THE ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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ABOUT AIP

- Internships for academic credit
- All majors
- All colleges
- Wide variety of industries & community settings
- Relevant research paper or project under guidance of faculty advisor
LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE

- Skill development
- Career development
- Connecting theory and practice
- Self understanding
- Exposure to professional community and industry settings
Research suggests some practices that increase student retention and engagement:

**HIGH-IMPACT EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES**

- Internships
- Service Learning
- Global Learning
- Undergraduate Research
- Learning Communities
- Etc.
EXPERIENCE MATTERS!

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Employers Prefer Experience Over Academic Record

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Note: The original data included a category labeled “neutral.” It has been eliminated to focus on experience and academic considerations. As a result, the numbers do not add up to 100%.

Study by The Chronicle & American Public Radio’s Marketplace

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JUST THE FACTS!

- **Upper-division special studies credit**
  - Enroll in AIP 197
  - P/NP only

- **Eligibility**
  - 90 units
  - 2.5 UC GPA

- **Unit options**
  - 4 units: 10 hours/wk + 10 pg. paper/project
  - 8 units: 20 hours/wk + 20 pg. paper/project
  - 30 units: 30 hours/wk + 30 pg. paper/project
  - 2-unit option for summer & special programs

- **Apply quarter ahead**
AIP COUNSELORS

- Assigned to specific majors
- Advise on internship search
- Maintain database of opportunities
- Facilitate reflection on internship experience
- Mediate conflicts and address concerns with internship
- Liaison with employers and campus departments
WHAT DOES AIP LOOK FOR?

- Will there be professional supervision?
- Is the setting appropriate?
- Will the student engage in substantive work?
- Will the student be exposed to the “bigger picture” of how the organization and/or industry works?
- Is this a good learning opportunity?
Special Programs
Intern & study in Washington, DC
Intensive internship + research seminar
Electives taught by UC faculty
Live @ UC Washington Center
ALL majors – internships available in a wide range of settings
  • Art Quarter – Winter 2014
  • Science Policy Fellowship
Apply through AIP
All quarters, including summer

Taking applications for Fall 2013 & Winter 2014
- Intern & study in Sacramento
- Enroll through UC Davis
- All quarters, including summer
- Public Policy Program (year-round)
- Summer Journalism Program
- Open to all majors
- UCCS coordinators place students in internships

Taking applications for Fall 2013
Working together
PREPARING STUDENTS

- Start early!
- Get involved
- Develop resume
- Take relevant courses
- Connect with faculty
- Consider how AIP fits into academic plan!
COLLABORATING WITH DEPARTMENTS

- Developing appropriate opportunities
- Collaborate to create a structure that works
- Practical experience in the community to complement existing curriculum
- Existing community relationships
- Infrastructure to assess, post and track opportunities
- Specialized sessions for departments
- Work together to encourage student participation
PARTNERSHIPS

- Public Service Minor
- ERC Transfer Honors Seminar
- Sixth College Practicum
- PRIME
- and more!
AIP IN THE CLASSROOM

- Work with faculty interested in adding a fieldwork or service learning component to class
- Connect course material with practice
- AIP develops relevant community placements with faculty input
- Students enroll in AIP for 2 units
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What students are saying...
I now feel more confident and prepared for interviews in the professional world as I feel like my internship experience has given skills that make me a competitive candidate.

I’m finally diving deeper as an individual to learn things covered in some of my courses that I have overlooked and forgotten. I get to see how my courses work in the real world.

I learned so many different aspects of the entertainment industry that I never understood before or even thought of. I now have a more clear and concise path for my future goals. I know what I want to do now and what I definitely don’t want to do as well.

I have learned how easily people can fall through the gaps in care within the healthcare system and that worries me and makes me want to think about going into health care management.
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