

COMMUNICATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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The Department of Communication and Media Studies offers internships for both Communication and Media Studies majors. Media Studies majors may arrange for an internship by contacting Dennis Gilbert. Communication majors must have a 2.5 GPA and junior or senior standing to begin the process.

The purpose of the internship program is to give students the opportunity to gain experience in the field. Similar to student teaching where students work closely with a master teacher; communication majors might be working with experts in marketing, advertising, or public relations. The main idea is to find an internship that matches, as closely as possible, the career aspirations of the student. In fact, most students locate their own internships based on their goals and researching what is available in the community at-large.

Internship credit is based on the following formula: forty hours of work equals one credit. Or, stated another way, forty hours of work for fifteen weeks equals fifteen credits. This would be the same amount of credits a student teacher would receive for a full semester of student teaching. Communication majors are not required to complete an internship so any number of credit hours from one to fifteen is acceptable. Once you have determined the location of your internship, identified your field supervisor, and decided how many credits you desire; please fill out the application form.

The internship is a pass/fail course. In order to pass, the following must be completed: (1) a letter from your field supervisor verifying the number of hours you worked and an evaluation of your performance, (2) a portfolio of work completed during the internship, (3) a "critical incident" journal, and (4) a final paper reflecting on your internship experience. In order to receive a grade, you must submit all of the materials listed above by the last day of finals week or the last day of summer session whichever applies to you. Please drop off your materials at 19 Chamberlain Street, Portland Campus.

