
Political Science Internship Program

The political science internship gives students an opportunity to gain important experience beyond the classroom through work at a governmental or private agency concerned with public policy. Students interested in pursuing an internship are responsible for locating a position and completing the academic course of study for obtaining credit. The internship course (POLI 3901) is taken just like a normal course - it lasts for a full semester and a letter grade is assigned at the end. For most internship, students can earn three hours of academic credit. These hours count toward the total number of hours required for a major in political science but not toward field requirements. The course can be taken in any semester (fall and spring) as well as during the summer term.

General Requirements

There are three general requirements for the internship (the course syllabus provides additional details):

1. Satisfactory completion of work at an approved position. Approximately 10 hours of work each week is expected for a minimum of 120 hours over the course of the semester. An evaluation form is sent to your supervisor at the end of the semester to gauge your performance.
2. [REDACTED]
to your internship that you will be asked to read and write reports on. There are generally four books assigned and students are expected to provide a 4-5 page written summary and analysis of each book.
3. Journal of activities. A daily or weekly report of your work activities must be submitted along with the number of hours worked for each entry.

*NOTE: the internship work may

