

PUBP 4651 Public Policy Internship

Purpose & Objectives

The public policy internship is intended to foster learning by supporting active participation and introspection into the internship experience. To receive credit for the course, students will perform their assignment as required by the employer, reflect on their experiences through daily/weekly journal writings, and prepare a research paper analyzing their work experiences relative to concepts or theories from the social sciences or policy studies.

Grading Criteria

Students will be awarded grades based on the following criteria:

Journal	40%
Final Paper	60%

Journal

Students will be required to keep a weekly journal. The work environment can be complex and fast paced. A journal will help you understand your role, work, and progress. You should reflect on your tasks, difficulties, insights, your opinions, and reactions, and discuss problems, contradictions, political issues, human behavior, etc. Your perspectives are likely to evolve during the semester. This is a project notebook, where the “project” is both your work and your personal development. Be sure to include reflections on how classroom learning has provided useful insight into (or is contradicted by) your experience. Journals will be graded based on timely submission, quality of commentary, and use of proper grammar and punctuation.

Attendance

Students are expected to be present at their assigned place of work each working day as prescribed by the internship supervisor. Students should notify their office if they are unable to report to work during the assigned working hours for any reason, and should document the reasons (e.g., by email notifications) to the supervisor and the faculty advisor.

Final Paper

The primary deliverable for this course is a reflective essay on the experience of the internship in relation to the student's on-campus study of public policy.

Policies & Regulations

The instructor of record reserves the right to alter these requirements with reasonable notification of enrolled students.

Georgia Tech Honor Code

All students are expected to abide by the Georgia Tech Honor Code in these courses, as well as all Institute courses. The complete code can be found online at <http://www.honor.gatech.edu>.