

WCSC 380 WCSC Internship (5 SH)

Course description

WCSC faculty and staff work with students to place them in community service internships that meet the student's career goals and vocational aspirations. Most WCSC interns are placed in culturally diverse settings with organizations working to address racism, injustice, violence, and other social problems. We can place students from any major, including the sciences, the arts, and professional programs. WCSC 380 is offered during summer terms and is 5 units.

Encouraged Course Outcomes

1. Students will seek exposure to a different culture, race, or ethnicity.
2. Students will develop professional attitudes and awareness.
3. Students will develop new skills related to a specific profession of interest.
4. Students will model an attitude of community service and learn about the local community.
5. Students will develop a relationship with a mentor/supervisor.
6. Students will deepen social justice awareness.

Course outline

Pre-arrival: Before the term starts, students will work in a timely way with a WCSC staff member and potential internship partners to apply, interview, and secure an internship.

Upon arrival: Students will sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with their supervisor. They will figure out how to get to work (on public transportation if possible) and practice getting there. Students will work out a schedule with their supervisor that meets the program requirements (25 hours per week).

Throughout the Term: Students will report to work every week for the full length of the term and complete their requisite 225 hours. They will meet weekly with their supervisors, completing a mid-point check-in with WCSC staff. Students will be expected, like any other employee, to show up to work on time and for tasks agreed to do. Students should make sure to *call and email* their supervisor at work if unable to make it to work or will be arriving late. Students must log their hours on a weekly basis.

At the end of the term: Students will participate in an exit interview with their supervisor and a member of the WCSC staff, wrap up loose ends, and write a thank-you note to their supervisor.

Days off and vacations. The WCSC follows the EMU calendar. Internships may include EMU breaks. Students are responsible for reminding their supervisors about days off for those breaks, for WCSC retreat, which will all be listed in the MOU.

Grading

This course is P/F. To pass, students must complete all the requirements listed above. All issues with the internship should be addressed quickly with the supervisor and the WCSC staff member who placed the student.