

# Internships in English

## Responsibilities

“While reporting and writing are the bread and butter of journalism, my internship also taught me other important aspects in creating a paper, such as design, webbing, and video opportunities.”

“I have found affidavits to be exciting pieces to write, namely because they tell the stories of clients’ journeys... and bring a sense of sensitivity and emotion to petitioners’ experiences that more formalized documentation fails to address.”

“The... project I worked on involved recategorizing survey comments so that the algorithm used to categorize the feedback could more efficiently tag comments in the future.”

“I have been assigned entries about the signs of lung cancer in women, nasopharyngeal cancer, and the difference between typical and atypical moles, to name a few...”

“I have recategorized over 20,300 search terms and phrases... this project has ultimately given me a better understanding of website management and search engine optimization.”

## Connections With Coursework

“The course *Tutoring Writers* taught by Mary Beth Simmons... provided me invaluable grammar knowledge. I do not think I could have taken the interview test or edited speaker bios and presentations with confidence without having taken this course.”

“I walked into Professor Graziano’s *Legal Writing & Analysis* course as a mere freshman... and came out completely changed. Through consistent networking, crafting a legal journal article on climate change and carbon emissions, and engaging with controversial legal topics, the experiences in that enlightening course opened my eyes to the law profession...”

“Other courses, namely Professor Bond’s *Identity & Difference* course and Professor Dailey’s *Revenge Tragedies* course, helped me view conflicts surrounding gender and race through new lenses, refining my critical thinking skills and thereby enhancing my capabilities writing affidavits and other persuasive paperwork.”

“I got so invested in speaking in my classes that I started to look forward to speaking my thoughts, and often raised my hands more than the bare minimum. This practice greatly improved my communication skills, and therefore helped me to land this internship via the interview.”

“With an attention to detail and a patience to comb through material, I was apt to research effectively, using what I had gained from my time as an English major.”

## Advice

“You should apply for jobs regardless of whether or not you think you will get them, or if you are not sure you are *completely* qualified for them—let the *employer* decide whether or not you are qualified.”

“Do not be afraid to try something new. There are a lot of jobs out there with titles you have never heard of, and descriptions you did not know could exist... Different sectors of the economy grow and shrink at different rates, at different times—new jobs are constantly being created and others merge together or are phased out.”

“It is one thing to get pieces to add to my writing portfolio, but it is another entirely to find a new sense of purpose that helps along the way of my career.”

## VU English Students Have Interned At...

CNN

Philadelphia District Attorney

Main Line Today

Philadelphia Magazine

Catholic Relief Services

The New Yorker

Fox News

Philadelphia Flyers

Harper Collins Publishers



## Resources for Securing Internships

Reach out to Mike Malloy, the department’s internship coordinator

Reach out to Kate Szumanski, CLAS Director of Professional Development

Reach out to Taylor Landon-Freeman, Assistant Director, Industry Advising, in the Career Center

Join our department LinkedIn group

Search for verified opportunities on Handshake

Network with alumni on Nova Network

Internship of the Week in our department newsletter