



An overview of the senior internship in the SLU Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Three undergraduate degrees at SLU in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies end with a senior internship (Health Education & Promotion, Kinesiology, and Sport Management). Internships are also available for graduate students seeking the M.S. in Health and Kinesiology. To be eligible to intern, students must be at the end of their degree – have no more than 6 hours of coursework left – and must have completed some specific key courses.

- Undergraduate interns enroll in a 6-9 credit hour internship course, and are required to complete a minimum of 320-400 hours at the site (roughly 20-25 hrs/week over the 16-week semester)
- Graduate students enroll in a 3-6 credit hour internship course, and are required to complete a minimum of 160-320 hours at the site over the semester.

This is an unpaid, supervised field-based educational experience. Students should intern at sites that are clearly related to their degree, where they can engage in meaningful activities that allow them to use knowledge and skills they have and also continue to learn, and where they can be supervised by a someone with an appropriate degree and at least two years of professional experience.

Expectations:

- For an intern to be placed at a site, an affiliation agreement is completed between the university and the site. Students interview with sites and submit a form requesting placement. The student must also complete a set of prerequisite tasks including CPR certification, completing a criminal background check, and submitting immunization records to the department. During the semester, interns will participate in a random drug screening program administered by the university.
- A SLU faculty member will be assigned to the student intern, and will communicate with the student and supervisor throughout the semester. They will visit the site (as possible or needed), facilitate the development of the internship project, ensure midterm and final evaluations are conducted, and assign the final grade for the course.
- Student requirements include submitting reports on hours and activities, developing and completing an internship project, constructing and submitting an internship portfolio, and giving a presentation on campus at the end of the semester on their internship.
- Site-based supervisors' primary responsibilities include those related to scheduling, training, monitoring, and evaluating student activities and performance.

For more information or to complete an internship affiliation agreement:

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