

# **Syllabus**

## **International Studies 5387**

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**Class time:** Class time consists of the work experience. Each student is required to work a minimum of 150 hours. The days and times are to be arranged between the student and internship supervisor.

### **Course Objectives**

The objective of this course is to offer students a practical experience in their chosen career, develop skills and techniques in a specific profession, obtain oral and written communication skills, enhance interpersonal communication skills, and create opportunities to develop creativity, imagination, and career advancement. The specific goals are to develop advanced work skills and to enhance written communication skills through an assigned research project.

### **Student Expectations**

Students are expected to arrange a work schedule with the internship supervisor to include a minimum of 150 hours over the course of the semester. At the workplace, it is absolutely necessary that the student intern adhere to all workplace rules, including those related to punctuality, dress, and work ethic. Students should expect reasonable and challenging assignments that directly improve and advance their skills. They should also expect to be judged on their performance, attitude, discretion, and sense of volunteerism. It is also important for students to realize that they are representing Texas State University, the Center for International Studies, and themselves. Possible career opportunities hang in the balance!

### **Grading**

Grades in the course will be based on the Internship Evaluation Form that is submitted by your internship supervisor and the research paper or papers:

Internship Evaluation	50%
Research Paper	50%

### **Research Paper Topics and Guidelines**

Research paper topics are chosen by the student in consultation with the director. As a general rule, the internship course requires a research paper of 25 pages in length (double-spaced plus footnotes and bibliography). Research topics will always be international in scope, but the specific subject will be based upon the nature of the internship. Examples of past subjects include:

"A Country Report: Switzerland"

"A Market Analysis of Tourism in Texas"

"Export Opportunities and Challenges in Germany for U.S. Businesses"  
"From Local to Global: Opening the Doors to Trade"  
"History of Ford Motor Company's International Operations"  
"Mexico's Tourism Industry in the 1990s"  
"NAFTA's Effect on Texas"  
"Savior or Villain? A Look at the International Monetary Fund"  
"The Expansion of Democratic Capitalism and Its Impact on Third World Countries"  
"The Formation and Expansion of the European Union: The Expansion of Policy Domains and How They are Shaping the Role of the European Union"  
"The Legality of Giving Recognition to the Chen Shui-bian Government in Taiwan"  
"The Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica: Historical Foundations of Development to the Present"  
"The Success and Failure of the IMF"  
"Understanding Spanish Foreign Policy and Politics Before WWII"

### **Textbooks**

#### *Required:*

There are no required textbooks.

#### *Recommended:*

Turabian, Kate L. *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*. 6th ed. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1996.