



Course Description

INR1949 | Co-op Work Experience 1 | 3.00 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:

1. 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
2. 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
3. Working in a professional setting significantly enhances communication skills, problem-solving abilities, teamwork, time management, and adaptability while demonstrating ethical decision-making, conflict resolution, leadership, and negotiation skills
4. Establishing and cultivating a robust professional network within their chosen industry, consisting of at least three influential connections through networking events, mentorship opportunities, or interactions with potential employers during work placements, while demonstrating ethical networking practices and utilizing negotiation skills
5. 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:

1. 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:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities
- Demonstrate knowledge of global and historical perspectives