

Department: INTD

Course No.: 212W

Title: Urban Semester Field Work Seminar

Credits: 3

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WQ: W

Catalog Copy: INTD 212W. Either Semester. Three Credits. Hours by arrangement. Open only with consent of the Director of the Urban Semester Program. Prerequisite: ENGL 105 or 110 or 111 or 250. Must be taken concurrently with INTD 210 and 211.

Sponsored by the Urban Semester Program. Urban Semester Students make analytic presentations of their field experiences, relating these to the pertinent available literature. Particular urban problems are discussed with invited experts from outside the University.

W Criteria: Students have three written assignments during the semester. For those enrolled for W credit, all of the relevant criteria are involved: total of 15 pages, assignments reviewed for writing and revisions are required. Individual appointments with the instructor are encouraged. The student cannot pass the course without passing the W component. The assignments focus on analysis of students' goals, their field placements and application of theories from selected readings. First, they must write an essay that outlines their goals for the semester. In this assignment they must think about what they see as important and express these thoughts effectively. Next they must apply concepts from readings to their internships. This is intended to help students use writing to make sense of their experiences in the larger social world. They must integrate social analysis into their writing and evaluate whether or not their internships help perpetuate existing inequalities or help eliminate them. This can be challenging since they often identify strongly with the organizations in which they intern and analytical written assignments help them gain critical thinking skills. They also must analyze the networks in which their organization function, understand how different organizations impact each other and write about these relationships. Since the class averages 8-10 students, occasionally getting up to 11 or 12, much individual attention is available.

Availability at Regional Campuses: This course is considered a Storrs course offered in an off-campus location, in this case, the Hartford regional campus. The Urban Semester Program's mission is to bring students to Hartford for a semester in which they are involved in an internship and two weekly seminars for 3 credits each, with INTD 212 as one of these seminars. Hartford campus students also sometimes enroll and participate in the program.