

Women's Center Internships: *To Apply, see end of document

Media and Communications Intern: 150-200 hours per semester.

This internship will focus on outreach and journalism, and will center on the relationship of media in women's lives, nationally and internationally. The intern will be responsible for assisting with written and oral communication to media sources and the general public about Women's Center services and events, researching information for publications and informational programs related to women in the media, and will be responsible for producing the Women's Center website newsletter once a semester. The newsletter will require the student to research topics and to conduct interviews with appropriate constituents, focusing on the needs and issues of ODU women. This internship would be appropriate for English, Art, Communication, Women's Studies, Sociology, and/or other related majors.

Required Reading:

1. **Feminism, multiculturalism, and the media: Global Diversities**, edited by Angharad N. Valdivia. Available at the ODU library.
2. **Where the girls are: Growing up female with the mass media**, edited by Susan Douglas. Available at the ODU library.

Learning Objectives: TBD by student

Returning Women Intern: 150-200 hours per semester (Graduate level preferred)

This internship centers on providing support and information for new women students returning after a break (typically over 25). Interns will serve as mentors for returning women by assisting them with transitional questions, guide them as they navigate the ODU institution (from registering for classes to where to park), potentially offer support groups or programs based on students' needs. The intern will help the Women's Center host a Returning Women's reception, will update the returning women section on the website, and research current trends regarding returning women in college. This internship would be appropriate for graduate students in Higher Education, Humanities, Psychology, Sociology and/or other related fields.

Required Reading:

1. **Returning women students in higher education: defining policy issues**, by Carol Tittle. Available at the ODU library.
2. **Meeting the special needs of adult students: New directions for student services**, edited by Deborah Kilgore and Penny Rice. Available at the ODU library.

Learning Objectives: TBD by student

Special Events/Activism Intern: 150-200 hours per semester

The Special Events intern works with all dimensions of a special event program from program planning and marketing to implementation and assessment, such as Women's History month or Violence Awareness month. Special events could include specialized programs for marginalized groups, women-centered productions, and activist projects. The intern will work collaboratively with other departments and community services to develop and implement programs, will assist in researching and soliciting possible funding sources, and may be responsible for presenting material to a large group. Any major would be appropriate for this internship.

Required Reading:

1. **Grassroots: A field guide for feminist activism**, by Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards. Available at the ODU library and at the Women's Center.
2. Up to 3 essays and/or articles depending on the project topic.

Learning Objectives: TBD by student

Sexual Assault Free Environment (SAFE) Intern: 150-200 hours per semester

The SAFE intern will work with all dimensions related to the SAFE programming, including education, awareness, training, and policy recommendations. The SAFE intern will also work closely with the peer educator program and with Special Events projects to develop new and improved programs to student groups, dorms, and classroom presentations. This internship will include researching trends for college students, advocating an end violence against women and girls through outreach and services, and may include working on grant proposals or program proposals. This intern will need to complete the Response Sexual Assault Support Services volunteer training program (training held on M, W from 6-9 for 4 weeks a semester). This internship would be most appropriate for Human Services Counseling, Criminal Justice, Women's Studies, Sociology, Psychology, and/or other related majors. Graduate student interns in any field interested in this area would also be appropriate. *Note: Direct contact hours with clients cannot be guaranteed, the focus on this internship is on education and awareness activities, not counseling.

Required Reading:

1. **Sexual assault on campus: The problem and solution**, by Carol Bohmer and Andrea Parrot. Available at ODU library and at the Women's Center.
2. **Against our will: Men, women and rape**, by Susan Brownmiller. Available at ODU library and at the Women's Center.

Learning Objectives: TBD by student.

Women's Center Internships Application Information

Applications will be accepted from: Juniors, Seniors or Graduate Students. Sophomores will need special approval from the Women's Center, interested sophomores should contact the Women's Center for more information.

Requirements: 3.25 G.P.A and excellent communication skills

Desired/Preferred: Courses in Women's Studies or courses cross-listed with Women's Studies. A basic understanding of feminism and the feminist perspective. The ability to work autonomously and independently is critical. You will need to submit learning objectives to the Women's Center for approval, per your major requirements.

Submit a resume and a cover letter detailing why you are interested in becoming an intern and your experience to: Becki Fogerty, Assistant Director, Women's Center, 683-4109