

Northwestern Career Advancement

Internships: Receiving Credit and Transcript Recognition

Northwestern offers many opportunities for students to receive credit and/or transcript recognition for internships. Below is a list of various programs. For more information, follow the links and meet with your academic adviser or NCA staff to discuss your options.

School of Communication

[Internships for Academic Credit](#)

Undergraduate students can earn a maximum of 4 units of academic credit for their internship experience by enrolling in one or more internship courses offered by the School of Communication or Chicago Field Studies. Students are eligible to earn between 1-4 units of academic credit in any one quarter based upon the number of hours they work each week.

Zero Credit Option: Students working a minimum of 8 hours per week during *any quarter* of the year may opt to enroll in a 0-unit course. Students are not charged tuition, but the course is noted on their transcript. If an employer insists that credit must be received a student can register for .25 credits.

McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science

[Engineering Internship Program](#)

All options are zero credit: Undergraduate students who have completed CRDV301 and who are in good academic standing may participate. Master's level graduate students may also participate and do not need to take CRDV301. Students may participate in an internship during *any quarter* of the year. Students are not charged tuition and do not receive academic credit. It does not impact GPA but appears on a transcript.

[McCormick Cooperative Engineering Education Program](#)

Co-op students register for non-credit co-op course each quarter and is noted as part of academic record. Students who successfully complete the program are awarded a co-op certificate at graduation.

Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications

[Journalism Residency \(JR\) at Medill](#)

Option for Medill students in either Winter or Spring quarter of junior year or Fall or Winter quarter of senior year. Students will be required to take several prerequisite classes.

Zero credit option: Medill does not grant credit for internships outside of the Journalism Residency Program. Students may, however, register for JOUR 388-0, a non-credit bearing option to serve Medill undergraduates who participate in media-related internships that require course registration. Students are not charged tuition, but the course is noted on their transcript.

School of Education & Social Policy (SESP)

[SESP Practicum and Field Studies](#)

Options include: Junior year practicums, Summer Field Studies, and teaching practicums.

Zero credit option: Undergraduate students may enroll in SESP 114 (*any quarter*). MSLOC graduate students may enroll in MSLOC 495-0. Students are not charged tuition, but the course is noted on their transcript.

Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences

[Internships for Academic Credit](#)

Both full-time and part-time options are available. Students **can count at most 6 units** of internship credit, whether earned through Weinberg College courses or in other ways, towards the 45 units of credit for a Weinberg College degree.

Zero credit option: If the organization you hope to work for requires you to receive academic credit, you may be able to register for the special non-credit internship course GEN LA 114 (General Liberal Arts 114). *This option is only available during the summer*, and only for students whose home school is Weinberg. Students are not charged tuition, but the course is noted on their transcript. You should contact your Weinberg College Academic Adviser to talk about options.

[Chicago Field Studies](#)

CFS is open to undergraduate students in all schools and majors. Depending on the program, students intern from 10 to 36 hours per week and earn 1 to 4 units of credit. Internship organizations are treated as sites for research and reflection; experiences there also inform seminar discussions and assignments. Admission is by application only, and students must attend an information session before applying. This program is offered every quarter, including summer session.