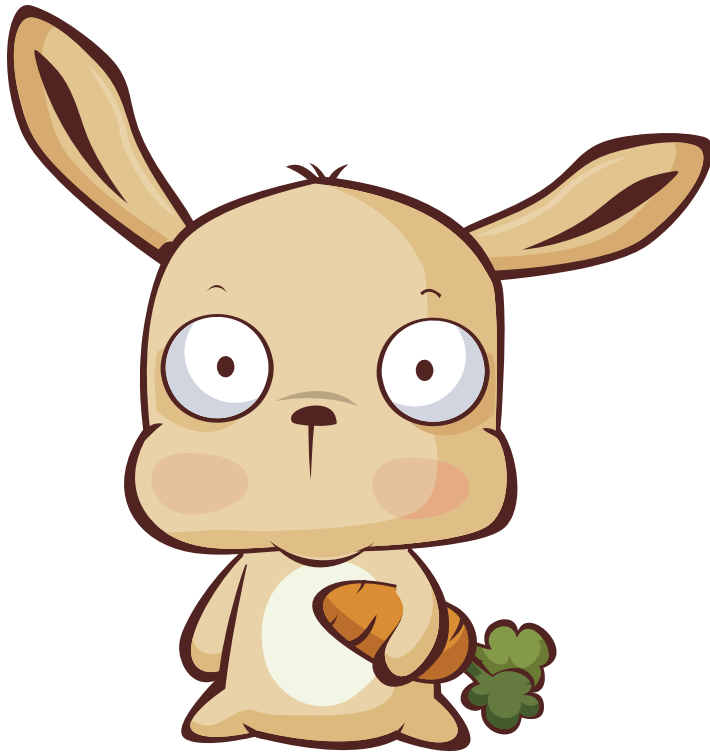


**What is an Internship
in Philosophy or
Religious Studies?**



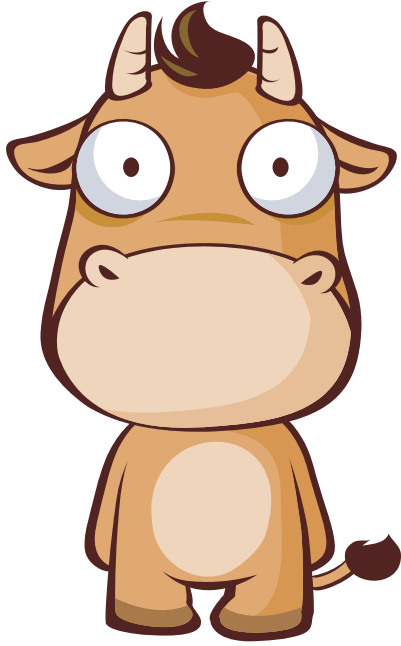
An internship is a wonderful opportunity to earn work experience in your chosen field while earning 3 elective degree credits towards your major or minor. You'll work with the department internship coordinator and your internship agency to develop a personalized semester long program. You'll work in an environment that fits your interests and skills and receive professional experience and network contacts in a potential career field. You'll also work with the department internship coordinator to structure an academic experience that focuses on those issues you find most interesting. An internship affords the student the opportunity to go beyond her classroom experiences into the professional world of work where she can develop skills and contacts that will assist her in obtaining a job after graduation and put her on a path towards a rewarding career.



**Why should I consider
an Internship in
Philosophy or Religious
Studies?**



Like many liberal arts majors philosophy and religious studies students are often at a loss when thinking about careers after school. It can be difficult to recognize possible career paths and find positions fitting to one's interests. There are many fields that philosophy and religious studies majors are well suited for, but which are often lost sight of as graduate school and law school are held out as the obvious choices for post-graduate endeavors. But not everybody is interested in or suited for graduate level work or a career in academia. And the world needs critical reasoners, and genuinely curious, informed, and engaged citizens outside of the academy and the legal professions. As a philosophy or religious studies major or minor you have been trained as a critical thinker and high functioning problem solver. Your appreciation for diverse worldviews and perspectives and capacity to process vast amounts of disparate information makes you a great asset to any employer. An internship is one way in which faculty can assist students in learning about possible career paths in which their philosophy or religious studies degree will be positively put to use.



What kinds of careers
offer internship
opportunities?



In section 3 of this binder you'll find lists and contact information for hundreds of possible internship opportunities. You can also find resources on-line at www.usajobs.gov and www.preservenet.cornell.edu.

Browse through these opportunities and see which ones are of interest or you'd like to learn more about. If some of these look like opportunities you'd be interested in exploring and you need elective credit in philosophy or religious studies and you'd like to be more prepared for the world of work once you graduate an internship may be right for you.



When are internships
offered?

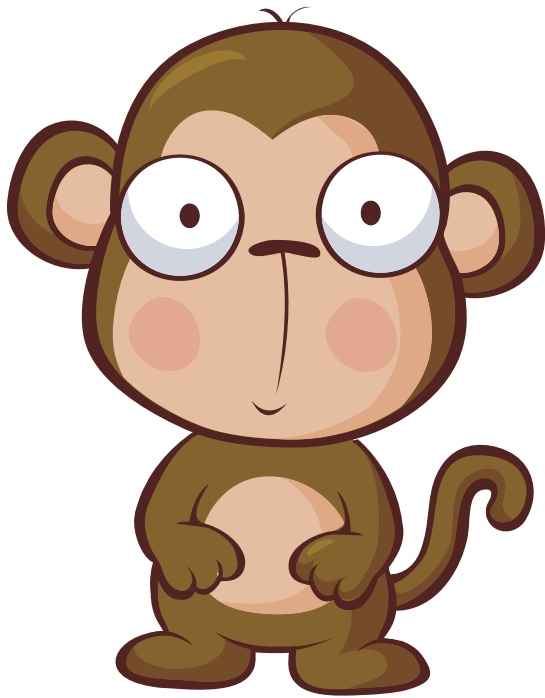


Hmmm? Oh, I'm sorry I didn't see you there.

What was your question?

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Internships are offered every semester, Fall, Spring and Summer. The semester in which they are completed is contingent on the internship agency's schedule for their internship program. But we are flexible and willing to make any internship opportunity happen for you. All we ask is that you give us plenty of time to prepare and set up your internship. If you're interested in an internship for the spring, speak to us in the fall. If you're interested in an internship in the summer, speak to us in the spring. And so on. Just give us enough time to set-up any necessary details.



I am interested in an
internship. Who do I
talk to about setting
one up?



The departmental internship coordinators are:

For religious studies: Phillip Spivey

Harrin Hall 135

450-3690

pspivey@uca.edu

For philosophy:

Jacob Held

Harrin Hall 133

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jmhheld@uca.edu

But everything you need to begin is right here in this binder. Just

follow these simple steps.

- 1) Browse the internship opportunities in section 3, or go on-line.
Find several that look interesting.
- 2) Fill out an internship application. The form is located in section 2 of this binder. Make a copy of the form and replace the original in this binder. Complete the application and put it in your internship coordinator's mailbox in Harrin Hall 224.
- 3) You will then be contacted by your coordinator. Set up a meeting with him, and you are on your way. You two can now determine if an internship is right for you, find agencies that will work with your schedule and needs, and begin the adventure of an internship in philosophy or religious studies.

We hope to hear from you.

