COM / CO 575 - College of Communication Professional Experience

The COM CO 575 requirement affects College of Communication (COM) students entering Boston University as freshmen in Fall 2018 and forward, and transfer students entering Boston University in Fall 2020 and forward.

COM CO 575 is a zero credit, ungraded professional experience required to be completed at least once by all students earning a degree from the College of Communication. The purpose of the requirement is to ensure students engage with the field of professional communication, applying their curricular and extracurricular experience to practice.

The COM CO 575 course is repeatable and can be on your academic record for any semester in which you are enrolled at the College of Communication. Only students enrolled in a College of Communication major are eligible to enroll in COM CO 575. COM CO 575 can only be registered during the semester that the approved experience is taking place.

Students who register for COM CO 575 over the summer will be charged a University registration fee.

Procedure:

1. Must complete all information on the reverse of this form and include a short description of the experience.

2. The BU Student Link lists your assigned faculty mentor. Check with your major department for their office location and hours. If, for some reason, no faculty mentor is assigned please see your major department for an assignment.

3. Meet with your faculty mentor for discussion regarding the experience and possible signature approval.

4. Signed forms must be submitted to your major department no later than the “W” drop date for that particular semester. Forms submitted after that date for the semester will not be accepted.

5. At the conclusion of the professional activity, students must submit a one page summary of the COM CO 575 experience to COM Undergraduate Affairs (COM, room 123 or comugrad@bu.edu) no later than the final day of classes for the semester where they are earning COM CO 575 credit and must include their full name and BUID number. The summary also must include a contact name and contact information of the experience supervisor. Failure to submit the summary will result in COM CO 575 being deleted from the student record and no credit for the experience being awarded.

6. The one page summary (described in item 5, above) is NOT required if a student is receiving COM CO 575 credit that is tied to one of the following courses that is listed on the official Boston University transcript simultaneously with COM CO 575: COM CM 471, COM JO 411, COM JO 412, COM FT 493/494, COM CM 420, COM CM 473, COM CO 520, COM FT 505, COM FT 573, COM FT 574, COM JO 400, COM JO 404, COM JO 546, or COM CO 520.
Student Name: ____________________________ BU ID#: __________________________

Current COM Major: ____________________________

Class Year (circle one): First-year Sophomore Junior Senior

Semester (circle one): Fall Spring Summer Year: __________

Professional Experience Type:

- COM CM 471 Advertising, Media Science, or Public Relations Internship
- COM JO 412 Journalism Internship
- COM FT 493/494 Film and Television Internship
- COM CM 420 Ad Lab
- COM CM 473 PR Lab
- COM CM 520 The COMmunicator
- COM FT 505 Hothouse Productions
- COM FT 573 BUTV
- COM JO 400 Journalism Newsroom
- COM JO 404 WTBU Practicum
- COM JO 546 The Statehouse Program
- COM CO 520 Boston Globe Co-Op
- Internship not for course credit
- Boston News Service
- Daily Free Press
- Patriot League Network Broadcast
- Other

Prior to meeting with your faculty mentor, please write a brief explanation (no more than 1 typed page) of the experience to be completed for COM CO 575 credit.

Student Signature ____________________________ Date: __________________________

Faculty Mentor Name (please print): ____________________________

Faculty Mentor Signature ____________________________ Date: __________________________

Please return this completed form to your major Department:
Film and Television Department, COM, room 118, 617.353.3483, filmtv@bu.edu
Mass Communication, Advertising and Public Relations Department, COM, room 124, 617.353.3482, mcadvr@bu.edu
Journalism Department, COM, room 137, 617.353.3484, jodept@bu.edu