

Guideline for Offering Field Placement in Psychology as Independent Studies

1. The placement should involve some type of interaction with people so that psychological principles can be applied. **OR**, the tasks involved should have a clear focus on psychology: In other words, psychological concepts, theories, and research methods are to be used in the development of programming and/or program evaluation for the placement site.
2. There should be an orientation between the student and the instructor to go over the field placement expectations, either in person **OR** online.
3. There is to be either a textbook **OR** reading material about important matters in field placement, such as ethical issues, diversity, clinical writing, and self-care.
4. The student should engage in regular deep reflection about the field placement experience with instructor feedback either in person **OR** online.
5. Student needs to spend a minimum of 120 hours in the field to earn the full four college credits.
6. A summary capstone paper should be written about either the field placement experience **OR** the answer to a question that arises out of the field placement experience in the form of a literature review.