

POLITICAL SCIENCE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

I. INTERNSHIP FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE CREDIT

In order to qualify for Political Science credit, an internship must be related in some meaningful way to politics, government, public service, or other facets of civic life. Students may obtain information on what sorts of internships are available from Professor Charles Cnudde Wheatley, 5th floor, room 63, 617 287-6940, charles.cnudde@umb.edu. A bulletin board located near Professor Cnudde's office lists some current postings.

To receive 3 credits, a student must work 10 hours a week, attend the scheduled meetings of all the interns, and submit a 10-page academic research paper. A 3 credit internship requires enrollment in Political Science 488.

To receive 6 credits, a student must work a minimum of 13 hours a week, attend the scheduled meetings of all the interns, and submit a 20 page academic research paper. A 6 credit internship requires enrollment in Political Science 488 and 489. For a 9 credit internship, Political Science 495, a student is required to work 25 hours a week, attend the scheduled meetings of all interns, and submit a 30 page academic research paper.

The research paper, to be submitted on the last day of classes, must be more than a description of a project that a student may have worked on as an intern. In addressing a topic of the student's choice, he or she must survey the relevant academic literature and use the tools of political science to analyze a specific problem. Students will meet with Professor Cnudde throughout the semester to discuss their ideas and papers.

II. HOW TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM

Students are expected to have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and to have had a sufficient number of political science courses. In some instances, the GPA requirement can be waived but must first be discussed with and evaluated by Professor Cnudde. All students must receive Professor Cnudde's prior approval before registering for an internship. To be accepted into the internship program, students must submit the following materials to Professor Cnudde no later than the first week of the semester in which the student seeks internship credit:

- a proposal describing the internship (the agency, the students' responsibilities, how the internship relates to political science, and what the student expects to gain from the experience).
- a brief statement from the supervisor explaining the internship.
- a copy of the student's most current transcript.
- a "fact sheet" with the student's name, home phone number, the phone number and the hours of the internship and the names of two faculty references, preferably political science professors.

III. CLASS MEETINGS

The first internship meeting will be approximately the end of September (time and room to be announced). Professor Cnudde will also expect to meet with each of the interns individually to discuss his/her research project as it progresses.

IV. EVALUATION

A student's grade is based both on the supervisor's evaluation of the intern's performance and Professor Cnudde's assessment of the research paper. An evaluation form will be mailed to the supervisor to be returned to Professor Cnudde, during the final week of classes.

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You may register and start an internship *at any time during the semester*. There is no penalty for late registration. Finish the required hours over January break, or during the next semester. Some placements can be

completed at night or on week-ends. There are a few paid internships.

SOME OF THE MANY PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE (Press, communications, research, constituent services)

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE (See list on the website)

SENATOR KENNEDY OR KERRY'S OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE (MA or Washington, D.C.)

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

TELEVISION STATIONS (CH 2 American Experience, or the News desk at CH 5, 7, Fox 25, or WB 56).

KENNEDY LIBRARY/ ARCHIVES

NEWSPAPERS

MAYOR'S OFFICE

COURTHOUSE/ SHERIFF'S DEPT/PRISON SYSTEM

SOME LAW OFFICES

ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (e.g., ACLU, MASSPIRG, Committee on Clean Elections, Republican Party, labor rights groups, gun control or gun owners groups, domestic violence organizations)

WASHINGTON D.C. INTERNSHIPS (e.g., U.S. Dept. Of State, Justice, Supreme Court, Congress, White House, Environmental Protection Agency, FBI, CIA, IRS). Qualified students receive a scholarship for housing plus free tuition. There are a few overseas internships.

YOU CAN ALSO CREATE YOUR OWN INTERNSHIP!!!!!!

See Prof C. Cnudde (617) 287-6940