

Paper Requirements for WGS 394: Internship in Women's and Gender Studies

For those completing either a .5 or 1 credit internship:

Reflective Paper:

Your experiential paper is a narrative of your internship experiences. In your paper, please provide responses to the following questions: (a) Where did you do your internship and what is the nature of the work of the agency? (b) What did your specific internship entail? (c) In what way was the work you did at your internship related to WGS? (d) How did your prior coursework in WGS and related fields and/or supplemental readings provide a foundation for the internship? Also, please provide the following information: (e) A reflection on what you learned from the internship experience including an anecdote (being mindful of confidentiality issues if relevant) about the experience that illustrates what you learned from your internship; (f) A discussion of any ethical issues with which you or others were faced during your internship or that could have arisen given your internship; and (g) An evaluation of the internship experience (what were the strengths of the internship, what you really valued from the experience; what were the weaknesses of the internship, what you wish could have been better). The paper should be approximately 8 pages (2000 words)

For those completing 1 credit internships only:

Scholarly Paper:

In addition to writing your reflective paper, you are also required to complete a scholarly paper that is directly related to an aspect of your internship experience. In other words, your internship experience should not be separate from the WGS scholarly literature. Therefore, we want you to take one aspect of your internship about which you are particularly passionate, and find and review literature that speaks to that issue. Your goal is to tell your audience what is known about the topic and to discuss the implications of that knowledge. In your Literature Review Paper, you should have an introduction to the topic, summaries of six scholarly sources (books and/or journal articles), appropriate transitions between the summaries, a conclusion and implications section, and a Reference or Bibliography section. Be sure you critically evaluate the quality of the literature you review. That is, be sure to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the sources you review (e.g., methodological critiques for empirical sources, theoretical critiques for theoretical sources) and how your evaluation affects the conclusion you make about what is known about your topic. The paper should be approximately 15 pages (3250 words).