



UAH Political Science/Public Affairs & Policy Internship Program

Begun in 1981, the Political Science Department Internship Program utilizes the resources of the university to contribute to solving public issues within Alabama by using students to participate in carrying out governmental activities.

Student interns engage in a service-learning experience in which they may apply academic concepts in a professional setting within a public organization. Internships provide students an opportunity to have work experiences under the supervision of professionals in their areas of interest and under the guidance of faculty members. The organization receives input and expertise from the academic community, and also benefits from the knowledge, skills, and abilities of a student intern placed within the organization.

Eligibility

Student internships are available for both undergraduate and graduate students.

- Eligibility requirements for **undergraduate students** include a minimum of eighteen (18) semester hours in political science courses, with a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 and a minimum GPA of 2.8 in political science courses.
- Eligibility requirements for **graduate students** include a minimum of nine (9) semester hours in political science courses, with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0.

While most undergraduate interns receiving credit are political science majors or minors with upper-class standing, credit may be arranged for majors in other fields, as well.

Application to the Internship Program

Although the Department of Political Science assigns a faculty member to serve as an internship director, much of the responsibility for internship planning rests with the student. It is in the best interest of the students to identify internship interests and communicate with the director early in his or her course of study so that placement possibilities may be maximized.

Enrollment Steps

1. Meet minimum eligibility criteria for enrollment.
2. Think about your interests for possible internships, and review the Internship Program Agreement.
3. Schedule an appointment with Dr. Anne Marie Choup amc0004@uah.edu to talk about internship possibilities.
4. Complete and submit your internship application and personal statement.
5. Upon approval, secure signature of the internship site supervisor at your agency.
6. Enroll for appropriate internship course and credit hours.
7. Complete internship hours.