

HDFS Senior Internship Two-Semester Sequence Policy

The HDFS Internship (HDF 4991) requirement is designed and offered regularly as a sequenced two-semester course, with the first 3 credits offered in the fall and the second 3 credits offered in the spring of the academic year. This course is intended for students in their final year of the HDFS program, which is most often their fourth year (senior year). Alternative timelines for completing the Internship are not offered.

The two semesters of HDF 4991 are linked, but students will receive a grade at the end of each semester based on the work completed during that semester. Students must succeed in the first semester –academically and with respect to professional performance—to be eligible to take the second semester. Work in the second semester builds upon the work from the first semester; success is measured in terms of academic requirements and professional performance/behavior. Because of this, and to deepen student learning and skill development, students are expected to remain in the same placement across both semesters. Students who need or wish to switch placements may be accommodated, but such students should note that additional work will be required to be prepared to engage in the second-semester requirements that build upon first-semester assignments.