

## WHERE TO SERVE?

Community Service Internships are intended to emphasize work in a wide range of public agencies, voluntary associations, and non-profit organizations:

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Child and adult protective service agencies
- Church outreach programs
- Crisis prevention services
- Disability services agencies
- Domestic violence victim services
- Environmental defense organizations
- Juvenile advocacy and correction services
- Individual and family counseling services
- Legal aid services
- Local, state and/or federal government agencies
- Rape crisis services
- Senior services
- Social service agencies
- Youth services
- Urban/regional planning programs



**If you have questions about the Internship or any other aspect of the UAH Sociology Program, please send an email to:**

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# COMMUNITY SERVICES INTERNSHIP

**PART OF THE COMMUNITY  
SERVICES TRACK OF THE  
SOCIOLOGY MAJOR**

**Supervised pre-professional  
experience in a wide range of public  
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## INTERNSHIP BENEFITS

The Community Services Internship (SOC 395) offers select students a unique opportunity to bridge their coursework with real-world experience.

Internship students participate in the operations of state and local public agencies and non-profit organizations. They get to work closely with professionals in their area of interest. They learn what it is like to work there, gain some experience, and make personal and professional connections.

Internship learning situations are unique to each individual, but they all involve a combination of practical and academic experience. SOC 395 is a three-credit course and includes supervised academic assignments allowing students to see connections between academic research and clinical practice.

## LEARN WHILE YOU SERVE

The Community Services Internship (SOC 395) is an important component of the Community Services Track, one of the four optional tracks in the Sociology major.

In addition to its academic and professional components, the internship is an opportunity for students to apply the knowledge, skills, and curiosity that they have cultivated in classrooms in service of their community. Similarly, the internship promotes civic engagement by linking UAH and its students to the greater Huntsville-Madison County area communities.



## REQUIREMENTS

Each student first initiates contact with an agency of their choosing. This may be done independently or in close consultation with the Sociology Internship Coordinator.

**In order to enroll in SOC 395, students must ordinarily meet all of the following criteria:**

- Junior or Senior standing
- Minimum GPA of 2.50
- Sociology Major with Community Services Track
- 9 credits in Sociology at UAH
- Approval of the Sociology Internship Coordinator and Department Chair

**Course requirements will vary, but will generally include:**

- 125 hours of supervised field experience
- Developing/completing a reading list
- Keeping a journal; writing reports
- Meetings with the internship coordinator
- Assignments and/or a term paper relating to the internship