School of Communications
COM 381 On-campus Internship
Internship Substitution Option
(Available to all students in Summer & Fall 2020)

Students may complete an on-campus internship experience with an administrative, academic or academic support unit that is related to a student’s field of study. The student must apply and receive approval from the unit for this experience. This option is only available during the COVID-19 Pandemic to assist students who may have difficulty finding a traditional internship.

To be eligible for an on-campus internship, a student must conform to the following School of Communications requirements:

1. Identify an administrative, academic, or academic support unit that agrees to host the student as an on-site intern during an academic term (summer, fall).
2. The duties in an administrative, academic or academic support unit must be related to the student’s field of study/major.
3. Because an internship is a learning experience, the student must be supervised by someone in the unit with expertise to guide the student’s work.
4. Because the student will be enrolled for academic credit, an on-campus internship may be paid or unpaid.
5. A student who is employed as a student worker is eligible to receive internship academic credit if the supervisor is also willing to conform to the requirements described below.

The requirements of an on-campus internship are the same as a traditional off-campus internship:

1. To enroll in an on-campus work experience as a substitution for an internship, a student must receive prior approval from the internship director in the School of Communications.
2. The student must have sophomore standing or higher and have completed COM 110, COM 210, and COM 220.
3. A student should enroll for 1-2 credit hours of COM 381 and must work a minimum of 80 hours per credit hour during the academic term in which the student is enrolled. Additional assignments may be required if a student is unable to complete required work hours.
4. Complete academic assignments as described in the internship course syllabus. In consultation with the worksite supervisor, assignments may be adjusted based on the opportunities available in the administrative, academic, or academic support unit.
5. The worksite supervisor will work with the student to establish learning objectives and responsibilities that are suitable for academic requirements, such as the production of materials for the student’s ePortfolio.
6. Should the university’s physical campus remain closed during the academic term, a student may complete a virtual on-campus internship, if the unit agrees to support a virtual work experience (see guidelines for virtual/remote internships).