

**LEHMAN COLLEGE  
OF THE  
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**CURRICULUM CHANGE**

1. **Type of change:** Experimental Course

2.

Department(s)	Sociology
Career	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate
Academic Level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial
Subject Area	Sociology
Course Prefix & Number	SOC 471
Course Title	Internship in Sociological Practice
Description	This course is designed to give Sociology majors the opportunity to apply skills and knowledge of the sociology discipline in an occupational or organizational setting. Internships are completed in community-based or governmental organizations or in sociologically relevant corporate settings  NOTE: Minimum GPA of 2.5 and sociology GPA of 2.7 as well as at least 6 credits in Sociology. PREREQ: Departmental permission.
Pre/ Co Requisites	Departmental Permission
Credits	3
Hours	3
Liberal Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Course Attribute (e.g. Writing Intensive, WAC, etc)	Experiential Learning
General Education Component	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> English Composition <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible <input type="checkbox"/> World Cultures <input type="checkbox"/> US Experience in its Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Expression

	Individual and Society Scientific World
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**3. Rationale:**

Currently sociology students have very limited opportunities to participate in internships. Fewer than 5% of graduates have done formal internships. This course will supplement students' classroom learning with an opportunity to see connections between the discipline of sociology, occupations, and organizations. The course will thus be designed to enable students to explore a variety of career interests and work environments and to apply classroom knowledge. Students will develop new skills and professional relationships. This experience will likely increase participating students' self-confidence, leadership skills, interpersonal skills, and communication skills. The minimum number of internship hours will be approximately 120 hours total.

The Internship Specialist at the Lehman Career Exploration and Development Center (CEDC) is available to help students find internships (although placement cannot be guaranteed). CEDC appointments can be made through CUNY Navigate. Once accepted by the work site, the student will complete a Learning Agreement, which must be signed by the student, the work supervisor, the Department, and the CEDC Internship Coordinator. Then, the student will be allowed to register for the course. Faculty supervisors of this course will be expected to meet with students and coordinate with internship supervisors as required.

**4. Learning Outcomes (By the end of the course students will be expected to):**

- Develop and describe their understanding of the application of sociological concepts in a workplace setting.
- Assess, in writing, the internship experience and its relationship to sociological concepts and theories.
- Communicate with the supervisor and others at the internship site to develop and evaluate their workplace experience.
- Explain the role of sociological skills in workplace settings.

**5. Date of Departmental Approval: November 11, 2024**