Principles for Approving Serving Society; Enacting Justice credit for student-run or externally-run ministries


Purpose: The purpose of APP 192 is to provide a means to connect academic learning and reflection with service experiences which lack the level of on-site supervision expected for an internship experience.

Expectations:
1. The ministry must have a sufficient track record to demonstrate stability, good organization, effective service, and significant contact with the population being served.
2. A member of the teaching faculty or a member of the staff with faculty status must lead a seminar that (1) prepares students for participation in the ministry and (2) reflects on the experience.
3. The seminar should include preparatory readings which orient students to the cultural and/or social context.
4. The Internship Office will not oversee such a course. The office has a different mission; conducting ministry oversight will obscure the mission and strain already stretched resources.
5. Credit is granted for participation in the seminar – not for the ministry work.
6. Since the seminar is intended for reflection on the field experience, successful completion of the course is contingent on appropriate engagement during the field experience. The syllabus must have some mechanism (such as a daily reflective journal) in place to monitor participation.
7. Since student-run and externally-run ministries typically do not have mechanisms in place for internship-level on-site supervision and the experience is often compressed, the amount of direct contact should be approximately double (24 hours) that required for a faculty-coordinated project or a supervised internship fulfilling the Serving Society; Enacting Justice GE component.

Administrative Structure:
1. The course is graded P/NC and a grade of pass is contingent on adequate engagement in both the seminar and the field experience components of the course.
2. In order to ensure the appropriateness of the participants for the field experience, instructor approval is required for registration.
3. Administrative procedures such as registration and grade submittal will conform to the expectations of standard courses.
4. Since APP 192 is intended to fulfill the Serving Society; Enacting Justice GE requirement, the GE Committee will review proposals (syllabi) to verify the appropriateness of the project, adequacy of the preparation and reflection, and adherence to these principles.