

5 STEPS TO REGISTER FOR AN INTERNSHIP COURSE

1. Pre-register for the desired internship course.

- Meet with your [Academic Advisor](#) to discuss your eligibility to enroll and credit options.
- Identify the internship course for your major and “pre-register” during your registration window.
- Please note: The course will be listed as 0 credits and with no instructor.

2. Secure an internship and identify your Site Supervisor.

- Secure an internship, doing work that will align with your academic and career goals.
- Discuss responsibilities, expectations, and supervision plans with an internship [Site Supervisor](#).

3. Identify a Faculty Internship Sponsor.

- Identify a [Faculty Internship Sponsor](#) (FIS), i.e. the “professor” for your course; it can be your Academic Advisor or any full-time faculty member in the department where you want to receive credit.
- Confirm that the internship qualifies for credit based on departmental standards.
- Discuss what academic work will be required for the course.

4. Complete your Internship Learning Agreement on Handshake.

- Read the [Internship Information Sheet \(PDF\)](#) and the [Internship Policies](#).
- Consult the [Sample ILA Form \(PDF\)](#) for a step-by-step overview of the process.
- Complete the Internship Learning Agreement (ILA) in Handshake under [Submit an Experience](#).
- Submit your ILA and [track the process via Handshake](#).
- Completed and approved ILAs will be sent to the Registrar to finalize your registration for the requested number of credits and instructor (FIS).

Special Instructions:

- International Internships:** Meet with the [Office of Global Education](#), if pursuing an independent international internship that is not affiliated with a study abroad program or when requesting a study abroad substitution.
- Zero-credit internship courses:** Students can register for an internship course for zero-credits, which will be recorded on the academic transcript. Reach out to CEO (career@goucher.edu) for more information.

INTERNSHIP POLICIES

These policies can be found in the [academic catalogue](#) and govern how students receive credit for internships:

- Students must work 45 hours at the internship for every one academic credit. (1 credit = 45 hours, 2 credits = 90 hours, 3 credits = 135 hours and 4 credits = 180 hours).
- Students may earn a total of eight (8) internship credits toward graduation. Students participating in more than eight internship credits will not be able to apply additional credit towards graduation.
- Credit can be awarded only when the internship coincides with the semester that the student registers for such credit.
- Students may complete only one (1) internship (up to four credits) per semester, including summer.
- Students can complete more than one internship at a site, but the responsibilities and academic work involved in the internship must be different for additional credit to be earned.
- Students may take an academic internship course for zero-credits.
- Students must complete a reflection document about their experience and return it to the CEO by the deadline.
- A student’s internship site supervisor and faculty internship sponsor must be different people.
- The faculty internship sponsor must be from the department in which the internship credit will be awarded.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Credit overload:** Keep in mind how 1-4 credits will affect your course load. If you will be in credit overload (more than 18 credits), you must submit a [Petition](#) for permission to take the additional credits.
- Fees for summer/winter breaks and overload:** Students will [pay a per credit-fee for an internship course](#) occurring in the summer or during winter break. Additional fees are applied if the student is in overload of the 18-credit limit during the fall or spring semester. Check with the [Billing Office](#) for more information.
- Part-time students:** If you are a part-time student (less than 12 credits) who has added an internship course, please reach out to finaid@goucher.edu to alert them to this situation as it could impact your financial aid.
- Retroactive credit:** In exceptional circumstances, students may be able to request academic credit for an internship completed in a previous semester. Please email career@goucher.edu for more information.

Please see Page 2 for a listing of internship courses and grade options.

ILA REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Summer 2025 Deadline – July 7, 2025	Winter 2026 Deadline – January 5, 2026
Fall 2025 Deadline – September 11, 2025	Spring 2026 Deadline – February 6, 2026

Please note: The CEO recommends you submit your ILA via Handshake at least 2 weeks before the above deadlines. Any ILAs that are not fully approved and submitted to the Registrar by these dates each semester will need to submit a [Petition](#) to add a course after the deadline. For this reason, If you decide not to pursue credit for your internship, you can drop the internship course by following the drop guidelines for full semester courses as per the [Academic Calendar](#).

INTERNSHIP COURSES AND GRADE OPTIONS

Please consult the [2025-2026 Academic Catalogue](#) for course descriptions and prerequisites.

MAJOR/COURSE NAME	COURSE #	GRADE OPTION
American Studies	AMS 290	P/NP
Art	ART 390	EITHER
Biological Sciences	BIO 290	P/NP
Business Management – Minimum of 2 credits required for Major; must be taken for 4 credits required for Minor; internship must be completed off-campus.	BUS 390	P/NP
Chemistry	CHE 290	P/NP
Computer Science	CS 290	P/NP
Dance – dance majors must take either course for a letter grade, non-dance majors can do either	DAN 290 DAN 490	EITHER EITHER
Digital Arts - minimum of 2 credits required for major	DIG 390	P/NP
Data Science/Integrative Data Analytics	DMC 290	P/NP
Economics	EC 290 EC 390	P/NP P/NP
Education Studies	ED 290	P/NP
Engineering Science	EGR 290	P/NP
Equine Studies – internship required to be off-campus	EQS 290	P/NP
Environmental Studies	ES 290	P/NP
French Transnational Studies	FR 390	P/NP
History	HIS 290	P/NP
Historic Preservation	HP 290	EITHER
Interdisciplinary Studies	IDS 290	P/NP
Latin American Studies	LAM 290	P/NP
LITLiterary Studies	LIT 290	EITHER
Media Studies/Communication - minimum of 2 credits required for major	MDS 390	P/NP
Music	MUS 290	P/NP
Peace Studies – Fall/spring semester	PCE 290	P/NP
Public Health – Fall/spring semesters	PH 390	EITHER
Philosophy	PHL 290	P/NP
Physics	PHY 290	P/NP
PreLaw Studies	PLS 290	P/NP
Political Science & International Relations – Minimum 2 credits required for major	PSC 290	LETTER
Psychology – see catalogue descriptions or academic advisor for more information	PSY 390 PSY 490	P/NP LETTER
Religion and Justice	RJ 290	P/NP
Sociology and Anthropology	SOA 290	P/NP
Spanish/Hispanic & Latinx Studies	SP 390	P/NP
Theatre	THE 290	EITHER
Visual and Material Culture – Fall/spring semesters	VMC 290	EITHER
Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies – see academic advisor	WGS 490	EITHER
Professional and Creative Writing	WRT 290	EITHER