MALS Internship Template

MAS 375: Mexican American and Latina/o Studies Internship

This student will intern with the non-profit organization Texas Criminal Justice Coalition and help support the work of the TRUST Coalition by expanding research on the criminalization of non-citizens and the disproportionate criminal justice impact upon people of color. The Immigrant Justice Intern will conduct extensive research on current policies and practices from a Mexican American and Latina/o Studies methodological perspective that result in increased criminalization and reduced public safety in Texas communities, and develop important advocacy and educational materials to inform this statewide campaign in progress and during the upcoming 20XX Legislative Session.

Course Requirements:

The student will do weekly readings and turn in journal entries about those readings and the practical “work” of the internship.

Journal submissions are to include a minimum of one paragraph of reflection on the work at the site and one paragraph relating to the weekly readings.

The student must produce a 10-12 page final research paper to be counted as part of contact hours. They are also required to produce a 2-3 page prospectus and bibliography for their final paper on the designated due date below.

The student must also secure a mid-semester and a final semester evaluation from the internship supervisor to be turned in for final evaluation of the faculty internship director.

Texts

Week One


Week Two


**Week Three**


Reymundo Toledo-Flores v. United States, No. 05-7664 (2006)

**Week Four**


United States v. Lopez, 445 F.3d 90 (2d Cir. 2006)

**Week Five**


**Week Six**


**Week Seven**


**Final Paper Prospectus and Bibliography Due**

**Week Eight**


**Week Nine**


**Weeks Ten-Twelve**

Research and Writing Period for Final Paper

**Week Thirteen**

Final Meeting with Faulty Sponsor

**Turn in Final Paper**

**Course Requirements**

**Field Hours**

The student is required to participate in the internship for approximately 15 hours during the duration of the internship semester.

**Applied Research Paper Guidelines**

The final paper must be 10-12 pages in length and turned in the day of the last meeting with the instructor. Using books, federal immigration statues, immigration case law, and other legal scholarship after the 1950’s not already on the syllabus, the student is to construct a research paper based on the criminalization of non-citizens.

The paper should contain

- A thesis statement and paragraph clearly delineating the argument of the paper;
- a literature review (1-2 pages);
- an applied analysis of the theory and methods from the research to what the student encountered in the internship (6-8 pages); and
- a conclusion that reiterates the thesis, findings based on the research, and why the student’s internship experience matters in Mexican American and Latina/o Studies.
Basis for Grading

30% -- Timely participation, completeness, and quality of internship responsibilities, including mid-semester and end of semester site evaluation from internship supervisor.

30% -- Weekly journal from site work and readings.

5% -- Prospectus and Bibliography for Final Paper.

25% -- Final Paper (timely submission, completeness, innovation of research not found on the syllabus, and overall writing quality).

10% -- Attendance at meetings with faculty mentor and/or internship peer group.