

SPCL 493 – Undergraduate Internships

Learning Objectives Guide

The goal of internships is to provide an opportunity for students to put into practice skills learned through course work. Internship programs will help develop and enhance these skills. Your internship learning objectives should detail what you hope to learn or experience during your internship.

When writing your learning objectives keep in mind the following:

- What will the work environment be like?
- What does the company, university, or other entity you will be interning with do?
- What types of tasks will you be assigned?
- Who will you be working with?
- Who will be your supervisor and/or mentor during this experience?

Questions to ask yourself as you write your learning objectives:

- What do I want to learn from this internship?
- How does this experience relate to my experiences in the classroom?
- What skills that I already have do I hope to develop through this experience?
- What professional skills will I have a chance to learn or improve during this internship?
- How will I benefit, personally, academically, or professionally, from this experience?

Common skill types to consider when writing your learning objectives:

- Collaboration
- Communication
- Creativity
- Global Perspectives
- Knowledge
- Leadership
- Problem Solving
- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Technical Application
- Work Ethic