Psychology 201 Independent/Field Study (3 credits)

*Psychology 201 is not a required class for psychology majors, but it is extremely important for any student who wishes to apply for graduate school.*

Pre-requisites: Declared psychology major.

How to find an internship: There are two basic ways to find an internship. The first is to have taken a class with a full-time member of the psychology department. If the professor knows you and your interests coincide, then you can be invited to work with that person.

The second method is to find an internship through Career Development. Paula Wicklow, MS is the internship coordinator. Her contact information is Career Development Office 805 Hunter East, telephone 212-772-4850 email: paula.wicklow@hunter.cuny.edu

You will be asked to submit a resume prior to meeting with Ms Wicklow. All employment experience should be listed. In addition, you may want to list classes which you think would be of interest to your internship. Don’t forget to list any special skills: if you are fluent in a second language, have artistic skills, computer skills, etc.

Be prepared to tell Ms Wicklow about your particular interests in psychology—for example, you’re interested in working with children with autism, or adults with a particular condition, or in working in a lab that is researching drug addiction, etc. The more specific you can be, the better able Ms Wicklow will be able to find a match for you.

Requirements of the course: Instead of attending a class, you will be working as a volunteer in a school, hospital, not-for-profit or service organization. The internship must be directly relevant to the field of psychology. You will work for a minimum of 100 hours. At the end of the internship, you will write a 7-10 page paper about your field experience. This is not a research paper, but about your personal experiences. We will provide a template of the subjects you will need to address. Additionally, your on-site mentor will write an evaluation of your performance. You will need to have a full-time member of the psychology department sponsor you.

The internship must have direct application to the field of psychology.