Planned approach: This course serves the goals of GMU’s General Education Mission to educate, liberate, and broaden the mind, and to instill lifelong love of learning. In conjunction with each student’s major program of study and other electives, minors, or certificates, it seeks to produce graduates with intellectual vision, creative abilities, moral sensibility, and the skills to assure a well-rounded and useable education. There are four specific goals:

1. To ensure that you develop skills in information gathering, written and oral communication, and analytical and quantitative reasoning.
2. To expose you to the development of knowledge by emphasizing major domains of thought and methods of inquiry.
3. To help you attain a breadth of knowledge that supports your specialization and adds to your personal and professional education.
4. To encourage you to make connections between disciplines, between GMU and the external world, and between the USA and other countries.

Technology: None is required, except any used at your practicum site.

Assignments:

1. You must attend a one-hour meeting during the week to discuss your experience at your practicum site, to hear other students describe their experiences, and to trouble shoot any problems that may arise.

2. You are to make regular entries in a journal soon after each visit to your practicum site, detailing your activities during that visit. You are to bring it to each class meeting, where your entry will be shared with other students.

3. You must spend a total of 200 hours at your practicum site.

4. You are required to complete a project above and beyond the normal activities normal for your practicum site. The nature of these projects is very variable. You will be given examples of previous projects, and must obtain approval of the instructor for the project you attempt. A written description of the project and its outcomes is required.

Grading: Grading is pass-fail. If your practicum supervisor’s report if positive, your class attendance is reasonable, and you complete the project you say you will complete, you will pass. If you do not accomplish these three things, you will fail.

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* "If you are a student with disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 709-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office."

Honor Policy: The Honor Policy is in full effect.

Examinations: There is no final examination.