


INTERNSHIPS



THINKING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE CAREER?

All Students are recommended to take at least one 5 credit Internship in Spring Quarter before graduating!

Pick up the Internship forms packet from the English Dept Front Desk and speak to a faculty member about supervising your internship

Questions?:
Contact Dr Kirsten Thompson,
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Want to do an internship for 5 credits? Every student is strongly encouraged to consider taking at least ONE internship for credit in Fall Quarter and one additional (paid or unpaid) no credit internship before you graduate. It's an essential way to network and gain professional experience!

According to a recent study from Michigan State University,* employers go on to offer 50 % of their interns fulltime jobs!

(*Collegiate Employment Research Institute, Report, 2017. Study reported in *NY Times*, April 7, 2017)

A 5 credit internship requires 15 hours weekly with the employer. In addition to these hours, you will also need to meet with your academic supervisor and complete specified academic assignments (such as a storyboard or a reflective essay).

Your internship could also be split into 2 smaller increments taken in the same quarter, or in rare circumstances combined with another quarter, but together must add up to 5 credits. **No student will be permitted to take less than 5 credits combined over two quarters.**

There are no summer internships for credit (but you can do them for no credit)

These are the hour requirements you must work for the employer, for an internship for credit:

5 Credits = 15 hours/week or 150 hours/quarter

4 Credits = 12 hours /week or 120 hours/quarter

3 credits = 9 hours /week or 90 hours/quarter

2 credits = 6 hours /week or 60 hours/quarter

1 credit = 3 hours/week or 30 hours/quarter

What kinds of internships are there?

There are hundreds of national and local opportunities posted on Handshake. These are just some of the recent examples posted:

For Film Students (internships can be taken for credit toward the major)

- Videographers for organizations like Habitat for Humanity, Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability and other local non-profit advocacy groups
- video editing, social media, and marketing for local television networks (KCTS9) and production companies like Fremont Studios, Filmateria Studios, Clatter & Din and Digital Kitchen
- Casting Director assistant for agencies
- Curating, promotion and logistics for Seattle Social Justice Film Festival, Latina/o Film Festival and Seattle International Film Festival
- Programming, Development, and Communications for local non-profits like Northwest Film Forum, Artists Trust and Reel Grrrls

For Literature and Creative Writing Majors/Writing Studies Minors

(English and CW students can take internships as general electives, Writing Studies students can take internships that are writing related toward their minor)

- Chin Music Press (Marketing internships focused on book launches)
- Hugo House (Marketing/Social media internship)
- Old Growth Northwest (production of an anthology related to poetry in the prisons)
- Seattle Met magazine (article production)
- Alaska Airlines Magazine (article authorship)
- ticketing, merchandising, event photography for online and print magazines and newspapers
- Logistics and writing for Theater and Book magazines
- *Seattle Met* (fact checking, writing short blurbs)
- *Seattle Magazine* (researching and writing short articles)
- *Alaska* inflight magazine (fact checking and writing short blurbs)
- eNotes (creating literary study guides)
- *Miroir Magazine* (blog promotion for the website, editing articles for the art and fashion magazine)

What do I do next?

Create a Student account on the new national website **Handshake** to search for internships and apply for them. We also have a number of dedicated internships that are reserved just for Film Majors there,

<https://www.seattleu.edu/careerservices/handshake/>.

Once you have found a suitable internship for 5 credits (with 15 hours per week), fill out the internship forms available at the Eng. Dept front desk, and make an appointment with the Internship Director to register for 5 credits for Spring.

If you know an employer who might be a suitable candidate for an internship, get them to go to <https://www.seattleu.edu/careerservices/employers>, register themselves on Handshake and then post the position on Handshake ([instructions at https://support.joinhandshake.com/hc/en-us/articles/221565247-Video-How-to-Post-a-New-Job](https://support.joinhandshake.com/hc/en-us/articles/221565247-Video-How-to-Post-a-New-Job)).

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