

IDIS 385
Comenius Scholars Internship
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Purpose of the course

To learn leadership and management skills by (1) serving internships in Grand Rapids-based CBOs, (2) meeting strategic leaders in class (in word and in person), and (3) presenting our work to the public.

Learning opportunities

You earn your grade by engaging these opportunities:

1. Read on schedule (ROS), attend class and participate in the conversation. [10 CPs each quad]
2. Journal your progress (JNL). Each week a journal topic will be announced. Your assignment is 1-2 pages of reflection, due via email by Monday noon each week. No late entries. [10 opportunities, 3 CPs each]
3. Do the closing reception professionally (CLO), and report on your own work in class. Everyone will have a task at the December 9 reception at Prince. Everyone will report on December 2. [No CPs awarded for this category. Successful engagement of CLO work warrants a B grade or higher in 385.]
4. Work hard and smart at your internship (TRN). [44 CPs]
5. Do more (MOR). Read something extra for a particular class, interview a GR leader... the creative possibilities are enormous. CPs awards TBA.

Achieving your grade

The active A range begins at 88 CPs; the better B range, 72; the convenient C range, 58, the drastic D range begins at 40. (On a 100-point scale, the As begin at 88). Course documents must conform to standards in *easyWriter 3d*, on reserve in Hekman. Deadlines are firm.

SCHEDULE

- SEPTEMBER 9** Getting started
- SEPTEMBER 16** Jim Weidner, strategic planning
Deutschman, *Walk the Walk*, pp. xi-14.
- SEPTEMBER 23** Phil Johnson, leading organizations forward
Read chapters 5-6 of Phil's book on reserve.
- OCTOBER 7** David Bosch, starting and sustaining a small CBO
WTW, pp. 15-40.
- OCTOBER 21** Robert Fortner, assessing needs, directing resources
WTW, pp. 41-92.
- NOVEMBER 4** Lon Swartzendruber, major donor development
WTW, pp. 93-140.
- NOVEMBER 18** Melanie Beelen, Baxter Community Center, on keeping vision strong
WTW, pp. 141-158.
- DECEMBER 2** Student presentations
WTW, pp. 159-176.
- DECEMBER 9** Closing reception at Prince Conference Center