



## **Course Description**

### **INR1949 | Co-op Work Experience 1 | 3 credits**

This is a course designed to continue training in a student's field of study through work experience. Students will gain practical experience in international affairs by working in a consulate, governmental agency, non-governmental organization, private voluntary organization, or institute. Prerequisite: Department Approval.

## **Course Competencies**

### **Competency 1:**

The student will demonstrate practical application of international affairs knowledge and skills by:

- a. Working in a consulate, governmental agency, non-governmental organization, private voluntary organization, or institute, actively contributing to real-life scenarios and effectively navigating ethical dilemmas, resolving conflicts, and utilizing leadership and negotiation strategies.
- b. Evaluating and analyzing the concepts and principles learned in the classroom, and effectively applying them to real-life situations, while considering ethical implications and employing conflict resolution, leadership, and negotiation strategies.
- c. Working in a professional setting to significantly enhance communication skills, problem-solving abilities, teamwork, time management, and adaptability, while also demonstrating ethical decision-making, conflict resolution, leadership, and negotiation skills.
- d. Establishing and cultivating a robust professional network within their chosen industry, consisting of a minimum of three influential connections through networking events, mentorship opportunities, or interactions with potential employers during work placements, while also demonstrating ethical networking practices and utilizing negotiation skills.
- e. Mastering the art of self-reflection and self-assessment, consistently identifying areas of strength and areas for improvement, and proactively implementing strategies to enhance professional growth and performance, while also reflecting on ethical dilemmas faced and employing ethical decision-making, conflict resolution, leadership, and negotiation strategies for personal development.

### **Competency 2:**

The student will demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the operation of their placement organization and the actors involved by:

- a. Keeping a journal, students record their reactions to real-life scenarios, conflicts, ethical dilemmas, and professional hurdles. Major topics vary according to placements. Example (Consulate): professionalism and ethics, international communications, constituent service, problem-solving, budgetary constraints, domestic political constraints, international political constraints, legal constraints, inter-personal relations effectiveness, and efficiency.

## **Learning Outcomes**

1. Communication
2. Critical Thinking
3. Information Literacy
4. Cultural / Global Perspective
5. Social Responsibility
6. Ethical Issues