

LA 397: internship in Landscape Architecture

Summary report. *Due by noon on the last day of the term.*

A ten-page summary report (exclusive of images, drawings, etc.) discussing what you have gained from the experience, including an appendix of relevant work samples, photographs, field experiences, lists of collaborators/mentors, and the like. Here's the relevant learning goals from the syllabus:

- Understand the day-to-day workings of office culture, including professionalism, ethical office conduct, and proper methods of communication in landscape architecture.
- Observe and understand professional relationships with clients and with other business partners (e.g., contractors, product vendors)
- Understand how to apply landscape architecture concepts in a professional work environment.
- Apply design theories to solve practical design problems at a variety of scales
- Apply design communication skills in a professional setting

The following is a suggested outline, so you may deviate from it provided you address the main questions (not necessarily the specific sub-questions).

1. Introduction

- i. What kind of experience were you looking for? To what internships did you apply?
- ii. Firm/agency details
- iii. Why you selected this opportunity

2. Expectations: What were your expectations of this particular internship in the following areas?

- i. What skills did you hope to gain?
- ii. How did you expect to use the skills you already had?
- iii. What did you expect the "office culture" would be like?
- iv. Any other general expectations

3. Experience: What was your experience of this particular internship?

- i. What new skills did you gain?
- ii. How did you use the skills you already had?
- iii. What was the "office culture" like?
- iv. Any other general experiences

4. Reflection: Use some of the following prompts for your reflection.

- i. How did the internship experience compare to your expectations?
- ii. What was it like to learn on the job? How was the learning environment different than studios and lectures?
- iii. Regarding "office culture"—what do you wish you'd known before starting the internship?
- iv. What was the most important thing you learned?
- v. How has this experience influenced your future plans?