

Internship II

Definition

The American University of Central Asia defines internship as “a pre-professional, educational experience, where students have an opportunity to enhance their theoretical knowledge by applying it in practice.” The University requires all degree-seeking undergraduate students to complete an internship before graduating. This type of internship is included into the curriculum of the third year of study during Spring semester.

Purpose

An internship is an effective way for students to prepare for their future careers. The main goal of an internship II is for students to gain practical skills in psychological testing and conducting quantitative research. Psychology students will be expected to enhance research skills necessary for their further independent work.

Internship II is a 3 credit required course. Students are expected to complete a minimum of 90 hours of internship.

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Prerequisites for the observational internship:

- Research methods in psychology/ Experimental psychology and Practicum
- Psychological tests
- Successfully completed observational internship

Objectives:

- Students apply acquired research skills in practical contexts;
- Students will demonstrate skills in gathering pertinent and relevant data;
- Students will integrate scholarly literature into their work
- Students will demonstrate ability to write using APA style
- Students will demonstrate skills in accurately selecting, administering, scoring, and interpreting self-report and personality assessment instruments
- Students will seek consultation regarding selecting, scoring, interpreting, and report writing
- Students will demonstrate knowledge and skills in statistics
- Students will demonstrate knowledge and application of ethical decision making
- Students will be able to carry out specific professional tasks independently or under careful supervision;
- Students develop clear vision of their career opportunities as a psychologist

The process of practical internships:

The students are required to attend scheduled classes, presenting their topics, literature review, methodology, analysis, discussion and conclusion parts. They have to demonstrate their abilities to conduct a quantitative psychological research.

The student is required to contact internal supervisor regarding the internship process upon request. Students are to complete all internships individually.

Reporting of practical internship:

By the end of the internship (prior Internship symposium), it is expected that interns will submit their reports that include:

- Introduction
- Rationale
- Literature Review
- Methodology
- Results
- Discussion
- Conclusion

Instructor of the course- is a full-time faculty member of Psychology department. The responsibilities of the instructor include: teach the course, collection of the report documents, organization of the process of internship defense, determining the final grades, providing the final internship grades for the Office of the Registrar's