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First-year Course and Internship Planning Guide

Students: This document is to help you think through the best ways to meet your professional goals during your two years at GSPP. Once you have recorded your current thinking on this document (which, of course, is not a binding contract, only a plan) you should discuss it with your faculty advisor. Both of you should sign it and turn in to Jalilah LaBrie by September 25, 2015.

Your plan should be structured so that each semester you take at least 12 credits (a Grad Division requirement) and by the end of your fourth semester you have accumulated 55 credits that qualify for the MPP. Pedagogy (300-level) courses do not count towards the MPP, and only four independent study and four ungraded (S-U or P-F) credits can count. (These can overlap but need not.) This means you should plan to earn at least 51 credits in graduate-level or upper-division courses and 51 credits that have been taken for a grade.

Please note: if interested in taking law courses, Berkeley Law School has a policy for non-Berkeley Law students which states that students may take not more than 8 total units at Boalt Hall as part of their graduate study.

1. Electives: What electives would you like to take? What campus lecture series or interest groups are you tracking? If there are topics that interest you but you have not figured out how to pursue, ask your faculty advisor for suggestions.

Please be sure to view the GSPP website (http://gspp.berkeley.edu/courses/index.htm), the University Catalog: http://guide.berkeley.edu/courses/ and the GSPP Electives Database: https://gspp.berkeley.edu/electives-database the help guide your choices.
2. What policy areas, geographic areas, or types of employment are you considering for your summer internship? Are any alumni working in these areas? Look first at the list of alumni and then consult with your faculty advisor.

3. How do your course-taking and internship plans connect to your career goals?

Signed: (Student) __________________________________________

Faculty Advisor Signature____________________________________