

Course Syllabus
Graduate Internships and Research in Politics, News, and Public Policy
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Course Titles: PSC 670: Experience Credit - for internships (six credit hours)
or
PSC 690: Independent Study - for research projects (six credit hours)

Prerequisites: None

Objectives: The primary goal of the course is to provide graduate students with internships in media, politics and economics organizations in Great Britain, or to provide guidance in helping students to carry out a research project. The course consists of two related components: an academic component and a practical component. Our goal will be to bring these two components into an ongoing “dialogue” such that each informs or questions the other, thereby enriching both and providing students with a unique learning experience. The setting for this program is the spectacular and cosmopolitan city of London, which is one of the truly beautiful cities of the world.

Description: The program begins with orientation activities and 30-35 hours of lectures on British politics and media during the week of June 5. On June 8, we will go to Oxford as guests of the Oxford Union for one of their debates.

The academic part of the course will continue with once a week evening seminars with the program chair which will begin on June 14 (6:30 PM). At these sessions, students have the opportunity in an informal setting to discuss the agendas and activities of their organizations as well as their own research and internship experiences.

Having acquired some basic knowledge of British history and society, the graduate students then immediately begin working as interns. The internships will last for a period of five weeks (June 12 - July 14). This year we have placed interns at the Economist Intelligence Unit, Dexter Haven Publishing, Maxim, and Web User. A specific official in each of these organizations will supervise students and provide the program chair with a written evaluation of the student’s performance at the end of the internship period. Students who accept a longer internship are expected to continue on their own after the formal program ends.

Requirements and Evaluations: Considering that this is a six-credit academic program, graduate students who select an internship are expected to (a) satisfactorily complete a full-time internship for the term of the program, (b) participate in orientation and weekly [evening seminars](#), and (c) keep a journal of notes on their experiences and complete a research paper (20 double spaced pages) which will be turned in after the program is over. Grades are based on the evaluation provided by the student's work supervisor, and the program chair's evaluation of the journal and the research paper.

Dates of the Course:

May 30, 2006 (Program begins)

June 5 - June 9 (lectures on British institutions)

June 12 - July 14 (graduate student internships)

For more information on this Program and the Program Director see:

- [Catalogue Description of the Course](#)
- [Division of International Programs Abroad \(DIPA\)](#)
- [Syracuse University London Program Website](#)
- [Mehrzaad Boroujerdi's Web Page](#)

Additional Useful Links:

- [BBC](#)
- [British Airways](#)
- [British Council](#)
- [British Library](#)
- [British Parliament](#)
- [British Rail](#)
- [Channel 4](#)
- [Country Profile: United Kingdom](#)
- [Currency Converter](#)
- [Euro Compass](#)
- [Evening Standard](#)
- [Financial Times](#)
- [Guardian Newspaper](#)
- [Health Information for Travelers to Western Europe](#)
- [Information on Britain](#)
- [London News.net](#)
- [London Tourist Links](#)
- [London Underground Metro](#)
- [London's Weather](#)
- [Loot](#) (for rent estimates and finding an apartment)
- [Maps of London](#)
- [Media UK](#)
- [The Times](#)
- [UK Government](#)
- [UK Map](#)
- [U.S. Department of State – Visa Services](#)
- [Union Catalogue of Major British Libraries](#)

Where have interns been placed in the past?

[Adam Smith Institute](#)

[Amnesty International](#)

[Associated Press Television News \(APTN\)](#)

[BBC](#)

[BBC Short Film Festival](#)

[Billboard Magazine](#)

[British Youth Council](#)
[Centre for Economic Policy Research](#)
[Center for the Study of Financial Innovation](#)
[CNBC](#)
[Commission for Racial Equality](#)
[Connections](#)
[Conservative Party \(The\)](#)
[Corporate TV Networks Ltd.](#)
[DEMOS](#)
[Economist Intelligence Unit](#)
[Electoral Reform Society](#)
[European Movement](#)
[European Parliament](#)
[Focus Information Services](#)
[Garden Inspirations](#)
[House of Commons](#)
[Institute for War and Peace Reporting](#)
[International Record Review](#)
[IPC \(Magazines\)](#)
[Jane's \(defense and international security affairs publisher\)](#)
[Labour Party \(The\)](#)
[Law Society \(The\)](#)
[Liberal Democrats Youth and Students](#)
[Lion Television Ltd.](#)
[London Magazine](#)
[London Towers \(Basketball Team\)](#)
[Market and Opinion Research International \(MORI\)](#)
[National Campaign for the Arts](#)
[National Opinion Polling](#)
[NBC News](#)
[New Statesman](#)
[Newsweek International](#)
[NHS Trust \(health care\)](#)
[Princess Productions](#)
[Professional Development Foundation](#)
[Raindance Film Festival](#)
[Reuters Group PLC](#)
[Royal College of Psychiatrists \(Drayton Park Center for Women\)](#)
[Spectrum Radio](#)
[Spinal Injuries Association](#)
[The Independent on Sunday](#)
[Theatre Museum \(at Covent Garden\)](#)
[Time-Life Magazine](#)
[United International Pictures](#)
[United Nations Association](#)
[USA Today](#)

[Voice of America](#)

[Web User](#)

[Woman and Home](#)

[World Radio Network](#)

[Y Care International](#)