Cooperative Education and Internships

Internships help students integrate the classroom with practical experience through work related to their academic and occupational goals. These experiences, for which a student can receive credit, include working for regional, national, and international businesses, government agencies, and community and non-profit organizations.

To participate in the Cooperative Education and Internship Program, students must meet grade point average and course prerequisites. Students must be at their internship site during the academic term for which they are registered for internship credit. Thirty internship credits may be taken and recorded on the academic record; however no more than 15 credits are applicable to a degree. Students should contact the Career Services Office (http://www.uwlax.edu/career-services) during their sophomore year to learn more.

See below for a list of UWL academic departments offering internship credit and the corresponding course, and see the Courses tab for the courses used in university-wide internships and off-campus cooperative internships. For more information, contact the specific department or Career Services (https://www.uwlax.edu/career-services/find-an-internship/why-do-an-internship), 1140 Centennial Hall, 608.785.8570.

This section does not apply to internships in teacher certification programs, health, exercise and sport science non-teaching programs, nutrition, recreation, or graduate programs.

Departmental internships

Click on the course for the course descriptions and possible prerequisites, which are also listed under the appropriate departmental and/or program section.

- Accounting - ACC 450 College of Business Administration Internship
- Anthropology - ANT 450 Internship in Anthropology
- Archaeology - ARC 450 Internship in Archaeology
- Art - ART 450 Internship in Art
- Biology - BIO 450 Internship in Biology
- Child Youth Care - CYC 450 Internship in Child/Youth Care
- Communication Studies - CST 450 Internship in Communication Studies
- Economics - ECO 450 College of Business Administration Internship
- English - ENG 450 English Internship, ENG 452 Professional Writing Practicum
- Environmental Studies - ENV 450 Internship in Environmental Studies
- Finance - FIN 450 College of Business Administration Internship
- Geography/Earth Science - GEO 450 Geography Internship/ESC 450 Geography Internship
- History - HIS 450 History Internship/Field Experience
- Information Systems - IS 451 CBA Management Information Systems Internship
- International Business - IB 450 International Business Internship
- Management - MGT 450 College of Business Administration Internship, MGT 452 College of Business Administration International Internship
- Marketing - MKT 450 College of Business Administration Internship
- Microbiology - MIC 450 Internship in Microbiology
- Modern Language - FRE 450 National/International Intern Program/GER 450 National/International Intern Program/SPA 450 National/International Intern Program (listed separately under French, German and Spanish)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages - TSL 450 TESOL National/International Internship Program
- Physics and Astronomy - PHY 450 Physics and Astronomy Internship/AST 450 Physics and Astronomy Internship
- Political Science - POL 450 Internship in Political Science, POL 451 Internship in Criminal Justice
- Psychology - PSY 450 Fieldwork Experience in Psychology: Undergraduate Internship
- Sociology - SOC 450 Internship in Sociology, SOC 451 Internship in Criminal Justice
- Theatre Arts - THA 450 Internship in Theatre Arts
- Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies - WGS 450 Internship in Women's Studies

Courses

CEI 450 Cr.1-15
Cooperative Education/Internship
An academically relevant field experience in government, industry, business, or community agencies. Students must have their internships approved and be advised by the department most relevant to the field assignment. Determination of relevancy shall be made by the Career Services Office with the advice and consent of the department involved. The experience will be supervised closely by the intern's on-site supervisor, by the Career Services Staff, and by the student's faculty internship adviser. Students must be on their internship worksite during the academic term for which they are registered for academic credit. Credits earned usually will count only toward university electives and not toward the completion of any major or minor. Prerequisite: junior standing; minimum 2.25 cumulative GPA. Consent of instructor. Pass/Fail grading. Offered Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer.

CEI 475 Cr.3-15
University-wide Cooperative Education Internship
A sequel to CEI 450 for the student who has previously served an internship under CEI 450 and utilized all available credit therein (i.e., 15). This course is only for approved students seeking an academically relevant field experience in government, industry, business, or community agencies. The internship assignment must be approved and the grade assigned by the department in which the student is majoring. The experience will be supervised closely by the intern’s on-site supervisor, by the Career Services Staff, and by the student’s faculty internship adviser. Students must be on their internship worksite during the academic term for which they are registered for academic credit. Credits earned in this course do not count toward the completion of the major or toward the completion of a degree. These credits will not be averaged into the student's grade point average. Consent of instructor. Pass/Fail grading. Offered Occasionally.