

WGS 310 – The Internship: An Overview

WGS 310, the Women’s and Gender Studies internship is open only to WGS undergraduate majors and minors. It consists of three primary components:

(1) The major part of the internship consists of practical work with an agency or organization over the course of the semester. This experience functions as a counterpart to the academic and more theoretical focus of your major or minor courses. **Therefore the internship should be scheduled towards the end of the major or minor.**

In the past, students have interned with such organizations as the Girl Scouts, N.C. Equity, The NC State Women’s Center, the Wake County Women’s Center, WomenNC, The Salvation Army of Wake County, Interact, Safe Child, Dress for Success, and Planned Parenthood, among others. However, you are not limited to just the agencies listed above. Discuss your options with the WGS Director before committing to an internship not on the above list.

For the best results, we suggest you invest a little time researching the agency where you would like to do your internship. Find out what they do and try to find one that works in an area where you have interests. Feel free to provide them with the “Information for Agency Supervisors” during this conversation in case they have questions about their responsibilities.

For more detailed guidelines on this portion of the internship, please see “Internship Process” on the WGS website.

(2) The second component consists of a semester-long schedule of assigned readings and responses about feminist or womanist activism in the U.S. This is facilitated through a moodle site for WGS 310, a course site to which all interns will have access.

(3) Third, a final semester paper that ties together theory and practice is written under the supervision of the WGS Director. This paper is generally due during the final exam period of the semester. **A link on the WGS internship site describes this requirement in more detail.**

Grading:

Internship Paper: 50%

Responses/Assignments for WGS 310 course: 25%

Agency Evaluation: 25% *

*If the agency evaluation is not received prior to the end of the grading period, grades will be assessed on the remaining 2 components.