Security Studies Graduate Program Internships

Most Security Studies graduate students qualify for an internship waiver, as they are already employed in a security-related field. The waiver can be issued once the student’s immediate supervisor has confirmed their employment and the student has provided the faculty internship advisor an up-to-date resume.

Because of the diverse interests of Security Studies graduate students and due to the limited staff support for the program, students seek out their own internship opportunities that are consistent with their career aspirations. Positions must be security-related and the placement must be willing to work with the intern for a minimum of 150 hours during the term in which the internship is on the student’s schedule.

Internship Requirements:

Those Security Studies graduate students who do take the internship have to:

Perform work in an approved, security-related position for a minimum of 150 hours.

Arrange for their direct supervisor to confirm hours and review their performance before December 7, 2015. The supervisor will be asked to comment specifically on the student's writing and analytical skills.

Write a 10-page paper that:
1) Analyzes what was experienced and witnessed in the internship in light of what was learned in SECS classes (with appropriate references to class and workplace materials); and
2) Assesses leadership practices from the internship, with reference back to the leadership briefing from SECS 6000.
These should be addressed equally in the paper, so about 5 pages each. The paper must be well-written and appropriately cited.

Completed Hours: 50 points
Supervisor Review: 50 points
Final Paper: 200 points

A = 300-270
B = 269.99-240
C = 239.99-210
F = <209.99

Interns must also maintain regular contact with the faculty internship advisor.

Security Studies has no contracted regular internship sites.

Security Studies Graduate Students have recently interned with:

AMIDEAST, Abu Dhabi, UAE
Undergraduate Security Studies Students:

There is no internship required of the MULT: SECS undergraduate majors. Those that want to have an internship experience do so as part of the Political Science Department’s internship program. Information about Political Science internships can be found on that website.

Please contact the Security Studies Program Director, Alethia Cook (cooka@ecu.edu) if you need to discuss any aspect of the internship process.