

OEL and SPA Internship Course Merger

Program Innovation Award

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Beginning Fall (2016), all undergraduate students in the Public Administration program will be required to complete an internship for graduation. This project is essential in assisting the School of Public Administration (SPA) and the Office of Experiential Learning (OEL) in merging their resources and creating an updated internship course to benefit student experiential learning and training. The project will undertake the design, development, implementation, and assessment of the revised internship course. This includes: 1) coordinating course design and development meetings between OEL and SPA; 2) merging and developing new learning curriculum and assignments including the design and development of pre-internship orientation and training modules and a portfolio project; 3) cultivating new local, state, national, and international employment host sites for student interns; 4) creating new placement and assessment forms for internships, 5) developing evaluation tools; 6) assessing the new program once implemented. Our vision is that through this partnership a model program will emerge for public sector and non-profit experiential learning.