Tailor Your SRM Experience:
Do a Self-Initiated Field Experience
SRM: 4197:0006
Spring, Summer or Fall Terms

The self-initiated field experience is an agreement between the student and a sport, recreation or leisure focused organization of the student’s choice. The Office of Field Experience assists students in identifying opportunities but it is ultimately the student’s responsibility to make contact and arrangements directly with the partnering organization.

Earn one to nine credits during each field experience engagement. The number of semester hour credits are based on the number of field hours spend with the organization. 1 sh = 45 field hours.

Gain experience tailored to your own career path by working with a collegiate, private, commercial or non-profit organizations.

Examples for organizations that University of Iowa SRM students have worked with in the past:

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<th>Iowa Athletics</th>
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<td>Cedar Rapids Kernels</td>
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| Parks and Recreation departments around the country and in students’ home towns.

Registration:
Students register for field experience credit during normal class registration.

Credits:
During registration the student identifies either number of credits based on the anticipated number of work hours over the semester.

Meeting:
The student must meet with the SRM field experience coordinator prior to registration to ensure the organization and anticipated experience meet all necessary requirements.

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Schedule:
Field experience credits must be earned during the term in which they are registered. For example, if registering for summer semester credit, the hours worked must be worked primarily May – August, 2016.

FAQ’s:

Q: What are the student’s responsibilities?
A: The student must complete paperwork including:

- experience goal setting & learning outcomes
- explanation of field experience opportunities
- field experience / work evaluations
- periodic meetings with the UI field experience coordinator
- a final report & self-evaluation

Q: How do I know how many credits should I register for?
A: That depends on the number of field experience hours you’ll be working.

45 field experience hours = 1 semester hour of credit.
A student working 45 hours with a team, league office or agency would earn 1 semester hour of field experience credit. 90 hours of field experience. 405 hours are required to earn 9 s.h.

Q: Can I get paid during my Practicum experience?
A: Yes, the University of Iowa does allow the student to get paid a stipend or an hourly wage.

   It is important to remember, however, that it is common for internship experiences to be on a volunteer, unpaid basis.

Q: Can I still get credit for something I’m doing right now?
A: Depends on when you are reading this…If the semester registration deadline has already passed, you cannot retroactively earn credits. You can register for credit in the following semester, provided the experience is also ongoing and you have not already earned credit for experience with the same organization.

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