

## 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 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)

## Real-World Experience

Xavier's State Politics Internship program was founded in 2011 to provide students with the opportunity to learn about state legislative politics through firsthand experience.

Academic sessions are led by Political Science faculty and a growing group of Xavier alumni who bring a wealth of political and policy expertise to help advise and mentor student interns.



In 2016, the program was named in honor of the program's co-founder, Dr. Gene Beaupre, for his dedicated efforts to create opportunities for students to directly engage politics through internships & public service.



The Gene Beaupre

## State Politics Internship Program

May 10 – June 20, 2020

Ohio State Capitol  
Columbus, Ohio

[www.xavier.edu/statepolitics](http://www.xavier.edu/statepolitics)





**XU Interns joined  
Interns from Dayton  
to talk politics after a  
day of work at the  
state house.**

“This is real-world politics and real-world experience. I worked closely with elected officials and legislative staff on a daily basis. In a short time, you can learn a lot and really make a difference.”  
- Peter Shipley '14

### The Internship

Students participating in the State Politics Internship program serve a 6-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.

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. Students with housing in the Columbus area may commute to the program.

### Program Costs

For information on program costs, visit our website at [www.xavier.edu/statepolitics](http://www.xavier.edu/statepolitics)

### Applications

Admission is done on a rolling basis. Students are encouraged to apply early as space is limited. To apply, download an application at <http://xavier.edu/statepolitics> or contact Dr. Mack Mariani at [marianim@xavier.edu](mailto:marianim@xavier.edu).



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