

EXPLANATION AND DESCRIPTION OF INTERNSHIPS

In the School of Public and International Affairs, Political Science, we encourage our students to gain experience and practical knowledge outside of the classroom by participating in internships. Internships for Political Science majors may be arranged with area state legislators, congressional district offices, Dayton-area metropolitan governments, and governmental and policy advocacy agencies and organizations in Washington, DC. These internships complement classroom work and give students the chance to apply knowledge and develop valuable interpersonal and career-related skills. **All of the internships are 3 credits hours and considered IW (Integrated Writing).** Students interested in internships are encouraged to contact:

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NOTE: A resume and advance approval of the Instructor are required for ALL internships (see Application). Internships are subject to position availability and a successful interview. Students may have to interview multiple times in order to be placed.

- **Political Science Internship (General) – PLS 4819/6819**
Internships that do not fit the specific descriptions below. Interns work at least 12-15 hours per week and write an assessment of the experience at the end of the assignment.
- **State Legislative Internship – PLS 4820/6820**
Students work for a state legislator in Columbus two days per week. They report weekly to the faculty instructor and write an assessment of the experience at the end of the assignment.
- **Pre-Law Internship – PLS 4821/6821**
Students intern 12-15 hours per week in regional law offices, including prosecutors, public defenders, and private practices. Assist attorneys, participate in outreach program activities, and observe trials.
- **Congressional District Internship – PLS 4822/6822**
Congressional district interns work two days per week in one of the area's congressional district local offices to assist staff with constituency casework. Interns report weekly to the faculty instructor and write an assessment of the experience at the end of the assignment.
- **Campaign Internship – PLS 4823/6823**
Campaign interns work two days per week as volunteers for the candidate of their choice in a local, state or federal election. Interns report weekly to the faculty instructor and write an assessment of the experience at the end of the assignment.
- **Local/City Internship – PLS 4824/6824**
Local and City interns work 12-15 hours per week in a local governmental office. Jobs include working with city managers, mayors, and other city leaders to meet local needs and help with specific projects.
- **Washington, DC Internship – PLS 4825/6825**
There are internships available in Washington, DC for academic credit. Interns write an assessment of the experience at the end of the assignment. For information about an internship in Washington, DC, please check out the following website: www.twc.edu.
- **Independent Field Experience – PLS 4920/6920 – Section 03**
In addition to the specific opportunities noted above, students may also identify internship opportunities on their own. Interns report weekly to the faculty instructor and write an assessment of the experience at the end of the assignment.