

ART 4450 – Professional Internship (Supervised)

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Course Format: Independent Internship with Faculty Oversight

Course Description

This internship course provides students with supervised, professional-level experience in a field related to their academic and artistic interests. The course emphasizes professional responsibility, documentation of work, and reflective analysis of the internship experience.

Educational Objectives

Students will:

- Gain hands-on professional experience in an approved internship setting.
- Develop professional habits including punctuality, accountability, and documentation.
- Critically reflect on how academic training translates to professional practice.
- Articulate skills, challenges, and insights gained through internship work.

Work Requirement & Credit

Students must complete a minimum of 120 internship hours over the course of the semester to earn three (3) credit hours. Hours should be distributed consistently across the 15-16 week semester unless otherwise approved.

Internship Log (Required)

Students are required to maintain a weekly internship log documenting:

- Date(s) worked
- Number of hours completed
- Brief description of activities performed

This log must be kept up to date throughout the semester and submitted at the end of the term. The internship log serves as verification of hours and as a record of professional experience.

Supervision

Each student must have an on-site supervisor who oversees daily responsibilities. The faculty instructor provides academic oversight and evaluates submitted documentation.

Evaluation & Assessment

Students will be evaluated based on:

- Completion of required internship hours
- Accuracy and consistency of the internship log

- A final written reflection

Final Reflection (1 Page)

At the conclusion of the internship, students will submit a one-page written reflection addressing:

1. Skills and knowledge gained through the internship
2. How the experience shaped their understanding of professional practice
3. Challenges encountered and how they were addressed
4. How the internship connects to future academic or professional goals

University Policies

This course adheres to all university policies regarding academic integrity, accessibility accommodations, student conduct, health and safety, and Title IX.