be obtained from the Department web site. The completed contracts must be returned to the Criminal Justice Department for approval **before** students will be allowed to register for the internship course (CJUS 575). Failure to return the completed contract will result in the student being denied the ability to register for the internship course.

- The Internship Learning Agreement (ILA) must be typed (the form on the website can be completed on your computer and printed). Handwritten contracts will not be accepted.
- Fill out the application (ILA) COMPLETELY. Only fully completed applications will be processed. Make sure to obtain all required signatures.
- Return the completed application (ILA) to the Department of Criminal Justice in SB-209 **no later than week 1 of the quarter**. As this class involves high commitment, **NO** students will be enrolled in this class after week 1 of the quarter.
- After your internship site has been approved, the department will issue a permit so you can enroll in the course.

### 3. Write a Paper/Report

One factor in determining whether credit is earned is a paper completed by the student. The paper should present a description and analysis of the duties and responsibilities the student experienced during the internship. The paper should also evaluate the internship experience, noting both positive and negative aspects of the internship.

#### Format of the paper

This written report should be 2,500 to 3,000 words long. Papers must be typed, double-spaced, one-inch margins, standard font size 11 or 12.

#### Content of the paper

The final report should be reflective and evaluative in nature. It must include the following sections:

1. What were your duties and responsibilities during the internship?
2. What new knowledge and skills did you learn?
3. Is this an industry/organization/career path in which you would like to work full time? Why or why not.

4. Do you think this internship will help you in your career? Why or why not?
5. What did you discover that you need to learn more about? What course(s) or other experiences can you pursue to learn it?

#### Paper submission

**The paper should be submitted via Blackboard no later than the last day of regularly scheduled classes** for the term in which you are enrolled. Failure to turn in the paper by this date will result in a grade of "No credit".

#### 4. Evaluation by Internship Supervisor

Toward the end of the quarter, the internship supervisor will receive an evaluation form, which, when completed and returned, serves as one element in determining whether the student receives credit for the internship course. If the student receives an unsatisfactory evaluation from his or her internship supervisor, the student will not receive credit for the course.