

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW PRACTICUM CAPSTONE OPTION IN THE TWU Master's Program in Government

Work on a capstone project and paper at an internship site related to your interests!

Practicum capstone option in the M.A. program in Government:

This option provides students with opportunities to develop capstone projects and a paper in an internship site related to their personal and professional interests.

Students will complete 36 semester credit hours, distributed as follows:

Professional Practices (3 hours)

At least 3 hours in U.S. politics, law, and government

At least 3 hours in global/comparative politics

At least 3 hours in political theory

At least 3 hours in politics and identities

Five elective courses (15 hours)

Practicum semester I (3 hours)

Practicum semester II (3 hours)

Students work with their major professor to determine if the practicum option is one that would provide the greatest benefit. Practicum semesters normally occur at the end of the student's program, but may be started after fifteen hours of course work, with the approval of the major professor.

In **Practicum semester I**, students engage in a 120 hour internship at an approved site (e.g., a school, government agency, archive, museum, court, legal office, office of public official). Three assignments form the basis of this semester: (1) a daily analytical journal, discussing their experiences and drawing connections between those experiences and what they have learned in the courses they have taken in their program; (2) an annotated bibliography of works related to their internship experience; and (3) a proposal/prospectus for a paper related to their internship that they will research and write during Practicum semester II.

During **Practicum semester II**, students engage in a second 120 hour internship preferably in the same site as the first semester and research and write the paper proposed in Practicum semester I. The paper is defended before a panel of three faculty members.

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