

Department of Indigenous Studies Practicum Course Guidelines

Introduction

Practicum Courses (INDG 3860) are guided work experiences that enable students to link theory and practice. They generally consist of a project undertaken for or in collaboration with an organization. It is not expected that you will be paid for the work although the organization may cover your expenses and provide a modest honorarium.

Eligibility Requirements

Students must have taken at least 10 full courses and have a B average or 73%. Normally INDG 3810H/INDG 3830H should be completed prior to the practicum.

Practicum Guidelines

1. All practicum courses must be approved by a faculty supervisor, practicum supervisor from the organization community and the Department Chair prior to their commencement. Normally, one would seek approval for a practicum at least one term in advance.
2. Students who wish to undertake a practicum should first of all find a faculty member who is willing to supervise a practicum, an organization that is willing to supervise the work, and then prepare a short 3 - 5 page practicum proposal. This proposal should contain a short description of the project you plan to undertake. The organization you intend to work with, a preliminary reading list of material that you intend to read while on the practicum and a proposed work plan, including a plan of evaluation.
3. The evaluation must include a journal of your reflections on your practicum experiences relating them to the literature you read and a research essay (2000 - 2500 words) on a topic related to the practicum. Students are also expected to submit a reading log of all the references they have read. Students are normally required to submit a written evaluation from their practicum supervisor to their faculty advisor.
4. Full course practicums should be 1 day/week for 12 weeks or 3 weeks if the student is attending on a daily basis. The total number of hours spent with the organization should be at least 72 and no more than 80.
5. Papers are due on a date agreed to by the Faculty Supervisor, the organizer/community supervisor and the student, but no later than 2 weeks after the last day of classes.

Indigenous Studies Department Practicum Course Request and Approval Form

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Instructions

1. This form must be filled out and signed by the student, faculty supervisor, community organization supervisor and Departmental Chair. A practicum course proposal must accompany the request.
2. Please use the Practicum Course Guidelines, attached, as a basis for the course proposal.

I request to undertake a practicum course (INDG 3860) as outlined below

Name:

Student Number:

Proposed Topic:

Proposed Faculty Supervisor:

Proposed Community Supervisor and Name of Organization:

Location of Proposed Activities, Address and Phone number:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Approval Faculty Supervisor: _____ Date: _____
(signature)

Organization/Community Supervisor: _____ Date: _____
(signature)

Department Chair: _____ Date: _____
(signature)