

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need prior political experience to be an intern?

No. Successful interns come from all backgrounds and disciplines.

Do I need to be a political science major to apply?

No. We welcome students in any major or discipline who are interested in learning about the legislative process. It's helpful to have taken a college class in government or political science, but it is not required.

Can I intern before my junior year?

Interns must have junior or senior standing in credits by the time the internship begins in the spring semester.

Is there a minimum GPA requirement?

Yes. The required GPA to be eligible for the internship program is 2.5 or higher. We require your unofficial transcript to verify that you are in good academic standing and have junior or senior status.

When are internships available?

Internships take place while the Legislature is in regular session, beginning in early January and ending the end of March or the beginning of April.

Do I have to earn school credit to be an intern?

Yes.

How much course credit do I get for the internship?

The amount and type of credit are up to each school. Check with the coordinators listed on our [Intern Coordinator](#) page to discuss your credit arrangements.

Can I take additional college classes while interning?

Interns cannot take any classes that meet during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00). However, some interns occasionally take an online or evening class while participating in the internship program.

Can I choose whether I want to be in the House or Senate?

All applications are received and considered jointly by the House and Senate intern programs. We make hiring decisions for each body based on the needs of the offices and cannot guarantee that you will be placed in one or the other. All interns participate in the same program activities.

What will I do as an intern?

Specific projects and duties vary from office to office. As legislative staff members, interns are expected to perform the duties required to help their offices function smoothly. This includes some administrative tasks such as filing, data entry, and covering the phones. Some offices may ask an intern to conduct research, attend meetings, respond to constituents and/ or track legislation. We work closely with each office to ensure that interns are given substantive work and learning opportunities as part of their experience in the program.

How are interns selected?

Individual academic institutions handle the initial application process, but interviews are conducted and final selections are made by the Georgia Legislative Internship Program administrators.