**GVPT 357 Practicum Guidelines**

IDCM students are required to take a 1-credit practicum course. The following rubric can be used as a guideline when evaluating student applications. However, ***all*** experiences are subject to final review by the IDCM Director. Below you can find a few guidelines to take into consideration. However, please note that **approval will be granted after a case-by-case revision**.

**Time commitment:** We expect all practicum experiences to account for 60+ hours of engagement throughout the semester/term. The associated one-credit course can be taken either concurrent with or following the practicum experience.

**Nature of the experience**: A broad range of experiences qualify, including paid jobs, research assistantships, volunteering, and entrepreneurship (social and other).

**International approach:** One of the most important aspects of any practicum experience is its international edge. For example, experiences volunteering locally with international communities (refugees, for example) can be considered. Instead, volunteering experiences that focus primarily on a local population with no international ties or background cannot count.

**Experience Abroad:** *IDCM students who gain intensive hands-on experiences abroad may operate through:* ***Alternative Break*** *OR* ***volunteering/interning*** *for a NGO/non-profit/etc. in a foreign country.*

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|  **“Relevant Practicum Experiences”** |
| * Guided Research
 | * Independent Research
 | * Proposal/Grant Support
 | * Program Support
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| * ESL/Language Help
 | * Community Development
 | * Youth Engagement Activities
 | * Education Initiatives
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| * Cultural Affairs
 | * Health Services
 | * Administrative Support
 | * Administrative “Backstopping”
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**Examples of Past Practicum Experiences:**

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| A Wider Circle | McClatchy DC News Bureau |  |
| AJC: Global Jewish Advocacy | MEDLIFE |  |
| Alternative Break Trip Leader | Mhina Turmaini Foundation |  |
| Alternative Breaks | MIDCM |  |
| America Reads | Middle East Institute |  |
| Amnesty International | Muslims Without Borders |  |
| Amnesty International Mid-Atlantic Regional Office | National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) |  |
| Atlas Corp | National Peace Corps Association |  |
| BARDA/ASPR/DHHS in the Office of Emerging Infectious Diseases | New and Emerging Talent Unit, UNICEF  |  |
| Beit Ligdol Tov | Office of Senator Marco Rubio |  |
| Bilingual Backpacks | Office on Latin America (WOLA) |  |
| CASA de Maryland | Partners of the Americas |  |
| Center for Civilians in Conflict | Peace Corps - FOIA Office |  |
| Chillum Internship Program (CHIP) | Pediatric AIDS/HIV Care, Inc. |  |
| CIDCM | People for Successful Corean Reunification (PSCORE) |  |
| Conflict Solutions International | Population and Community Development Association |  |
| Council on International Educational Exchange | Projects Abroad |  |
| COVA Eye Clinic (Unite For Sight, Inc.) | Radio Free Asia |  |
| Crossroads Community Food Network | Research project on stigmatization and HIV/AIDS |  |
| Department of State | Rights Watch (UK) |  |
| Earthjustice | Samanvaya |  |
| Engineers Without Borders | School of Public Health, Family Science Department |  |
| Environmental Law Institute | Search for Common Ground |  |
| Ethiopian Global Initiative | Seeds of Peace International Camp  |  |
| Fabretto Children's Foundation | Seoul Academy International School |  |
| Feingold Senate Committee | Share and Care Foundation |  |
| Food & Water Watch | SHAWCO |  |
| Foreign Policy Magazine | Sierra Student Coalition/Sierra Club |  |
| FPDL, local NGO | St. Lucia Hospice and Orphanage |  |
| Freedom House | START Center, Minorities at Risk Database |  |
| Gemstone Program (worked at NIH and with the FDA) | Stop Hunger Now |  |
| Genetic Alliance DC | Students Helping Honduras |  |
| Gooru | Study Abroad in Indonesia |  |
| Grameen Foundation USA | Summer Study Abroad - Alexandria, Egypt |  |
| Harambe Endeavor | Syrian American Council |  |
| Healthy Youth | The American Psychological Association, Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs (OEMA) |  |
| Hearts and Minds "Information for Change & The end poverty campaign"  | The Borgen Project |  |
| Hepatitis Foundation International | The Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK) |  |
| HOPE/Ameri Corps | The Foundation for Defense of Democracies |  |
| House Committee on Foreign Affairs | The Fund for Peace |  |
| Human Development and Capabilities Association | The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) |  |
| ICONS Project | Tostan International |  |
| ICONS Project | U.S. Campaign for Burma |  |
| International Justice Mission  | UMD CIDCM Special Projects Unit: Minorities at Risk |  |
| International Leadership Association | UMD Global Dental Brigades |  |
| International Rescue Committee | Un Techo Para Chile |  |
| International Volunteer Headquarters | Undergraduate Research Program |  |
| Invisible Children | UPMC Center for Health Security |  |
| IRIS Center | US Department of Homeland Security, US Citizenship and Immigration Services |  |
| Just 4 Us Foundation | US Department of State, Office of East Asian & Pacific Affairs, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights & Labor |  |
| Kibbutz Program Center | US Securities and Exchange Commission |  |
| Kwak Lab - Biosciences Research | USAID and The Environmental Law Institute (ELI) |  |
| La Casa De Maria Amor, Women’s Shelter | Water Justice Dulcepamba |  |
| Learning Enterprises - Romania/Croatia | West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department |  |
| Linking Lives | Women Moving Forward pre-release conference  |  |
| Living Water International  | Yahel: Israel Service Learning |  |
| Maryland Study Abroad and International Partners in El Salvador | Young in Prison |  |
| Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care |  |