Georgia State University
Political Science Internship
Qualifications and Requirements

General Qualifications:
- 2.5 GPA
- 9 hours of political science
- At least 45 hours of coursework; at least 30 hours completed at GSU
- Enrollment in POLS 4940 (see Georgia Legislative Internship Program for information on POLS 4930; graduate students should see the Political Science Graduate Director concerning POLS 8995).
- Letter of acceptance from internship provider
- Departmental acceptance of internship approval form
- No credit for internships will be allowed retroactively

Additional Requirements:
1. Internship must be done under the direction of a faculty mentor
2. Complete 200 hours work for 3 hours credit
3. Complete 400 hours work for 6 hours credit
4. Keep a journal
5. Complete a paper
6. Supplemental readings as required by the faculty director of the internship
7. Submission of a provider evaluation
8. 4940 internship credit hours earned are applied as elective credit. See below for information on switching 4940 to major credit.
9. Maximum 9 hours total credit possible (3 hours maximum as major credit).

How to Switch 4940 from Elective to Major Credit:
To switch POLS 4940 from elective to major credit, students additionally are required to:

1. Attend and submit a report on three departmental events held each fall and spring semester.
   - **Careers in Law**: held in conjunction with the Pre-Law Club (event includes a discussion with a panel of practicing lawyers and/or law students).
   - **Careers in International**: held in conjunction with Pi Sigma Alpha (event includes high-level speakers tied to the international area).
   - **Careers in Government**: (event organized each semester with GSU’s Director of Government and Community Affairs).

   *Note: if a student misses any of these events during the semester he/she is enrolled in POLS 4940, he/she may attend that event the next semester, but the switch to major credit will not be made until all requirements are met, including attending/reporting on all three of these events. All requirements to switch from elective to major credit must be met in one academic year.*

2. Meet with representatives of GSU’s Career Services to complete/review resumes and discuss how the university can help in the transition from school to job.

For more information about internship opportunities, contact your faculty advisor or the internship coordinator for the GSU Political Science Department, Dr. Christopher Brown.