

## **Internship Paper**

The following are provided as general guidelines to clarify the writing requirements for a 3 or 6-credit public administration internship.

For a three credit internship one paper is required.

This paper is designed to ask students to think about the quality of their internship and how their internship relates to our public administration coursework and to the student's career goals. This paper should be in 3 parts:

1. Provide a description of the internship and your duties and responsibilities;
2. Relate the internship to your coursework and career plans
  - a. By explaining how (or whether) your public administration courses prepared you for the internship;
  - b. By giving your suggestions for any changes or improvements in our PA curriculum at UW-L; and
  - c. By telling how the internship has affected your career plans
3. Give your **OVERALL EVALUATION OF THE INTERNSHIP**
  - a. By considering what you learned;
  - b. By considering the quality of the internship;
  - c. By considering how your internship contributed to your understanding of your personal career goals

For a six credit internship two papers are required. In addition to the paper above, you should write a theory and practice paper.

This is an analytical paper that asks you to take one theory, concept, or process that you have learned in your public administration coursework (your choice) and to relate that theory to your internship. This is designed as a thought piece that is 5 to 7 pages in length.