School of Communications
COM 381 Student Media Internship
Internship Substitution Option
(Available to all juniors and seniors in Fall 2020)

Students may complete a student media internship experience with a selected campus media or communications organization sponsored by the School of Communications or the University’s Media Board that is related to a student’s field of study. The student must apply and receive approval from the student media organization 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 a student media internship, a student must conform to the following School of Communications requirements:

1. Identify a student media organization that agrees to host the student in an internship during the academic term (fall 2020). Eligible student media organizations include Elon News Network (Pendulum & Elon Local News), ElonDocs, Elon Student Television, WSOE, Phi Psi Cli, Live Oak, Elon Sports Vision, and Cinelon Productions.
2. The duties in the student media organization 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 the faculty advisor of the organization with expertise to guide the student’s work. As is standard practice, student leaders in the organization will still be responsible for determining work assignments (not academic assignments), content, etc.
4. Because the student will be enrolled for academic credit, the student media position may be paid or unpaid.

The requirements of a student media internship are the same as a traditional off-campus internship:

1. To enroll in a student media organization 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 media organization’s faculty advisor, assignments may be adjusted based on the opportunities available in the student media organization.
5. The media organization’s faculty advisor 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 student media internship, if the organization agrees to support a virtual work experience (see guidelines for virtual/remote internships).