Global Studies Department

Internship Resources for Students

The Global Studies Department recommends that all majors and interested minors complete at least one internship. Students are encouraged to begin thinking about internships during their sophomore year, but most internships take place during junior or senior years.

Where should I contact to discuss internships for credit or to ask questions about my specific interests?

- The department’s Internship Coordinator is Professor Joel Deichmann, jdeichmann@bentley.edu, MOR 208. He will be happy to meet with you early in your academic career to discuss the process of securing an internship, as well providing you with some internship possibilities to pursue.

- Professor Sean McDonald, smcdonald@bentley.edu, MOR 206, is the advisor for International Affairs Majors and Minors and can discuss internship possibilities for those with interests in the area of international affairs.

- Professor Rob DeLeo, rdeleo@bentley.edu, MOR 274, is the advisor for Public Policy Majors and Minors and can discuss internship possibilities for those with interests in government and public policy.

- Any GLS professor can be a source of ideas for how to match your specific interests with an internship.

Where can I find additional information about Global Studies internship opportunities?

Students can also find information about relevant potential internships with Career Services, the Cronin Office of International Education, and the Service Learning and Civic Engagement Center.

- The Assistant Director of Undergraduate Career Services, Jen Graham x2166, is the dedicated career coach for B.A. degree students, including International Affairs and Public Policy.

- The Cronin Office of International Education oversees a number of international programs with internship components. See their website for a complete list of current opportunities.

- The Cronin Office of International Education also oversees the Washington Center program which offers students the opportunity to study and intern in Washington D.C., for a semester or summer.

- The Bentley Service Learning and Civic Engagement Center also has internship programs.
**How do I register for an internship with academic credit?**

Students must apply for positions directly with the internship provider, then submit the appropriate paperwork for academic credit. The Internship Registration Form must be completed by the end of the drop/add period, and submitted with a job description to the Global Studies Department Internship Coordinator, Professor Joel Deichmann. Depending on the type of internship, you will either be enrolled in GLS 421 “Internship in Global Studies” or GLS 422 “Internship in Government.” Internships for credit are treated the same as any other course with regard to tuition. An internship can be part of your regular course load during the fall or spring semester or taken during the winter/summer terms. Students enrolled in internships for credit outside of the semester format will be billed winter/summer tuition.

**What is required in order to earn GLS academic credit for an internship?**

To earn 3.0 credits, students are required to work approximately 10-12 hours per week, maintain a journal, and submit a final paper. You will also be assigned an official faculty supervisor for the internship. The role of the supervisor is to act as a resource to interns and evaluate the academic work linked to your internship assignment. Any fulltime Global Studies faculty member with expertise in your area of assignment may supervise your internship. However, GLS 421 “Internship in Global Studies” is typically supervised by Prof. Joel Deichmann and GLS 422 “Internship in Government” is typically supervised by Prof. Rob DeLeo.

**What are some examples of places where Bentley GLS students have interned?**

Our students have interned for the Massachusetts Governor’s Office, the Clinton Foundation, Lockheed Martin, Senator Ed Markey, Senator John Kerry, Senator John Sununu, the International Institute of Boston, the Massachusetts Port Authority, the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, Boston Consulting Group, Ernst & Young, the City of Newton, the United Nations Association of Greater Boston, the World Trade Center in Dublin, CzechInvest in Prague, and the Polish Agency for Trade and Investment in Warsaw, among others. These are only examples, and prospective interns should not limit themselves to these organizations.