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PSYCH 201-Independent Study Syllabus

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Office Hours by appointment

All students must have completed the online course in the protection of Human Subjects (www.citiprogram.org) before beginning the intern experience. Students must turn in a copy of the completion certificate to the Intern Coordinator on their first scheduled day to work as an intern. Students who previously completed this online training for other course simply must provide CHEST with a copy of their completion certificate.

Student grades for Psych 201 will be based 50% each for Part A and B. Completion of Internship Hours and the Essay Paper are NOT sufficient for a grade of A for the course. You will also be graded on the quality of your work.

A. Internship Hours

- Students are required to work 100 hours (between 6 and 7 hours a week for 15 weeks, breaks not included, shift minimum length 3 hours) at CHEST for the course of the Spring/Fall semesters; shorter summer semesters will require more hours per week. Students will set their work schedules with the Intern Coordinator. Students will be given an INCOMPLETE if the required hours are not completed.
- All students will be given a copy of the CHEST's Policy and Procedure Manual before their first scheduled day of interning and must return to the Intern Coordinator the signed form on the last page stating that they have read and agreed to these policies.
- The internship experience is professional development. Students are expected to approach the internship as such. Therefore students' conduct is part of their evaluation for this part of their grade, which will be determined through input from the Intern Coordinator and other CHEST staff you work with.
- Conduct that is in conflict with the stated policies and procedures (e.g., excessive breaks, disturbing others, improper use of cell phones, doing personal work on CHEST time, etc.) as outlined in the CHEST Policy and Procedure Manual as well as lack of progress in accomplishing tasks, will negatively impact your final grade.

B. Essay Paper

- Paper length shall be 5-7 pages prepared in APA style (e.g., proper font size and margins). Proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling as well as depth and scope of the essay will be considered in grading.
- The purpose of this paper is twofold:
 - to describe how you see in practice in the research conducted at CHEST what you have learned in psychology courses, such as research methods and psychological theories. For example, in what ways does the work at CHEST correspond with (or not) things you have learned in your psychology coursework? How does research at CHEST differ from what your expectations were about psychological research?
 - to describe your personal experience with the internship, specifically:
 - How will the things you learned help you in your future work, graduate school plans, studies, etc.?
 - What was the biggest surprise or challenge you experienced in doing your work at CHEST?
 - What would you say to another student considering an internship at CHEST?

Students are expected to complete their hours and turn in their paper by the **LAST DAY OF CLASSES** for the semester. Submit your final paper to Dr. Parsons *by email*.