

## 484 FIELD EXPERIENCE (INTERNSHIPS)

These courses are special courses calling for individual work to meet specific requirements of the individual student.

The agreement between student and faculty must be reviewed by an undergraduate advisor before work can be begun.

As stated in the catalog, this course provides for “participation in an approved agency. Field experience will be supervised by selected agency personnel and appropriate faculty. Experience and requirements will vary slightly according to placement and student interests.”

Departmental guidelines are as follows:

1. For three hours of course credit, the student works a minimum of 10 hours per week with the agency of organization. During a summer session, this would translate into a minimum of 30 hours per week. While some students may be able to do this, for others it may be preferable to stretch the work over two summer sessions with credit being given for on 3-hour 484.

2. The experience in the agency must be tied to academic work in a concrete fashion.

- a. A journal may be kept (the assignment most often used) in which experiences are discussed in the light of classwork and outside readings. The reading over and above classroom assignments is generally 2-3 books. If the student is not taking a class that is germane to the internship, the academic assignments are more extensive.

- b. A paper may be written in which they agency work is discussed and put into the context of the literature of a particular area or surrounding an issue.

3. The student’s supervisors at the agency/organization are interviewed at regular intervals by the faculty member directing the 484.

4. The student’s grade is calculated using both the faculty assessment of the student’s performance on academic assignments and the agency supervisor’s assessment of the student’s performance at the agency.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
APPLICATION FOR 484

I request enrollment in SOCI 484 Section \_\_\_\_\_ for the 20 \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)  
Fall Spring Summer I Summer II Summer 10 wk semester

Semester hours:

\_\_\_\_\_ has agreed to direct this field experience  
(Full name of supervisor)

The requirements for this field experience are as follows: (Briefly describe the academic work that is to be done, and specify the number hours per week that the student will work.)

The grade for the course will be computed as follows:

I have read and understand the general directions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of faculty supervisor

Applicant ID Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Approval of advisor

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