Psyc 390 Internship Project Description (Conley, Richards, Romero, Silton)

Students will have the opportunity to delve further into an area of interest to earn a portion of their grade by developing a project relevant to their internships. Collaborating with your supervisor, you will need to **develop a project that will enhance your internship site**. During the final weeks of the semester, students will present material about this project to the class. To satisfy this requirement, students will develop a project that is constructed and pursued over the course of the semester (the project will take a minimum of 8 weeks to complete; so plan early!). At the end of the semester, students will share with the class a short description and the impact of their project (5 minutes). Sample themes for projects will be provided, but should only be used to encourage students’ own creative work. Projects should advance the mission of your site (i.e., creating a special program for staff or clients) and/or enhance the site in a way that will positively impact future efforts. The project will be **15% of your final grade**.We will use the following criteria for evaluating your internship project:

* Project structure
  + Goal-oriented: Are your goals clearly articulated? What are you trying to achieve?
  + Collaborative: Did you develop your project in collaboration with supervisor and/or other relevant internship personnel?
  + Timely: Did you meet deadlines throughout the course (see end of syllabus for deadlines in week 4, week 9, week 14)?
* Project effectiveness
  + Useful: How well did your project benefit/enhance the site, its mission, and/or the community it serves?
  + Sustainable: How will you ensure that the benefits maintain, after you’re gone?
* Written description of your project
  + 1-2 page research background (include 3-5 references)
  + 1-2 page description of the project, including goals and what you actually did
  + 1 page summary of project impact
  + References
* Class presentation (5 minutes)
* Supervisor evaluation of project
  + Note: Be sure to discuss your project goals and structure with your supervisor from the initial planning stages, through to completion. From the start, it should be clear (to you and your supervisor) how you will be able to determine how effective it was.

Grading Criteria included:

* Goals & Background
* Project Structure
* Collaboration
* Project Effectiveness
* Quality of Presentation
* Sustainability

Internship Project Timeline:

* Internship project idea developed and approved by your supervisor (scan and submit electronically) – Due Week 4
* The written component of your project should include the following (in one document)
  + 1-2 page research background (3-5 citations) – Due Week 9
  + 1-2 page description of your project – Due Week 9
  + 1 page impact summary
  + Reference page
* Five-minute presentation in class, at the end of the semester