

LARC 476: Practicum

Purpose

LARC 476 Practicum - Internship and exposure to the profession by work experience at various levels of professional endeavor - is open to fifth-year Landscape Architecture students. Practicum satisfies a Studio requirement if taken for six credits. It requires three and one half hours of office time per week for ten weeks per credit. Therefore, six credits involves approximately 20 hours of office work per week. Generally students choose this 20 hours a week for ten weeks for 6 credits option. However, this is a variable credit course and some students have split their time between a private office and a government agency working 10 hours a week for three credits in each place for a total of six credits.

Additional Information

The hours can be completed in fewer or more than ten weeks (i.e. 5 weeks @ 40 hours/week) depending on the office/student needs. **We require that each student prepare a personal resume and a simple portfolio** for submission to the host office, and **maintain a complete work log** during his/her time working at that office. Students cannot receive pay for Practicum, credit hours. However, we do not discourage students from working additional hours for pay provided the student and the office come to some sort of mutual understanding on time and hourly rate. Be aware that pay is optional, must be arranged by the student, and is more likely if the student is highly skilled. Students cannot receive credit for prior work experience unless approved by Curriculum Petition.

If you are interested in taking the course, please fill out the following form and make an appointment with the faculty person in charge of Practicum to discuss what you want to do and when you are going to enroll. Following that, he will contact various offices and try to arrange for the most appropriate office/agency to host you. You will be notified and are expected to make contact with the office, set up an appointment to show them your portfolio and resume, and meet with the office. The first appointment is not a commitment for them to host you, but a chance for them to meet and evaluate your skills. If that meeting is successful (most are), you will work out a time schedule with the office and complete the Practicum.

Practicum Questionnaire

Name: _____ Year in Program: _____ Date: _____

1. Do you prefer to work for a private firm _____ or public agency _____?
2. Do you prefer to work in planning _____ or in design _____? _____ other?
3. Do you want to emphasize small _____ or large-scale _____?
4. Do you have commute/transportation preferences: bus _____ car _____ bike _____?
5. Can you reach offices outside of Seattle (do you have a car) ?
6. Have you had any work experience in local offices or agencies?

7. Are there any offices/agencies you would prefer to work in?

8. Have you started preparing your resume _____? Portfolio _____?

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