Criminal Justice Undergraduate Internships

Why Would You Do an Internship?

- Apply theoretical knowledge to real situations
- Learn all kinds of things you don’t learn in the classroom
- Make connections that will be useful for your career
- Create an opportunity that helps you decide what you want to do and what you don’t want to do when you leave Temple
- Receive on-the-job training
- Many students find that their internships turn into full-time employment after they graduate!

What Should You Do Now?

Think ahead and select your courses with an internship in mind. If you are considering a placement within the next two semesters, begin to prepare a few months in advance, especially for sites that may do background checks (Federal Law Enforcement). Prepare a resume.

If I Sign Up For An Internship, What Does It Involve?

CJ 4087 is the actual internship/fieldwork. You complete 10, 20, or 30 hours of fieldwork per week and earn 3, 6 or 9 general elective credits, respectively. In addition to the work hours you put in, you will have a few academic requirements (e.g. readings, short papers) for the internship. You will receive a letter grade.

CJ 4077 is the required weekly Practicum class for which you receive 3 CJ elective credits. It is given a standard letter grade.

Process For Internship Placement And Registration

- Choose an Internship Site: Meet with Dr. Cheryl Irons for guidance and suggestions in deciding on an internship placement. You will be provided with the name and phone number of the person to contact.
- You will provide them with your resume and formal cover letter requesting an interview.
- After you have had your interview and have been accepted by the site you will need to contact Dr. Irons for approval to begin the process of selecting and registering for an internship.

E-mail is the most effective way to contact Dr. Irons. Dr. Irons email address is cirons@temple.edu.

The Criminal Justice internship program registration is by permission only. You cannot register online for CJ 4077 and CJ 4087.