

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Internships help students develop an understanding of course content, their sense of values, and civic responsibility. In addition to acquiring internship work experience, students receive academic credit by participating in the Internship Programs. The internship experience also allows students to:

- Ø Understand the roles and responsibilities of government and how public policy is developed.
- Ø Enhance civic engagement skills and become an active, informed citizen.
- Ø Develop or enhance professional skills and knowledge of workplace procedures.
- Ø Develop networking contacts with professionals in public policy fields.
- Ø Apply classroom learning to professional experience.
- Ø Develop teamwork and leadership skills.
- Ø Develop research and communication skills.

In addition to the program objectives above, at the end of the program the students will be comfortable and familiar with living in and navigating the D.C. Metro Area, and how advocacy, research, funding, and the federal legislative process works; well equipped for success in a career post-graduation.

ACADEMIC COURSES AND PROGRAMMING

Students are required to register for three (3) classes for a total of twelve (12) credit hours. The courses and credit hours available are:

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INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS

Our staff will determine the internship placements. The internship placements will be in Florida Legislative Offices. The internship placements will be based on the needs of each office and the interpersonal and academic skills of the students.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

. However, additional requirements must be met. Students must contact the Office of International Services at USF World and schedule an appointment with an International Student Advisor to complete the Curricular Practical Training (CPT). Specifically, international students need to do the following:

- 1) Complete the online CPT workshop on the USF International Services website.
- 2) Meet with your academic advisor to establish how the internship program is part of your curriculum.
- 3) Obtain CPT authorization from an advisor.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Students can [complete an online application here](#). Students that meet the qualifications and demonstrate academic excellence will be contacted for interviews. The application requirements include:

- 1) Unofficial transcripts.
- 2) A résumé listing special skills (e.g., language, computer, etc.).
- 3) A 1,500 character essay explaining why students are interested in the public policy process, what they hope to learn from the internship, and what experiences and skills they bring to it.
- 4) A 2,000 character essay reflecting on a key issue related to a professional field of interest demonstrating familiarity with critical issues in the field and writing skills.
- 5) One (1) letter of recommendation.