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My internship with WBZ's I-Team was a memorable experience. Being my first time in a major news station I was nervous as to what to expect; however the people I met were very willing to teach and help in any way possible.

Completing this internship I feel like I met the course goals very well. My resume was greatly improved. The revision and course materials I read helped. While my resume and cover letter will probably be revised again before I graduate, I think that they are in good condition right now. I think that when it comes time to look for a job I will know how to go about starting my search and know the proper etiquette while doing so.

Reading about interviews and trying to remember the tips provided was helpful, but I think that interviewing in person is the best way to practice skills. When applying for internships I interviewed at various places which helped immensely. Mock interviews will help me even further. I think that the more I practice the more I can overcome personal problems such as shyness.

I think that I am able to deal with workplace issues better than I could before my internship. One example was the fact that I was sent out frequently in my car to research stories. I was concerned about gas money especially since it was far from home and it was an unpaid internship. I mentioned it to the producer and she felt badly about forgetting. I was aware that I should be compensated in some way through our orientation meeting for interns. Situations like this probably will come up in the future; I'm glad I was able to deal with it accordingly.

Working among so many people I have observed how professionals interact with one another. These individuals have shown me by example how to act and communicate in the workplace. I think this internship has prepared me for the workplace when I graduate in 2008; being in the center of a news station has definitely showed me what is to come of my future profession.

The only thing I wish I had known going into my internship with the I-Team would be that I wouldn't be able to get out on stories too often. I

was aware that there would be research involved but I wasn't aware when applying that it would be so tedious and often. I think I spent most of my time on the computer and phone; I would have liked to get out of the office more and see more interviews. I thought that investigative journalism was similar to general assignment reporting but while interning there I found that not to be the case. On the other hand being a part of the I-Team has made me narrow down my options to what kind of journalism I would like to get into.

When interning I definitely saw some connections between WBZ and the classes I have taken. Every journalism class I have taken has incorporated basic reporting skills such as who, what, where, why and when. I found these basic skills were useful when dealing with news tips. Other skills such as logging tapes, which I learned in JOR 331, were useful because I already knew what to do and how to set up the format. I also knew a lot of the language that was used such as B-Roll, SOT etc. It was good that I had a basic idea of what goes on in a newsroom before I got there, through television classes I have taken in the past.

Advice for any other students when interning at WBZ would be to speak up. I would tell them to voice exactly what they want to do during their time at the news station. I also would tell them to try and get around to other departments; I felt as though I didn't meet and get to know all the people I could have.

Working at WBZ was definitely a learning experience. I made a lot of great contacts and saw exactly what I was getting into when taking courses to become a journalist. The people were great and I was thrown into the middle of a couple of really interesting stories. I would recommend this position to any other journalism students.