



Through a program of internships, students have an opportunity to focus both their academic and career interests and to take a large measure of responsibility for their own learning. The institution asserts that the liberal arts curriculum is the best possible preparation for a wide variety of careers, and internships provide the best context for integrating the two.

Off-campus experiential education offers students opportunities to explore potential career fields, apply and test the theories and insights gained in the classroom, integrate their knowledge across disciplinary boundaries, and explore the relation of biblical faith to all of these. In addition, students develop an understanding of the post-college world and learn how one must function to live responsibly in contemporary society.

Internships may be developed in a variety of situations, including local churches, business, industry, social agencies, professional offices, and government. All interns are required to have completed their freshman year, have declared a major, and have a 2.50 minimum grade point average. The last day to add an internship to a student's schedule corresponds to the last day to withdraw from a class with a W for that term.

A faculty member and a practicing professional at the placement site provide supervision. In a learning contract the student, faculty supervisor, and work supervisor design a learning plan with objectives, strategies (including reading and writing assignments), and progress assessment.

Upon satisfactory completion of the program, a student will be awarded one semester hour of credit per 50 hours of work at the placement site. A maximum of 6 hours of internship credit can be applied toward graduation. Grades are recorded on a Pass/Fail basis.

Additional information and the necessary forms are available in the Career Services Office in the lower level of Maclellan Hall. Internship inquiries must be made to the Director of Career Services before the midpoint of the term before the planned internship, and additional deadlines are published each term to ensure all eligible students are able to obtain a meaningful internship.