

At-A-Glance UNC Asheville Internships

Many departments at UNC Asheville offer internships for course credit. Each discipline has established criteria for the department internship program based on the needs of pursuing a career in the specific field. This overview is intended to give you a basic idea of what each discipline offers. For more details contact the UNC Asheville Career Center internship coordinator, Holly Waltemyer at 251-6867 or hwaltemy@unca.edu or the department contact listed.

<p>Management – MGMT 489, 3 credits Required for graduation, completed as a senior Hours involved: project-based rather than hours based Overview of assignments: Project-based internship proposal, attend class bi-weekly, final report and oral presentation <i>Fall, Spring, and Summer Options</i> Contact: David Mitchell dmitchell@unca.edu 251-6853</p>	<p>Career Center – HWP 257, 2 credits Optional course open to all majors of any status for students interested in using an internship as a means of career exploration Hours involved: 70 hours at internship site during the semester, 5 hours per week Overview of assignments: Learning proposal, class once per week, portfolio, info interview <i>Spring Option</i> Contact: Holly Waltemyer hwaltemy@unca.edu 251-6867</p>
<p>Psychology – PSYC 463, 3 credits Field work for advanced psychology students considering a career or graduate school in a helping profession, optional. Hours involved: 90 hours at internship site (6 hours per week) and attend a 2-hour class once per week Overview of assignments: Helping skills practice, Contract, formal time log, journal, outside text readings <i>Fall and Spring Options</i> Contact: Dr. Melissa Himelein / Dr. Joseph Berryhill mhimelein@unca.edu 251-6834 jberryhill@unca.edu 251-6832</p>	<p>Mass Communication – MCOM 451, 3 credits Optional course for advanced students Hours involved: 160 hours at internship site Overview of assignments: internship agreement, resume, cover letter, portfolio, time log, report <i>Fall and Spring Options</i> Contact: Dr. Patricia Baldwin pbaldwin@unca.edu 251-6615 <i>Mass Communication majors are also required to serve a two-week shadowing apprenticeship in the following areas:</i> print media/public relations/ advertising Mike Gouge mgouge@unca.edu 232-2423 electronic media/ film production Dr. Don Diefenbach ddiefenbach@unca.edu 251-6731 research Dr. Mark West west@unca.edu 251-6613</p>
<p>Sociology & Anthropology – SOC & ANTH 400, 1-6 credits, Optional, Junior or Senior standing preferred Hours involved: vary depending on number of credit hours Overview of assignments: Attend class twice per week, journal of observations and reflections required <i>Fall and Spring Options</i> Contact: Dr. William Haas haas@unca.edu 251-6354</p>	<p>Economics – ECON 400, 3 credits Optional course for students Hours involved: 100 hours at internship site Overview of assignments: outside readings, final paper <i>Fall and Spring Options</i> Contact: Dr. Joe Sulock jsulock@unca.edu 251-6568</p>
<p>Pre-Health Professions – HWP 390 & HWP 410, 3 credit hours per course Optional course for pre-health students Hours involved: Vary based on student goals; approximately 50 hours in a semester Overview of assignments: learning contract, confidentiality contract, journal, oral presentation, term paper, and special projects may also accompany the hours involved <i>Fall and, Spring, respectively</i> Contact: Dr. Kathie Garbe kgarbe@unca.edu 251-6513</p>	<p>Health and Wellness Department – HWP 380 3 credit hours Required course for Health and Wellness Promotions majors Hours involved: Vary based on student goals; approximately 90 hours in a semester Overview of assignments: learning contract, confidentiality contract, journal, oral presentation, term paper, and special projects may also accompany the hours involved <i>Fall, Spring, and Summer Options</i> Contact: Dr. Kathie Garbe kgarbe@unca.edu 251-6513</p>
<p>Political Science – POLS 400, 3 credits Optional course for students Hours involved: 100 hours in a semester If internship done in summer, take the course in the fall <i>Fall, Spring, Summer Options</i> Contact: Dr. Dolly Jenkins-Mullen djmullen@unca.edu 232-2432</p>	<p>Math – MATH 489, 3-6 credits Optional course, Junior or Senior standing preferred Hours involved: 10 hours per week for 1.5 semesters for 3 credit hours Overview of assignments: presentation and paper <i>Fall, Spring, and Summer Options</i> Contact: Till Dohse dohse@unca.edu 232-5189</p>

<p>Accounting – ACCT 405, 3 credits Optional course for advanced students Hours involved: 320 hours in a semester Overview of assignments: Meetings with faculty weekly, journal, structured questions, oral and written presentation <i>Fall, Spring and Summer Options</i> Contact: Dr.Linda Nelms lnelms@unca.edu 251-6851</p>	<p>Multimedia Arts & Sciences – MMAS 340, 3-6 credits Optional course, Junior or Senior standing preferred If internship done in summer, take the course in the fall Hours involved: 130 hours in a semester, about 10 hours per week Overview of assignments: focus on internship project, additional text readings related to field of interest <i>Fall and Spring Options</i> Contact: Lorraine Walsh lwalsh@unca.edu 251-6561</p>
<p>Environmental Studies – ENVR 490, 3 credits Internships or senior research projects required of every student, Junior or Senior standing required Hours involved: 135 hours in a semester Overview of assignments: contract, written summary paper, oral presentation <i>Fall, Spring, and Summer Options</i> Contact: Dr. Kevin Moorhead moorhead@unca.edu 232-5183</p>	<p>Atmospheric Sciences – ATMS 490, 6 credits Optional course, Junior or Senior standing preferred Hours involved: ATMS 381, 1 credit, 42 hours ATMS 382, 2 credits, 84 hours ATMS 383, 3 credits, 140 hours ATMS 490, 6 credits, 280 hours Overview of assignments: focus is on hours with employer, usually a TV station or national weather service office <i>Fall, Spring, and Summer Options</i> Contact: Dr. Alex Huang ahuang@unca.edu 232-5157</p>
<p>Foreign Languages - SPAN 373, 3 credits Spanish for the Professions – Business Spanish Optional course for students Hours involved: 10 hours in a semester (mini internship replaces one course project) Overview of assignments: Attend class twice per week, contract, oral presentation (in Spanish) at end of course and a two-page reflective paper (in Spanish). <i>Fall, Spring, Summer and Independent Study Options</i> Contact: Dr. Michelle Bettencourt mbettenc@unca.edu 251-6282</p>	<p>History – HIS 373, 3 credits, Intro to Public History Optional mini-internship/fieldwork course, open to students of all majors without prerequisites (not recommended for freshmen), taught once every 4-5 semesters Hours involved: 50 hours in a semester Overview of assignments: journaling, public history publication reviews, public history venue (museums, archives, house museums) reviews, reflection paper or final project Contact: Dr. Ellen Pearson epearson@unca.edu 251-6651</p>
<p>Literature – LANG 373, 3 credits Optional course for students Contact: Dr. Gary Ettari gettari@unca.edu 251-6598</p>	<p>Women’s Studies – WMST 451, 3 credits Optional course for students Hours involved: 100 hours in a semester Contact: Dr. Alice Weldon aweldon@unca.edu 251-6285</p>

Spring Semester: mid-January thru mid-May
Summer: end of May thru mid-August
Fall Semester: mid-August thru mid-December

Should an internship include a salary? In general our students will consider both paid and unpaid internships. Some agencies pay by the hour, pay a single lump-sum stipend, or not at all. If a student can afford to do an internship at no cost to a potential sponsor, the experience may be worth more than a salary. Consider advertising other benefits such as own office space, travel reimbursement, free meal, or a free gym pass based on what your organization has to offer.

Can a student do an internship without receiving course credit? Yes, if agreed upon by the organization and the student, an internship can be pursued independently of course credit. UNCA offers over 30 academic majors, however, only some of these departments sponsor internship classes for academic credit within their major. Some departments sponsor internships through student teaching, research, or independent study projects. As a whole, every department encourages its students to pursue some type of experiential education.