

## Experiential Learning

As a form of experiential learning, internships provide students with the opportunity to apply concepts learned in the classroom to current challenges facing companies and organizations. Internships also give students the opportunity to obtain hands-on experience, develop skills and make meaningful connections in a professional field. Students, by engaging in purposeful internships, will learn practical applications of their studies and be challenged to demonstrate comprehensive understanding of academic subject matter. Additionally, through reflective essays, students may identify potential career fields or research interests.

### Courses in Experiential Learning

#### Connecting Academic and Intern Experiences — Summer

EXPL 205 CREDITS: 0.13

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In order to earn 0.13 units (credit/no credit) of credit, the student must complete all required activities including the final reflection paper, daily journal and all class meetings. Students must submit the paper before the end of the fourth week of fall semester classes. Students may complete four internships under either EXPL 205 or EXPL 206 and receive up to 0.52 units of credit.

#### Connecting Academic and Intern Experiences — Semester

EXPL 206 CREDITS: 0.13

Internships offer students hands-on experience in a possible career field of interest, the opportunity to focus career goals and aspirations, and exposure to the wider world outside the classroom. This course serves two purposes: to aid students in the identification and pursuit of internship opportunities and to offer students the opportunity to formally connect the internship with wider academic interests.

Students registering for this course work collaboratively with a Career Development Office advisor. Students produce high-quality resumes and cover letters and discuss networking and practice interview skills. An audit notation is placed on the student's record upon notification from the Career Development Office. International students will work directly with the Center for Global Engagement to complete the course requirements.

Students must obtain an internship opportunity (60-hour minimum) within the first three weeks of class. In order to earn 0.13 units (credit/no credit) of credit, the student must complete all required activities including the final reflection paper and conversation with the faculty advisor. The faculty advisor notifies the CDO and registrar's office upon receipt of the required coursework. Students may complete four internships and receive up to 0.52 units of credit under either EXPL 205 or EXPL 206.