Requirements for an Internship

American Studies Department

Internships are essential parts of the learning process, and allow you to gain practical experience and build skill sets in fields relating to your American Studies’ interests. They offer opportunities for mentorship and networking, broadening your connections, and prepare you for your eventual job search. An internship also exposes you to different leadership styles, work environments, and effectively allows you to "test out" one or more career paths.

The American Studies department partners with the History department in its internship program. Students can enroll in the Public History Internship course, and receive American Studies credit. The Public History Internship’s website, <http://history.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/internships>, provides detailed information about the course and includes the database of internships that the History department regularly coordinates.

Alternatively, students are welcome to contact Professor Andy Urban ([aturban@amerstudies.rutgers.edu](mailto:aturban@amerstudies.rutgers.edu)) and schedule a time to meet or Skype to discuss other internship options, and the opportunities that the American Studies department also offers through alumni and other professional networks.

**Eligibility**

•Students must have at least a 2.7 overall GPA and have sophomore standing prior to the commencement of an internship

•Students can complete no more than two internships for course credit

•The internship should be related to the student's career goals and the broadly defined coverage of American Studies as a field of study

•Students must receive approval from an American Studies faculty member

**Requirements for Internship for Credit**

**01:050:381 Internship American Studies (3 credits)**

* Apply and enroll in an internship offered through the Public History Internship course (<http://history.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/internships>). Students should follow the instructions on this site, but contact Prof. Urban to obtain the enrollment permission number needed to receive American Studies credit.

**--- OR ---**

* Identify a faculty sponsor in the American Studies department
* Work with Prof. Urban and your faculty sponsor to identify possible organizations to internship with, or consult with them about internship opportunities that you have already identified
* Provide a preliminary internship job description
* Read and complete the internship application

Submit your completed application as soon as possible. **All applications should be submitted to Olga Lozano, the Department Administrator, in Ruth Adams 201, prior to the end of the add/drop period**.