

# International Affairs Internship Program

Interested in International Affairs? Want work experience? Want course credits?



The University of Houston Department of Political Science now offers an International Affairs Internship Program (IAIP). This program allows students to bridge the ‘theory-practice’ divide by integrating their classroom experiences with the opportunity to gain the skills, perspective, and professional networks necessary for a career in international affairs.

- Interns work an average of 6-8 hours per week over the semester in a Houston-area organization with an international focus—e.g., foreign consulates, private corporations (energy, shipping, or finance sectors), foreign chambers of commerce, and human rights organizations.
- The internship course counts as 3 hours of upper-level political science credit. Students meet as a class four times during the semester and will be graded on a daily journal, a term paper, and an assessment by the office supervisor.
- Additional credit is available by integrating an internship research project with another Political Science course you are taking concurrently—the content of the additional assignment is determined in consultation with the course professor, the internship program director, and the student.

Specific questions about IAIP should be directed to the program director, Dr. Zachary Zwald ([zizwald@uh.edu](mailto:zizwald@uh.edu)). Interested students should contact the political science academic advisors about registration questions.