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ITS 298.01: Internship

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ITS 298 Internship
Credits: 2
Term: Spring 2016

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Prerequisites
Minimum grade of “C-” in all degree-related coursework & consent of instructor.

All students are required to attend seminar. Schedule of workshop presenters and field trips will be available at a later date.

Class Seminar Meetings
Weekly class meetings will use a seminar format with guest presenters with a focus on career development in computing-related fields. Seminars are slated for Fridays from 10:10-11:00 in room HB13. We will meet for the first half of the semester.

Course Description
On-the-job training in positions requiring advanced computer competencies. This experience increases students’ skills, prepares them for initial employment, and increases occupational awareness and professionalism. Students work a minimum of six hours each week at an approved site and attend scheduled one-hour seminars.

Course Objectives
Upon completion of this course, the student will:
• Complete 90 hours of service in a professional working environment.
• Demonstrate technical skills and professionalism while completing service in an occupationally-related setting.
• Prepare for a career in the field of Information Technology.

Field Experience (student responsibilities):
• Secure an internship position. Students are responsible for finding their own internship sites. Faculty Members are available to assist.
• Complete and submit “Learning Agreement” and “Learning Goals” paperwork prior to initiating field work. These are critical documents in defining the relationship. Beginning an internship without completed paperwork jeopardizes relationships with the external businesses and creates potential liability issues. Completed paperwork must include approval signatures from the Site Supervisor and Supervising Faculty Member. No hours toward the field experience will be recorded until paperwork is complete!
• Complete and submit weekly field experience time cards (available online) to faculty (fax with cover sheet to my attention or email).
• Complete 90 hours of supervised work at the designated field experience site.
• Coordinate completion of mid-term and final evaluation with Internship Site Supervisor
• A reflection paper (300 words) describing the field experience is required upon completion.

Important note: previous work experience cannot be used for the field experience.

Workshop Attendance
Weekly workshops are scheduled throughout the first half of the semester. Although the majority of these workshops will be delivered at assigned meeting time for the course, there may be additional obligations in which the student needs to attend a presentation outside the regularly scheduled meeting time. A student missing more than 2 workshops will earn a zero for the attendance component of the course.
Assessment

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Academic Integrity:
All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by The University. All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is available for review online at: http://www.umt.edu/vpsa/policies/student_conduct.php

Dropping and Adding Courses or Changing Sections, Grading or Credit Status
University Policy for dropping courses or requesting grading/credit status changes can be found in the catalog: http://www.umt.edu/registrar/students/dropadd.php Students should become familiar with all academic policies

Disability Accommodations:
Eligible students with disabilities will receive appropriate accommodations in this course when requested in a timely way. Please contact me if you will be requesting an accommodation. Please be prepared to provide a letter from your DSS Coordinator. For more information, visit the Disability Services website at http://www.umt.edu/dss or call/text 406.243.2243.

Course Management Software
An online supplement for the course is required and available through the University’s Learning Management System - Moodle. See http://umonline.umt.edu

Other Important Notes
The grade Incomplete “N” will be assigned to students that have not completed the field experience requirements by the end of the semester. It is the responsibility of the student to coordinate completion of the field experience with both the instructor and an internship supervisor.

Workshop Topics
See Moodle LMS for specific details