

## 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. In order 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 289:** Pass/fail elective credit for biological sciences research internships. To register, submit Contract Part I before the end of the add/drop period. The Contract Part II is due at the end of the semester. Contracts are available online and from the CMNS Office of Undergraduate Research and Internship Programs, 1313 Symons Hall. Dr. Kaci Thompson ([excels@umd.edu](mailto:excels@umd.edu)) is the person to contact for permission to enroll.

**BSCI 348R:** Graded credit that may apply toward upper-level requirements (check with your advisor). This is specifically for microbiology or cell biology internships. Sponsored by the Department of Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics. Dr. David Straney ([straney@umd.edu](mailto:straney@umd.edu)) is the person to contact for the course requirements and permission to enroll.

**CHEM 399:** There is an informal mechanism in chemistry and biochemistry to get credit through CHEM 399. Dr. Michael Montague-Smith ([mpms@umd.edu](mailto:mpms@umd.edu)) is the one who determines whether off-campus internships can qualify for this.

**NFSC 386:** Sponsored by the department of Nutrition and Food Science. Contact department for permission to enroll.

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

**BSOS 288I and 386:** The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences offers off campus internship credit to students of all majors. Academic credit can be earned for para- or pre-professional work with well-established organizations and regular and frequent supervision from experienced professionals. Contact Kathryn Hopps ([khopps@umd.edu](mailto:khopps@umd.edu)) for more details.

**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 (call 301-314-7225 for more information).

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.