

Local Internship Program

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GOALS:

THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OFFERS POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE IN POLITICS AND RELATED FIELDS FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT. INTERNSHIPS ARE INTENDED TO BOTH ENRICH THE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AND TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO CONSIDER THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEIR ACADEMIC WORK AND THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

GETTING STARTED:

STUDENTS BEGIN BY MEETING WITH THE INTERNSHIP COORDINATOR TO IDENTIFY LOCAL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES LIKELY TO COINCIDE WITH THEIR INTERESTS, BROADEN THEIR ACADEMIC HORIZONS, AND THAT GIVE THEM INSIGHT INTO POTENTIAL CAREERS.

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE, STUDENTS MUST HAVE AT LEAST A 2.8 GPA (BOTH OVERALL AND IN POLITICAL SCIENCE) AND HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST 24 HOURS OF CREDIT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE.

INTERNSHIPS MUST BE UNPAID AND INVOLVE A MINIMUM OF 135 HOURS (OVER THE COURSE OF THE SEMESTER) OF SUBSTANTIVE WORK.

AFTER CONTACTING THE INTERNSHIP WORK SUPERVISOR, STUDENTS MUST PREPARE A 1-2 PAGE OUTLINE OF THE PROPOSED INTERNSHIP, INCLUDING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERNSHIP, GOALS, A WORK SCHEDULE, AND CONTACT INFORMATION (INCLUDING AN ADDRESS AND A PHONE NUMBER) FOR THE WORK SITE.

THE OUTLINE MUST BE APPROVED, IN WRITING, BY BOTH THE INTERNSHIP COORDINATOR AND THE WORK SUPERVISOR. THE INTERNSHIP COORDINATOR WILL CONTACT THE WORK SUPERVISOR TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED INTERNSHIP AND ASSESS ITS APPROPRIATENESS.

CREDIT AND GRADING:

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THREE HOURS OF COURSE CREDIT AND WILL BE GRADED ON A PASS/FAIL BASIS.

GRADING IS BASED ON THREE CRITERIA:

1. A LOG OF ACTIVITIES SUBMITTED BI-WEEKLY TO THE INTERNSHIP COORDINATOR AND SIGNED BY THE WORK SUPERVISOR,
2. A FINAL EVALUATION FROM THE WORK SUPERVISOR, AND
3. A 15-PAGE PAPER DESCRIBING INTERNSHIP ACTIVITIES AND EXPLORING THEIR RELEVANCE TO THE STUDY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE.