

Internships in Comm + PR

To be eligible for an internship in Communication, you must:

- Be a **Junior or Senior** student majoring in Communication or PR.
- Meet a minimum **2.8 GPA** Requirement (this does not apply to summer internships).
- Submit a completed **Internship Agreement Form**.
- Have your internship application approved by the Internship Coordinator.
- Note that up to three credits of internship experience can count toward your communication or Pr major electives. Any additional internship credit simply counts toward total graduation credits.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Internship Coordinator:
www.fairfield.edu/communicate
com-intern@fairfield.edu

We are committed to developing the creative and intellectual potential of our students. Part of this is combining rigorous academic study with practical experience. Through internships, students are able to test and apply theories learned in the classroom. Internships also make it possible for Fairfield University students to investigate career opportunities while adding a distinctive learning experience to their resumes. The department sponsors internships for BOTH Communication and Public Relations majors.

ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE

Located just a train ride away from New York City - the country's capital of communication and PR - and an even shorter commute to numerous prestigious companies within Southwest Connecticut, Fairfield students have the unique ability to take communication and PR theory learned in the classroom and apply it in the real world laboratory of a workplace setting. Through an internship experience students can acquire first hand knowledge about an area of work and experience new professional activities and relationships. Many students find jobs through their internships and many more find out something far more valuable -- that a particular area of the communication field is simply not for them! This real-world work experience is combined with a series of workshops and academic assignments back on campus that are designed to help students get the most from their internships.

PROCEDURES

- * Explore on and off campus possibilities for an internship in Communication; there is partial list of sites available online through the Department of Communication web site. Consult the document located there on **Tips for Finding an Internship** for more help in locating an internship.

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* Obtain approval from some on-campus or off-campus office/agency to work as their intern.

You can explore these and other fields through our programs:

- Social Media
- Digital Journalism
- Public Relations
- Entertainment Media
- Event Planning
- Corporate Communications
- Marketing
- Community Relations
- Non-Profit Management
- Sales
- Advertising
- Media Research

Recent students have Interned at the following companies:

- NBC Comcast
- MTV
- "Live with Kelly and Michael"
- Michael Kors
- CBS News
- Clear Channel
- DKNY
- InStyle Magazine
- Red Cross
- Comedy Central
- Univision
- Vogue Magazine
- SONY Music
- NBA, NHL
- Hollywood Life
- The WWE

* After securing an internship, complete the **Internship Agreement Form**. This form is available through the department website. Return the completed form to the Department Internship Coordinator. The Internship Coordinator will then enroll you for credit. During Fall and Spring semesters you will be automatically enrolled by the Internship Coordinator in the class once you turn in this form. During the Summer or Winter Intersession term you must turn in the Internship Agreement form to the Internship Coordinator and then register and pay for academic credit through the registrars office.

* A student may apply no more than six credits taken through internships toward graduation. The Internship Coordinator will enroll you for credit once you submit the Internship Agreement Form. The first three of the six credits can count toward the PR or Comm majors, the second three credits count toward general graduation electives.

* Commit to work at least 12 hours but no more than 15 hours per week as an intern (i.e., for every three units of internship credit, student will work 12-15 hours per week at the selected internship site). Students must also perform duties as assigned by internship supervisor. **MINIMUM HOURS: 120, MAXIMUM HOURS 150.**

* Fulfill the responsibilities associated with the internship class on campus including written assignments and participating in workshops.

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Visit the Department webpage (www.fairfield.edu/communicate) or email the Internship Coordinator (com-intern@fairfield.edu), for more information.