

Course Description

INR2949 | Co-op Work Experience 2 | 3 credits

This is a course designed to continue training in a student's field of study through work experience after the completion of INR1949 Co-Op Work Experience 1. Students will continue to gain practical experience in international affairs by working in a consulate, governmental agency, non-governmental organization, private voluntary organization, or institute. Prerequisite: Department Approval, completed or currently enrolled in INR1949

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, 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 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
- 5. Mastering the art of self-reflection and self-assessment, consistently identifying areas of strength and 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:

 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, interpersonal 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
- Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures including global and historical perspectives
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society