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 as may be used at the practicum site you select.

Assignments:

(1) You must attend a one-hour meeting weekly to discuss your experience on your practicum, to hear other students describe theirs, and to trouble shoot any problems that arise.

(2) You must spend a total of 200 hours at your practicum site.

(3) 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 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 attendance in class 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.

Disabilities: If you have a disability and need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 703-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office. I’m happy to cooperate.

Honor Policy: The Honor Policy is in full effect.

Examinations: There is no final examination.