Internship Placements

Internship placements are based on individual students’ strengths and interests. Past placements include:

- Governmental Policy Group (GPG)
- *Cincinnati Enquirer* state capitol office
- Hannah News Service
- The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
- The Ohio Senate Democratic Caucus
- The Ohio Republican Party
- The Office of the Minority Leader
- The Office of the Minority Whip
- Office of the House Speaker
- Ohio Sen. Lou Gentile (D)
- Ohio Sen. Gayle Manning (R)
- Ohio Sen. Cecil Thomas (D)
- Ohio Reps. Jim Buchy (R), Michael Henne (R), Anne Gonzales (R), Mark Romanchuk (R), Andrew Brenner (R), Michael Stinziano (D), Debbie Phillips (D), John Boccieri (D), Kathleen Clyde (D), and David Leland (D)
The Internship

Students participating in the State Politics Internship program serve a 7-week, full-time (35 hours per week) unpaid internship in the state capital, working for a state legislator, legislative committee, leadership office, state agency, political party, interest group, or non-profit group.

Student placements are made based on students’ strengths and interests after consultation with Xavier faculty and alumni advisors in the state capital. Note that students must submit to a background check and will interview in person on a faculty-led trip in mid-March or early April.

The Academic Program

All students take POLI 240: State and Local Politics (3-credits) and may choose to add a political internship or political communication internship course for an additional 3 credits (tuition costs for one 3-credit off-campus summer course were $1,371 in 2016).

Courses focus on the legislative process, the state Constitution and state & local political institutions. Students engage in a combination of in-class and online learning activities, including on-site lectures, small group discussions, field trips, and one-on-one interviews. Students also participate in service activities and social events in the Capitol Square area.

Housing

Internship housing is available at The Ohio State University, which is approximately an 8-minute drive or 20-minute bus ride from the Capitol.

The cost of the residence halls will be approximately $1,000, though the price may vary slightly depending on the length of stay and the choice of accommodations. Note that costs will be built into a program fee paid to Xavier University.

Students who live in the Columbus area may choose to commute so long as the commute will not prevent them from meeting their internship and academic responsibilities.

More Information

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