

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Semester & Year: Spring 2022

Semester & Year of Internship: Fall 2020

Major: English Literature

Minor: Legal Psychology

Hometown: Greensburg

Hobbies: Reading, hiking, & listening to podcasts

Campus Activities: Sigma Tau Delta, Criminal Justice Club, Student Advocates, Writing Tutor, VIH Women in Leadership

Future Plans/Career Goals: Law school following graduation

- **Internship (company/your title):**

Blackburn Center, Writing Intern

- **How did you find your internship?**

I am a volunteer at Blackburn, and my volunteer coordinator asked if I would be interested in an internship opportunity for the fall semester!

- **What were your duties?**

I worked on a variety of projects, most of which involved editing documents for grammar, spelling, and clarity. I also created documents and brochures for educational outreach programs through the Center.

- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**

Because of the virus, I was never actually at my internship site, so my schedule was very much up to me. As long as I was doing my work in a timely fashion, I was able to perform my duties when I had the time. The internship was 80 hours total, so I would say I worked about 6 hours/week overall.

- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**

I really enjoyed the flexible schedule & the work that I was doing. Blackburn Center does some really important work, and I feel that I was able to get a lot done for their cause. Thanks to the flexibility that working virtually awarded me, I could work on things when it was convenient for me, not during normal business hours. This made it easier to make a real dent in the enormous amount of work that needs done to eliminate violence in our area.

- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**

Again, I would have to go with the actual work that I was doing. While important, the nature of the educational material that I was editing/writing often involved dark subjects like domestic violence, sexual assault, and even suicide. Likewise, working from home proved to be more difficult than I had anticipated in a few regards (time management, focusing, obtaining help remotely, etc.).

- **How did your experience at UPG and in the English Literature Department prepare you for your internship?**

My entire internship revolved around editing and writing, both of which are skills that I have obtained over the course of 2 years at UPG. More specifically, I would say that my major, English Literature, was most helpful for my internship.

- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**

After graduation, I plan to attend law school and then pursue a job in the legal field. Both of these require an enormous amount of writing and reading, and I feel that this internship exposed me to the kind of professional/workplace writing that I had yet to encounter. Furthermore, I learned a lot about the very real legal aspects of domestic/sexual violence, which I believe will give me an edge in law school and my career.

- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**

The best advice that I can give is to find something that you are passionate about. This makes the internship both interesting and worthwhile! Likewise, this will allow you to figure out if the thing that you think you're passionate about is really something that you will enjoy as a career. Think of it as a trial run with almost no possible negative consequences.

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