

Elon University
School of Communications
COM 381 Internship Options

An internship is a requirement for all students in the School of Communications. The emergence of COVID-19 has called into question whether students will be able to complete a traditional internship on-site this summer. In an effort to assist students in meeting this academic requirement, the school is maximizing opportunities for students to earn internship credit across a range of potential barriers. The school has provided the following options for students who have difficulty finding on-site internships or who are not comfortable working in an on-site environment during this period.

All Students must complete the following pre-requisites prior to enrolling in an internship: COM 110 and COM 210/220 and receive approval of the school's internship director.

Summer 2021

COM 381, 1-2 credit hours

- **Traditional on-site internship** (*most preferred*): Students may complete a traditional on-site internship if an employer is willing to allow a student to work onsite and follows COVID protocols. See course requirements in course syllabus.
- **Virtual internship**: Students may complete a virtual internship if an employer is willing to accommodate an off-site experience. See course requirements in course syllabus.
- **On-campus internship**: Students may complete an on-campus internship experience with an administrative or academic unit that is related to their field of study. The student must apply and receive approval from the unit hosting the student. Requirements are the same as a traditional off-campus internship. See course syllabus.

Rising Juniors and Seniors only

499 (in JOU, STC, CTA, CDE or MEA), 1-2 credit hours

- **Independent Research/Project**: Students may substitute an independent applied research or creative project supervised by a faculty member. Consistent with university requirements, the expectations for a research/creative project will be determined and graded by the selected faculty member, and with approval of the student's academic advisor, and department chair or program director. Only special topic research or creative projects that are pre-approved for this purpose will substitute for the internship requirement.