Course Description

Semester: Fall 2017
Course Number: 30079
Course Title: L A 320 Internship: Organizational theory and nonprofit health organizations
Day/Hour: TTH 2:00-3:30

Description

Nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) are essential part in contemporary health delivery and primary care. In Austin alone there are over 100 different NGOs that provide variety of health-related services, as contractors or primary health providers. Combining theories from the Sociology of Organizations and internship in local health oriented nongovernmental organization this course offers an in-depth outlook to this industry. The course is designed to bring together theory and experience, allowing the students to examine organizational theories in real life situations. We will learn who those NGOs are? What type of services do they provide? What their bureaucracy looks like? What is their organizational culture? What are their organizational conflicts? And other questions. We begin with defining the role of NGOs in the health industry and the type of services they offer while engaging with Sociological scholarship of health and NGOs. Later we continue with organizational theories that will help us understand how those NGOs operate. Next, for each week we focus on a different topic in organizational theory and discuss it in light of the students’ internship experience. The course design is two meeting a week and 7 hours of internship in the assigned organization. The goal is for the class activity and the internship will complement one another and allow the students to use their experience as well as the theories discussed in class to gain better understanding of the complexities of the nonprofit health sector.

Download the Fall 2017 syllabus here to explore the course details, assignments and grading policy.

Application Deadlines
You must complete all three steps in the application process (see details in How To Apply section below) by the application deadline. If you do not complete one or more application steps by the application deadline, the course will be officially closed and you will not be eligible to participate in the internship course.

Application deadline: Fall 2017: September 6, 2017 at 12:00 PM

Eligibility
For this course the organization where you intern should have 25 or more employees so that your internship experience includes interaction with the other workers on a daily basis. The organization needs to be in the field of health broadly defined.

Internship Criteria: In addition, the internship site must (1) provide direct and daily supervision and guidance; (2) provide regular access to the supervisor; (3) assign meaningful projects; and (4) provide a professional, established working environment with a strong learning component (home-office sites and virtual/work from home or "in the field" internships are not eligible for the course); (5) big enough organization (about 20 people involved); (6) health related. Examples for potential organizations are: Dell Children's Medical Center; LIVESTRONG Foundation; Feeding Texas, United Way for Greater Austin; Mobile Loaves & Fishes; and Seton Shoal Creek Hospital.
In order to find internship you may want to start by going to the Liberal Arts Career Services internship program webpage or exploring HireUTexas.

**How To Apply**

This course has a three-step application process. All steps must be completed by the application deadline listed above. NOTE: Submit your application as early as possible. If your application is not approved, having a good amount of time before the application deadline allows you to find another internship, change your internship plans or consider taking a different course before your add/drop period closes. A great portion of the registration process, from getting the internship to filling the proper forms, is going through the Liberal Arts Career Services (located at FAC 18). Consequently, we encourage prospect students to contact the Liberal Arts Career Services before applying. For specific questions about the course and the internship you can contact the course instructor at oriswed@utexas.edu.

- **Step 1 - Application Part I:** Part I [Click Here] should be completed once you have secured your internship. We will use this information to verify that you meet the student criteria and to make an initial evaluation of your internship site's eligibility. This first step should be completed as soon as possible.

- **Step 2 - Course Enrollment:** Once Part I is approved, you will be authorized to add/register for the course. It is fully your responsibility to register for the course.

- **Step 3 - Application Part II:** Step 3 - Application Part II: Once Part I is approved, you will be sent Part II of the application via DocuSign, an online document signing software. This form will be completed by you and your internship supervisor.

**Incomplete Applications:** If any part of your application is received incomplete or if you fail to complete all steps in the application process by the deadline, you will not be eligible to participate in the internship course. For that reason it is important to: 1) make sure that you have properly completed each line in the application forms; 2) register for the course well before the deadline; and 3) submit your application parts well before the deadline.

**Contact**

For Health & Society specific questions, including what types of internships are eligible for this internship course, contact Dr. Ori Swed at oriswed@utexas.edu

For general questions about your application and the application process, please contact Liberal Arts Career Services at lacs.internships@austin.utexas.edu or 512-471-7900.