

Internships for English Majors

Schedule ENGL 463 Professional Writing Practicum and earn credit hours as you gain experience working in a professional environment.

FAQs

Q: When should I take ENGL 463: Professional Writing Practicum?

A: You should take ENGL 463 in your final semester, in the same semester you do your internship. If you complete your internship in a Summer semester, you may take ENGL 463 the following Fall semester.

Q: How do I prepare for ENGL 463?

A: You need knowledge of writing for the workplace to take ENGL 463. You can meet this requirement by completing a technical writing course, ENGL 365 or 366, and a professional writing course, ENGL 462, ENGL 472, or ENGL 473.

Q: What if I have experience writing for a workplace?

A: If you have not taken any of the required courses, but have relevant work experience, you may be able to sign up for internship credit. This is determined by the Internship Coordinator.

Q: How do I find an internship?

A: We can help you identify internship opportunities, but you will have to follow the employer's application process. Contact the UL Career Center or use Handshake to find internship opportunities.

Q: How do I apply for an internship?

A: You will apply for the internship positions by submitting a resume, and remain in contact with prospective employers through the hiring process. The more positions you apply for, the better your chances to secure an internship.

Q: Can the internship be completed remotely?

A: The work can be done remotely or on-site. We have difficulty finding on-site internships for students living out of state, but can recommend remote internships if you are not in the area. You are free to find your own internship.

Q: What is the expected time commitment?

A: We expect you to work 45 hours and work on a number of documents that you can share with us. For the class you will create a portfolio of these documents and reflect on your decisions in producing them.

Q: What are some examples of internships previous students have completed?

A: Students have held internships with

- manufacturing companies where they created product booklets,
- news stations where they wrote for news stories,
- small local and online magazines where they wrote feature stories,
- small businesses where they created social media plans.

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