Internship FAQs

What is the internship course COMM 4960 and how will it help me?
Internships give students practical experience in their field. They also provide important contacts and good references for a student’s portfolio when looking for that first job.

Who is eligible for the course?
All Communication majors and declared minors.

When should I apply?
For summer internships students should pre-enroll in COMM 4960 during the spring pre-enrollment period for credit in the fall semester. If you participate in an approved internship during the summer, you will receive credit for it in the fall semester. If you have an internship in Ithaca during the school year, you should enroll in COMM 4960 during the semester of the internship. You will receive credit for that semester.

How many credits can I earn?
Each student can receive one credit for approved supervised work experiences. Students can earn a maximum of 1 credit per internship for up to 2 internships (2 credits total).

How many hours will I have to work for each credit?
Interns receive 1 academic credit for a minimum of 60 hours of structured and supervised work.

How will I be graded on my internship?
Students will be evaluated on a S/U basis by their supervisor and course instructor. The supervisor can discharge students from your duties at any time. This would result in a U grade if done after the course drop date. After consulting with the Communication Internship Coordinator (Jodi Cohen), students can withdraw from the internship course by following the college’s procedure for dropping a course.

What are the steps involved in arranging an internship?
If students are interested in applying to receive a credit for completing an internship, please review the Internship Enrollment Process.

Where should I look for internship possibilities?
The best place to begin is the Career Development Office in Roberts Hall, where the department maintains an active file of available internships. This office also has a number of helpful directories in case you wish to write to other sources hear your hometown. The Communication Facebook and Twitter are great places to look for on and off-campus internships. Search Links

Do internships pay?
Most do not, some do due to union rules. The ‘payment’ is course credits and extremely valuable experience. If your internship does pay, you may also be eligible for academic credit.