

**UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**PS 399: INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
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Course Description

This course is offered through the Department of Political Science and satisfies the university requirements for experiential education. It is a Pass/Fail course. Five types of internship placements are generally available through the Department of Political Science:

- (1) Community Organizations (e.g. Urban League).
- (2) Government and/or Policy Related Organizations (e.g. city councils, state legislative, Congress, governor's office, mayor's office, Kentucky Commission on Women, F.B.I., U.S. State Department, Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center).
- (3) Legal Systems (e.g. law firms, County Attorney office.)
- (4) Political Organizations (e.g. political parties, interest groups.)
- (5) Political Campaigns (e.g. state legislative race.)

Required Internship Application Forms

The Preliminary Proposal of the Internship must be completed and returned to the Department of Political Science by **January 22, 1999**.

The Memorandum of Agreement and the Learning Contract must be completed and returned to the Department of Political Science by **January 29, 1999**.

Required Course Texts

The required texts include articles and books. Recommended readings are listed later in the syllabus.

Course Requirements

The major requirement is that the student must work on meaningful tasks providing a professional level of experience for a public official, government agency, law firm, candidate, political party, or interest group while enrolled in the internship. There will

also be several required written assignments which are delineated later in this syllabus. Each placement supervisor will be asked to complete an evaluation form for the student intern. This evaluation form will comprise a major component of the final grade (pass/fail), along with Dr. Miller's assessment of the student's meeting of his or her learning goals.

Required Hours

The minimum number of hours students are expected to work depends on the number of credits received.

Academic Credit	Average Hours per Week	Minimum Hours per Semester
1 hour	4 hours	48 hours
2 hours	7 hours	96 hours
3 hours	10 hours	144 hours
4 hours	14 hours	192 hours
5 hours	17 hours	240 hours
6 hours	20 hours	288 hours

Note: These hourly equivalents are considered the minimum hours of work. In many cases, students may work more than the minimum. Also, these are averaged over a 14 week term. Students involved in a political campaign will need to work the total number of hours a semester during a shorter time frame. The important number is the total number of hours per semester.

Other assignments include:

1. CRITICAL ANALYSES OF SCHOLARLY BOOKS AND ARTICLES:

Depending upon the number of credit hours received, students will write some two-page critical analyses of books and articles relevant to their internship. Those enrolling for one or two credits should do one book and one article. Those enrolling for three or four credits should do two books and two articles. Those who enroll for five or six credits should do three books and three articles.

The following is a short list of **recommended readings for the book reviews**; this list may be amended by the student with the guidance of Dr. Miller.

(a) Kentucky State Government

Kentucky Politics and Government: Do We Stand United? by Penny M. Miller
Kentucky Politics by Malcolm Jewell and Everett Cunningham
Political Parties and Primaries in Kentucky by Penny M. Miller and Malcolm Jewell

The Kentucky Legislature: Two Decades of Change by Malcolm Jewell and Penny M. Miller

Divide and Dissent: Kentucky Politics, 1930-1963 by John Ed Pearce

(b) Other State Government Readings

Interest Group Politics in Southern States edited by Ronald Hrebenar and Clive Thomas

Economics of State and Local Government by Raimondo

American State Political Parties and Elections by Malcolm Jewell and David Olson

American Federalism: A View from the States by Daniel Elazar

Governors and Legislatures: Contending Powers by Alan Rosenthal

Politics and Public Policy in the Contemporary American West edited by Clive Thomas

Inside Bureaucracy by Anthony Downs

Privatization: the Key to Better Government by E.S. Savas

(c) Local Government

Understanding Intergovernmental Relations by Deil Wright

Bosses, Machines and Urban Voters by Allswang

City Limits by Peterson

Managing Urban America by David Morgan

People and Politics in Urban America by Robert Kweit and Mary Grisez Kweit

Political Change in the Metropolis by John Harrigan

The Dependent City by Paul Kantor

(d) Legislatures

The Kentucky Legislature: Two Decades of Change by Malcolm Jewell and Penny M. Miller

Home Style: House Members in their Districts by Richard Fenno

Representation in State Legislatures by Malcolm Jewell

Congressmen in Committees by Richard Fenno

Congressional Procedure and the Policy Process by Oleszek

Legislative Life by Alan Rosenthal

Governors and Legislatures: Contending Powers by Alan Rosenthal

(e) Political Campaigns

Financing Politics by Herbert Alexander

Candidates and Their Images by Nimmo and Savage

Candidates, Parties, and Campaigns by Barbara Salmore and Stephen Salmore

Party Campaigning by Paul Herrnsen

The Spot by Diamond and Bates

Congressional Elections by Gary Jacobson

Parties and Elections in Corporate America by Reuter

American Parties in Decline by Crotty and Jacobson
Money in American Elections by Frank Sorauf

(f) Political Parties and Interest Groups

Political Parties and Primaries in Kentucky by Penny M. Miller and Malcolm Jewell
Parties and Elections in Corporate America by Howard Reuter
American Parties in Decline by William Crotty
Interest Group Politics in the Southern States edited by Ronald Hrebennar and Clive Thomas
American State Political Parties and Elections by Malcolm Jewell and David Olson
Parties and Primaries by Malcolm Jewell
PAC Power by Larry Sabato
The Interest Group Societies by Jeffrey Berry
Party Leadership in the States by Robert Huckshorn

(g) Law Firms and Other Legal Organizations

The Judicial Process by Henry Abraham
Reason in Law by Lief Carter
The Magic Mirror by Kermit Hall
Free Speech for Me - But Not for Thee by Nat Hentoff
The Brethren by Robert Woodward and Scott Armstrong
Following the Leader? The Unexamined Consensus in Law School Curricula by Gee and Jackson
The Making of a Public Profession by Frances Zemans
Criminal Justice: Law and Politics by George Cole
Lawyers in Politics by Gordon

ARTICLES should be selected from the leading political science journals. These publications include:

American Political Science Review
The Journal of Politics
Legislative Studies Quarterly
Foreign Affairs
Political Behavior
American Politics Quarterly
Public Administration Review
World Politics
Administration and Society
Kentucky Law Journal

American Journal of Political Science
Presidential Studies Quarterly
Social Science Quarterly
Publius
Polity
Political Research Quarterly
Administrative Science Quarterly
Urban Affairs
Comparative Political Studies

Articles Due Dates:	First Article	-	February 1, 1999
	Second Article	-	March 1, 1999
	Third Article	-	March 29, 1999
	First Book	-	February 22, 1999
	Second Book	-	March 22, 1999
	Third Book	-	April 16, 1999

2. JOURNAL:

All students are required to submit a journal. This journal is not a diary, nor should it contain any information considered private to the sponsoring organization. It should be focused on **critical events** and include **interviews with at least three individuals** who are in different roles related to your organization or internship. You should be able to identify both your role(s) and to utilize readings and your experiences to examine the application of relevant political science theory and research to your experiences. (NOTE: The assignment of a journal is not to be construed as a log of daily events, not the recitation of meetings, etc.) The journal is designed to be your scholarly reflection on your practical experiences.

Journal Due Date: April 23, 1999

3. FINAL PAPER:

There are two different final paper assignments depending upon the nature of the political internship: (1) For those in party, legislative, government organizations, legal organizations, or interest group placements, and (2) For those in campaign placements. Final papers should be typewritten and double-spaced. Since the length of the paper depends on the number of academic credits to be earned, it should be determined by the internship director.

Final Paper Due Date: April 23, 1999

(1) Party, Legislative, Government Organizations, Legal Organizations, or Interest Group Placements Paper Assignment:

The final paper written at the end of the term should focus on the relevant learning aspects of your work. It is primarily analytical rather than descriptive and should focus on the educational objectives identified in the original letter of agreement and learning contract. This paper is best construed as an abstract and analytical extension of the journal.

(2) Campaign Placements Paper Assignments:

The final paper written at the end of the term should analyze the strategy of the campaign with which the student is placed. The student should analyze the campaign theme, campaign plan and strategy, and the overall targeting plan of the campaign. The major goal of any campaign is to win 50% + 1 votes. How was this attempted? What were the broadcast and narrowcast messages? What worked and what did not? (NOTE: In some campaigns, other goals are attempted -- if true in yours, be sure to identify them.) Ideally, this analysis should be of use to the candidate and his/her campaign manager.