

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 three elective degree credits towards either a major or minor. Internships provide valuable, practical work experience allowing you to:

- Work with the department internship coordinator and internship agency to develop a personalized semester-long program that focuses on issues you find interesting.
- Learn in an environment that fits your interests and skills.
- Acquire professional experience and network contacts in a potential career field.

An internship affords students the opportunity to go beyond the traditional classroom experience into the professional world, where one can develop skills and contacts that will assist in obtaining a job after graduation and put students 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 college. 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/minors 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. Not everybody is interested in or suited for either graduate level work or careers in academia. The world needs critical reasoners, genuinely curious, informed, and engaged citizens outside of the academy and legal professions.

As a philosophy or religious studies major /minor, you have been trained as a critical thinker and high-functioning problem solver. Your appreciation for diverse worldviews and capacity to process vast amounts of disparate information makes you a great asset to any employer. An internship is one way 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?



UCA Department of Philosophy and Religion works closely with local, state, and national organizations that provide opportunities for internships. Since 2008, we have provided UCA students with enriching opportunities to work and learn from many internship agencies.

Our department also coordinates internships with help from UCA College of Liberal Arts and UCA Office of Career Services. For more information on UCA internships and opportunities, please visit:

<http://uca.edu/career/internships-student/>

Students majoring in the College of Liberal Arts can apply for funding to support an EDGE (Educating for Diversity and Global Engagement) activity; be it a research project, a service-learning activity, a study abroad opportunity or an internship. The EDGE committee meets monthly during the school year to consider applications for funding.

<http://uca.edu/liberalarts/edgeplan/>

<http://uca.edu/liberalarts/edge-funding-2/>

When are
internships
offered?



Internships are offered every semester: Fall, Spring, and Summer. The semester in which they are completed depends on the internship agency's schedule for its internship program. 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 are interested in an internship for the spring, speak to us in the fall. If you are interested in an internship in the summer, speak to us in the spring. Just give us enough time to set up the internship that best meets your professional and academic needs.

For more information on either the Internship in Philosophy (PHIL. 3390) or Internship in Religious Studies (RELG. 3380) courses,
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