

# School of Arts & Science DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION CMNS 102

# **INTERNSHIP WORK EXPERIENCE 1**

Spring 2015

# COURSE OUTLINE

The course description is online @ http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/comm.html

Ω Please note: the College electronically stores this outline for five (5) years only. It is strongly recommended you keep a copy of this outline with your academic records. You will need this outline for any future application/s for transfer credit/s to other colleges/universities.

#### 1. Instructor Information

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# 2. Intended Learning Outcomes

(No changes are to be made to these Intended Learning Outcomes as approved by the Education Council of Camosun College.)

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

The Work Term course provides an opportunity for guided, program-related learning in a workplace setting. Students will select one or two learning outcomes, or develop similar program- and workspecific learning outcomes, from each of the following four categories.

#### 1. Occupational and workplace awareness

- Summarize the duties and responsibilities associated with a given occupation or work role and how the role(s) relates to the organization's strategic objectives.
- Identify at least technical and one interpersonal challenge encountered during the work term, and explain how the program has or has not equipped the student to overcome or alleviate each one.

# 2. Academic/Technical learning

- Describe how the program's media and communication courses have enabled the student to think critically to solve problems, anticipate outcomes, and use and organize information during the work term experience.
- Articulate relationships between classroom topics in the program as they relate to actual
  practices and situations encountered in the workplace or as requirements of the job. Students
  will compare and contrast the work experience with their academic learning.

#### 3. Employability skills

- Demonstrate acquisition/improvement of Employability Skills (as defined by the Conference Board of Canada, SCANS, etc.), for example,
- Communicate clearly, concisely and coherently in a style and using methods appropriate for the purpose, situation and audience in a professional environment.
- Assess, evaluate, process and disseminate complex information using best practices of digital communication.
- Demonstrate appropriate workplace attitudes and behaviours (responsibility, accountability, initiative, ability to take direction, trustworthiness, diligence, friendliness, empathy, etc.).
- Demonstrate effective behaviors and skills within a group working toward a common goal or purpose.
- Describe any participation in teamwork which occurred formally or informally, including what did
  or did not work and implications on further skill development.
- Provide examples of how technology was used to solve problems and achieve results.

#### 4. Self-awareness & professional development

- Establish specific measurable goals for personal and professional growth within the context of the work term experience.
- Describe insights into their own preferences, aptitudes, work habits, style of interaction, learning processes, etc. as revealed through the work experience.
- Accept constructive criticism and adapt behaviour as appropriate.
- Reflect on the work term experience and examine how this will relate to future career plans.

### 3. Required Materials

None.

#### 4. Course Content and Schedule

For self-developed work terms, a proposal which includes a job description and expected learning outcomes needs to be submitted to the Co-op and Internship Coordinator for approval prior to the work term.

Within two weeks of beginning a work term, the student submits to the instructor:

- A work term learning plan (all work term forms are available on the Camosun College co-op
  webpage at <a href="http://camosun.ca/services/coop/forms.html">http://camosun.ca/services/coop/forms.html</a> or on D2L) outlining at least three realistic
  and measurable goals to be achieved during the work term, including action steps. For selfdeveloped terms, the expected learning outcomes identified in the proposal can be used as part of
  this more detailed learning plan.
- The goals outlined in the plan must demonstrate a relationship with what the student has learned
  to date, and explain how successful completion of the plan will tie into the student's longer term
  career plans.
- Goals that are not realistic or achievable may be modified as necessary by consultation with the instructor.

At or around the midpoint of the work term, but prior to the scheduled site visit:

 Submission by the student of a midterm reflection to the instructor. This form will be sent to the student at the start of the work term.

At least one week prior to the completion of the work term, the student submits to the instructor:

- a completed Employer Assessment of Learning;
- a completed Student Assessment of Learning;
- an updated resume;
- an itemized list of new samples of work to be included in the student's portfolio, including the rationale and explaining the context of each item;
- and a reflective essay outlining the completion of goals identified at the start of the work term and how the term ties into the student's future career path (specific details on content to be provided to the student).

# 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

To receive a "Completed" (COM) grade for an Internship Work Term, students must meet all of the following criteria:

- Satisfactory completion of all the components outlined above under (4) Course Content and Schedule.
- Submission of the components in a timely manner.
- Receive a "Satisfactory" or better overall evaluation on the Employer Performance Assessment.

To receive a 'Completed with Distinction' (DST) grade for the work term, students must meet all of the following criteria:

- Exemplary completion of all the components outlined above under (4) Course Content and Schedule.
- Submission of the components in a timely manner.
- Receive a "Very Good" or better overall evaluation on the Employer Performance Assessment.

#### 6. Grading System

(No changes are to be made to this section unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through the Education Council of Camosun College for approval.)

# **Competency Based Grading System (Non GPA)**

This grading system is based on satisfactory acquisition of defined skills or successful completion of the course learning outcomes.

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.

# **Temporary Grades**

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at **camosun.ca** for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
1	Incomplete: A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	In progress: A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 <sup>rd</sup> course attempt or at the point of course completion.)
cw	Compulsory Withdrawal: A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

## 7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

# **LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services, or the College web site at camosun.ca.

# STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy which includes plagiarism. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services, and the College web site in the Policy Section.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED