

Getting Credit for your Internship

Many students request some sort of formal university recognition for their internship experiences. Whether or not academic credit can be awarded depends on your major and the content of the internship. For an off-campus experience to qualify for academic credit, it must have a strong academic component that our faculty members have the expertise to evaluate. Research internships typically qualify for academic credit, while other types often do not.

Credit for off-campus research

BSCI 349: An opportunity for students to pursue a research project in an off-campus lab. Restricted to Biological Sciences majors. Graded credit that can be applied to the enrichment category of PHNB, CEBG, and MICB majors and the additional credits category of GENB. To register, send an email to BSCIque@umd.edu.

BSCI 348R: An opportunity for students interested in microbiology to pursue a research project in an off-campus lab. Sponsored by the Department of Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics (<https://cbmg.umd.edu/education/undergraduate/research/microbiology-internship>). Check the Schedule of Classes for the person to contact for the course requirements and permission to enroll.

CHEM 399: In past years there has been an informal mechanism in chemistry and biochemistry to get credit through CHEM 399. Check with Dr. Lee Friedman (laf2h@umd.edu) to see if this is still being offered.

Credit for internships of all types, including non-research internships (e.g., clinical internships)

BSOS 288, 355, and 386: Internship courses open to all majors. They enable students to articulate and apply the scholarship from the discipline related to their specific internship placement into a real-work environment. For more information, visit <https://fellercenter.umd.edu/gain-experience/internships/internships-credit>.

UNIV 099: Non-credit course. Provides transcript verification of your internship without a tuition charge (although a modest fee of \$30-\$60 is required to enroll). This is frequently used for summer internships or when the internship provider requires the student be enrolled for credit during the internship period. Sponsored by the University Career Center. For more information, visit <https://careers.umd.edu/find-jobs-internships/internships/internship-seminar-univ099>.

In addition, some campus programs, such as College Park Scholars, offer credit for internships that are completed as part of the program. See your program director for details.

Whether or not you are awarded academic credit for your internship, don't discount the value of the practical experience and professional connections you have gained. You should list internships on your curriculum vitae or resume as evidence of your experience in the field. Furthermore, internship supervisors can attest to your intellectual skills, problem-solving abilities, work ethic and ability to work as part of a team for letters of recommendation for graduate or professional school.