

## Internships

Utah Valley University encourages students to extend learning beyond the classroom by participating in Internships or other professional engagement activities. Students who participate in professionally engaged activities:

- network with peers, mentors, faculty, employers, community leaders, and experienced associates
- acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to be successful, and versatile professionals and citizens
- are confident, competent, creative, and proactive in becoming intellectually engaged in their personal pursuits, careers, and local and global communities

To qualify for Internship academic credit, it is required that the experience:

- relate to the student's major or professional field of study
- integrate academic and experiential learning
- be at a professional level of responsibility appropriate for academic credit
- include written agreements between the student, employer, academic department and University that outline the responsibilities of the parties

All departments in the University have integrated Internship experience in their curriculum either as a required component or as an elective. Generally these courses are designated as 281R (lower division) or 481R (upper division). Some departments require an associated co-requisite.

Approval for enrollment must be obtained from the academic department Internship Coordinator. A list of current coordinators can be obtained from the internship website or by contacting the department directly. Students declared as a University Studies major, or those students who would like to explore career options should consider enrolling in an exploratory Internship through the Department of College Success Studies (CLSS).

Academic credit for internships is granted according to learning objectives with the academic department and the number of hours a student works during the semester. Generally, internships require approximately 75 hours of work for every credit hour received.

Grading for Internship is CR (credit granted) or NC (credit not granted). The maximum number of Internship credits that may be applied toward a certificate or graduation requirement is determined by the individual department.

### Center for Career Services and Student Employment

The University is committed to assisting students in making intelligent and informed career choices. The Career Services and Student Employment Center can assist students in investigating Internship opportunities by providing employer leads and information, helping students construct resumes and assisting with interview preparation. Once a student has secured an internship and met with their Academic Internship Coordinator, there is a required Online Internship orientation which can be accessed from the internship website. Additional information regarding this orientation can be obtained through your academic Internship Coordinator or through the Career Services and Student Employment Center (863-6364).

### International Internships

The International Center offers students a variety of international internship opportunities in a number of countries. Students who go on an international internship will gain practical experience relevant to their major while experiencing a foreign culture, working on substantive projects, and learning how to work with a team facing real-world deadlines. Students interested in exploring opportunities for international internships should contact the International Center (863-8709). Students participating in international internships must meet with the International Center to obtain a travel card, cultural recommendations and security clearance.