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Experiential Learning Opportunities for Communication Majors: UCDC, UCCS, AIP

Facilitated by: Communication and Academic Internship Program

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Communication Considerations




8 Upper Division Communication Course Electives (8 courses, 32 units)

AIP 197 or UCCS experiences may be applied by petition to your major's Additional Communication Electives. Petition to count courses outside of the Communication Department towards the major:

Students may petition a maximum of 2 upper division courses taken outside of the department to count towards the major's Intermediate Elective requirement.

Petition to count Academic Internship Program (AIP) 197 towards the major:

Students who enroll in AIP 197 may petition to count one of these courses towards the major's Intermediate Elective requirement.

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Planning for UCDC

UCDC - UC Washington Center



What is UCDC?

Live in Washington D.C. while working an internship and taking courses at the UC Washington Center!

Why?

- Live in our nation's capital for a quarter
- Gain a unique network of professionals and students from other UC Campuses
- Learn how organizations and government operate in D.C.

Potential Internships



Organization Types:

- Capitol Hill & White House
 - House of Representatives
 - U.S. Senate
- U.S. Departments
- Nonprofits
- Law Firms
- Think Tanks
- News Media
- Private Business

Organization Examples

- Cancer Support Community
- Human Rights Campaign
- UC Office of Federal Government Relations
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Kids in Need of Defense
- Senate Help Committee

Eligibility for UCDC



Students from all majors are encouraged to apply and must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 90 units completed
- At least 2 upper-division courses
- 2.5 GPA (3.0+preferred)
- US citizenship is not required for the UCDC application
 - International students and DACA/ AB540/ Undocumented students are eligible to apply.
 - If you are a student without US citizenship status seeking to apply for UCDC, please refer to the FAQs for more information.

Application for UCDC - Internlink



Application materials include the following:

- UCDC Application Form
- Resume
- Cover Letter or Letter of Intent
- Two Letters of Recommendation
 - Letters of Recommendation may be submitted online in InternLink, in person (AIP Office, Teaching + Learning Commons @ Geisel) or by email: ucdc@ucsd.edu
 - A faculty letter is not required, but we suggest one letter of recommendation from a faculty member

Earning Academic Credit



How Do I Reach 12 Units?

1. **Internship Credit:** *AIP 197DC (Required, 6, 8, or 10 units, Pass/No Pass)*
 1. Internship and related assignments and responsibilities. The units are upper -division general elective credit; check with your academic department regarding application of credit toward your major.
2. **Research Seminar Credit:** *POLI 194 or SOCI 194 (Required, 4 units, Graded or Pass/No Pass)*
 1. Development and completion of an independent and significant research project under the supervision of UC faculty, and guided by a teaching assistant. Students from departments other than those listed above should contact their academic department to determine if this course will be counted toward their major.
3. **Elective Course Credit:** *EXPR100 (Optional, 4 units, Graded or Pass/No Pass)*

Course Options: Courses and descriptions are available here: [UC Washington Center's website](#) .

- Note: You will need to [petition](#) all courses taken at UCDC to the PH Department.

Program Cost



Residential Program Cost

Tuition and registration fees are the same as for a quarter on campus, but the cost of living in Washington, DC may be higher. Students are also responsible for:

- Round trip airfare, local transportation costs, sightseeing activities, books, professional clothing, and other personal expenses.

Please refer to the [*UCDC Estimated Budget*](#) for a breakdown of expenses.

Financial Aid

- Financial aid will apply to your the quarter you participate
- Students can meet with the Financial Aid Office to discuss adjustment of their awards due to difference in living expenses

Scholarships

- UCOP Presidential Fellowship
- AIP

YOUR PATH TO UCDC





Upcoming UCDC Deadlines

Apply 2 quarters before when you want to go!

Fall 2023

Priority Deadline-

Summer 2023

Final Deadline- January 16, 2023



Planning for UCCS



UCCS - UC Sacramento



What is UCCS?

Live in Sacramento while working a public policy internship and taking courses at UC Davis!

Why?

- Work and live in our State Capital for a quarter
- Gain a unique network of professionals and students from other UC Campuses
- Gain exposure to the California state political process

Eligibility for UCCS



Students from all majors are encouraged to apply and must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 90 units completed
- 2.5 GPA (3.0+preferred)
- Transfer students - 1 completed quarter
- US citizenship is not required for the UCCS application
 - International students and DACA/ AB540/ Undocumented students are eligible to apply.
 - If you are a student without US citizenship status seeking to apply for UCDC, please refer to the FAQs for more information.

How to Apply to UCCS



Apply Online at UCCS' Portal!

Application Includes:

- Completed Application Form
- 3 References - 1 must be a faculty member or graduate TA
- Resume
- Essay
- Transcripts

Earning Academic Credit



Coursework (up to 15 quarter units):

Mandatory

- Political Science 192: Political Science Internship (5 units)
- Political Science 195: The California Policy Seminar (4 units)

Elective

- Political Science 196E: Research Work (4 units)
- Political Science 193: 3 Analytic Papers (2 units)
- Additional Courses

Note: These courses are taken through UC Davis. You will need to petition these courses to be applied to the PH Electives major requirement.

YOUR PATH TO UCCS

Plan for UCCS

Keep track of deadlines!

Prepare Application

Completed Application Form

3 References - 1 must be a faculty member or graduate TA

Resume

Essay

Transcripts

Apply to UCCS

Use the online portal!

Receive Internship

Students work with the UCCS internship coordinator and be placed in an internship that suits the student's interests, goals and experiences.

Connecting with the Sacramento Center

Coming in to UCCS/AIP to Talk With Peer Advisors

Applying your UCDC/UCCS Internship



Steps to apply a Health Policy Internship towards your Public Health Major Requirements after applying to UCDC/UCCS:

Submit the following 4 items to the Public Health Student Affairs Office:

- General Petition ("Departmental Exception" marked)
- Personal Statement (1 -2 paragraphs explaining the merits of the internship)
- Course Syllabus
- Copy of Internship Description and Student Responsibilities

Look for a message from the department in the VAC (typically takes 2-4 weeks).



Upcoming UCCS Deadlines

Apply 2 quarters before when you want to go!

Spring 2023

November 7, 2022

Summer 2023

June 24th, 2021



Planning for AIP

Academic Internship Program



What is it?

Get course credit for completing an internship during an academic quarter!

Why?

Apply classroom knowledge in professional settings

Fulfill Communication elective requirements

Explore new career options via an internship

How to Apply



Internship

Two ways to get an internship:

1. Get help securing one - use AIP's Internlink
2. Request credit for an internship you found on your own
 - a. Ensure it meets AIP's Internship Guidelines

AIP Application

1. Learning Agreement
2. EASy Request

How does AIP count toward credits?



AIP 197 - Upper -division standing

- 90 units completed, 2.5 UC GPA
- 2-12 units, most internships are for 4 units
- Work with a UCSD faculty advisor to develop a research paper or project related to the internship

AIP 97 - Lower -division standing

- 30 units completed, 3.0 UC GPA
- Only available for 2 or 4 units
- Work with a UCSD faculty advisor to develop a research paper or project related to the internship

What to Expect During the Quarter



- Group Check-In (Week 5 and 6)
- Mid-Quarter Reflection (Week 7)
 - Informational Interview
- Track Hours
- Self/Program Evaluations (Week 10)
- Turn in Paper/Project (Finals Week)

YOUR PATH TO AIP

Apply Internships, Find Faculty Advisor

Internlink OR
Find your own
(request approval)

Ask faculty member
to be your advisor
Discuss project

Learning Agreement

Create in Internlink
Enter details on your
internship

Wait for approval

EASy Request

Download approved
Learning Agreement
Upload to EASy

Indicate proposed
AIP paper or project
Wait for approval

Enroll AIP 197/97

Once EASy is
approved you will be
enrolled!

Coming in to AIP to talk with us

Applying your AIP Internship



Steps to using AIP 197 towards your Public Health major requirements after applying to AIP:

Submit the following 3 items to the Public Health Student Affairs Office or email to publichealth@health.ucsd.edu:

- General Petition ("Departmental Exception" marked)
- Personal Statement (1 -2 paragraphs explaining the merits of the internship)
- Copy of AIP Learning Agreement with all required signatures

Look for a message from the department in the VAC (typically takes 2-4 weeks).

After your grade has posted for AIP 197, submit a copy of your required AIP paper to the Public Health Advising Office.

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AIP Deadlines

Apply at the start of the quarter before your internship begins!

Spring 2023

Learning Agreement Due ~~September 4th 2021~~

Deadline to Enroll via EASy ~~October 9th 2021~~

Deadline to Enroll via WebReg ~~October 16th 2021~~

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CONTACT US!

Communication Majors can connect with major Advisors or AIP Advisors through the Virtual Advising Center.

Schedule an appointment to meet with Jennifer to discuss the UCDC or UCCS Program: <https://jennifer-homrich-aip.youcanbook.me/>

UCDC/UCCS Fall Inperson Drop-in Day:
Mondays 12-3pm