

The Department of Political Science encourages the participation in internships as part of the course of study for majors. While not a requirement for graduating with a degree in political science, internships offer valuable experience in the field, provide students with social network contacts that are useful for finding employment opportunities after graduating, and can help students make decisions about their desired career paths.

Internships are widely available. Once students apply and are accepted for an internship position, college credit is available through the department. Credit for internships will require students to demonstrate what they are learning and its application to the field. Arrangements for credit are made on an individual basis through the internship coordinator, Dr. Emily Neff-Sharum. Students are encouraged to contact Dr. Neff-Sharum to help with finding an internship, help with applying for internships, and arranging for political science credit.

Below is a list of established internships with which the department is actively working:

- [Representative Larry Kissell's Fayetteville Office](#)
- [Internships with Mike McIntyre](#)
- [Internships with Kay Hagen](#)
- [Internships with the Democratic Party of North Carolina](#)
- The Republican Party of North Carolina offer unpaid internships during the spring semester, fall semester and summer. Internships are available in the party's Grassroots, Finance, Accounting and Communications departments. For more information, contact Dodie Renfer at renfer@ncgop.org.

For a comprehensive list of internship opportunities with the federal government, see www.FedJobs.gov or [Representative Mel Watts'](#) website.