

Internship

The Department of Communication Studies offers graduate students an opportunity to assess their learning in applied situations through CST 574, Graduate Internship.

Interested students should contact the internship director the semester prior to starting the program. The internship director will guide students in arranging interviews with various organizations. It is the student's responsibility to arrange for interviews and secure the internship. Internships focus on the student's chosen career area, which could include public relations, human resources, advertising, corporate communication, marketing communication, sales, journalism, etc.

Internship procedures are designed to permit the internship director and the employing organization supervisor to closely monitor the intern's progress. Interns are required to maintain and submit a journal of their experience on the job, along with periodic reports on newly acquired skills and the application of communication concepts studied in other classes. Regular meetings with the internship director are required.

Interns are evaluated on their ability to apply communication theories and constructs to their internships, the quality of their oral and written communication skills, their ability to analyze problems, their reliability, decisiveness, cooperation and productivity, their initiative, innovativeness and creativity and their ability and willingness to learn

Students will spend an average of 15 hours a week for 15 weeks or a total of 225 hours at their internship and receive three graduate credit hours.