



**NORTHERN ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY**

**Department of Political Science
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb IL 60115**

**INTERNSHIP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
Contract for Academic Credit**

Name _____ SSN or Z-ID _____

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Internship Site _____ Phone _____

Internship Supervisor _____

To earn academic credit for an undergraduate internship in Political Science, you must have junior standing, have at least a 2.5 GPA, register your internship with NIU Career Services, and register for POLS 439. The internship course is supervised by Dr. Vicki Clarke and students must present a completed contract before receiving permission to register for this course.

Students are required to prepare a 12-15 page research paper on some aspect of the internship. The paper will be supervised by Dr. Clarke, the internship coordinator, and must be turned in for evaluation when completed. Journal entries of your internship experience may be helpful in developing a topic for your paper. As the internship is designed to aid your career exploration, there is substantial room in the paper assignment for your personal reflections on the experience.

In writing your paper, you may correlate data and insights from your work assignments with topics you will research through a number of academic sources. Nearly any task given to you during your internship can be enhanced by reference to relevant book chapters, journal articles, special reports and/or other written sources found in the literature. The paper assignment is also intended to help familiarize you with the relevant professional literature. As such, you are expected to consult at least twelve relevant sources and cite at least eight of them in the body of the paper. Papers should be submitted to the Division of Public Administration (IASBO 202) and also e-mailed to the internship coordinator at vclarke@niu.edu.

I agree to submit my final paper (in both an electronic and hard copy format) no later than _____ to the internship coordinator, Dr. Clarke (vclarke@niu.edu).

(Insert date: May 1, August 1, or December 1)

Intern Signature _____ Date _____

Supervisor Signature _____ Date _____

Faculty Signature _____ Date _____

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