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Field and Internship Programs

Independent field study is available through most colleges, departments, and committees on campus. In addition, there are several established field programs that offer students a variety of full-time and part-time off-campus field placements. Each of these programs has its own prerequisites for participation. Information is available at each program office and below.

Before you actually do the field work, you must submit a proposal and obtain sponsorship and approval. Retroactive credit will not be granted for field work. (See *Individual Study*, page 81, for procedural information.) You are also responsible for any health or liability insurance you might feel is necessary. Check with the Cowell Student Health Center, 459- 2211, for additional information.

You must register officially, pay regular university fees, including campus fees, and complete your enrollment in the approved courses to obtain field-study credit.

The Chancellor's Undergraduate Internship Program (CUIP)

CUIP provides students the opportunity to strengthen their leadership, managerial, communication, and other job skills in stipended, on-campus internships. For an entire academic year, interns work 15 hours per week in a campus unit. In fall and spring quarters, interns take a two-unit seminar designed to develop their skills and knowledge as student leaders. Interns take a lead role in an important campus project under the direction of a mentor. CUIP places students in key administrative offices, thereby allowing the interns to become familiar with the organization and structure of the campus and develop strong networks among leading administrators, campus professionals, and other student leaders. CUIP pays a year's registration fees in exchange for a total of 450 hours of internship work. Undergraduate students in good academic standing with at least one quarter at UCSC are eligible to apply during the recruitment period at the beginning of winter quarter. The program is a collaboration between the Chancellor's Office, host units, and the Career Center. For more information, see the *Career Center Internship Program* (<http://intern.ucsc.edu/cuip>) web site or call 459-2184.

Community Studies Field-Study Program

The Community Studies Field-Study Program has different programs for majors and non-majors in community studies, an interdisciplinary field that examines social change in the context of community.

All community studies majors undertake a six-month, full-time field study or internship with a community organization or agency for academic credit. With the guidance of a faculty adviser and field study coordinator, students choose field placements related to the social justice issue on which they choose to focus. Students have been placed with health centers, radio and television stations, newspapers, city-planning departments, political parties, neighborhood organizations, civil rights groups, battered women's shelters, legal clinics, programs for seniors, tenant unions, the offices of elected officials, trade unions, and other organizations working for social change in communities. In addition, one-quarter part-time field studies are open to non-majors for credit. Further information is available from the community studies field-study coordinator, 218 Oakes College 459-4601, or the Community Studies Department, 229 Oakes College, 459-2371.

Economics Field-Study Program

The Economics Field-Study Program offers students an opportunity to integrate academic theory with hands-on experience. Students usually complete field studies locally, although there are some placements in Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area. Field placements have been arranged with businesses, industry, state and local governments, and nonprofit organizations. Students have completed projects in marketing, financial analysis, accounting, human resources, and international trade. They have conducted research on issues involving monetary trends, public policy, and the problems of small businesses.

Students must prepare for field study a quarter in advance, in consultation with program staff. The program is open to junior and senior economics majors. For further information, contact the Economics Field-Study Program, 459-2028, econintern@ucsc.edu.

The Career Center

Upon graduation, those students with previous internship experience are much more likely to find a good job in their career field than those graduates who have not had an internship. The Career Center can help you link your education to your career aspirations through an internship. Come to the Bay Tree Building, or call 459-4420. See [page 99](#) for more information about the Career Center.

Education Field Programs

Education Field Programs at UC Santa Cruz offer a variety of field opportunities, both for students who are preparing for careers in education and for those who wish to broaden their programs in the liberal arts and

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sciences through the study of education as a major social institution.

The minor in education is an undergraduate program in which students explore the history of educational thought and philosophy, the politics and economics of education, learning theory and pedagogy, and issues of cultural and linguistic diversity in education. As a part of the six-course minor sequence, students engage in field study in schools through Education 180, Introduction to Teaching.

For more information, visit the Education Department web site, education.ucsc.edu.

Environmental Studies Internship Program

Open to all UC Santa Cruz students, the Environmental Studies Internship Program is an integral academic component of the environmental studies major, and it augments the research and professional development of undergraduate and graduate students. Interns are placed individually and in groups, in local, national, and international agencies. Their work often results in publications and resource documents and in some cases serves as the primary basis for policy formation. Placements have included research with small businesses and farms, state agencies, nongovernmental organizations, conservation groups, and planning departments; assignments as natural history interpretive guides for state and national parks; and apprentice positions with consultants, agroecologists, resource specialists, and teachers.

Part-time and full-time placements are available, and students may receive two to 15 course credits for their work. Each student's placement is supervised by a faculty adviser, a field sponsor, and the internship coordinator. Students spend 12 to 15 hours each week on their assignments for every five course credits they receive.

Internships are designed to complement a student's course work and are available for both lower- and upper-division credit. Qualified environmental studies majors may undertake a senior internship to fulfill the department's comprehensive requirement. Students are also encouraged to use their placements as a basis for senior thesis research, and occasionally interns who have returned from the field may give lectures in classes or present seminars. In addition, internships provide a fieldwork component for some environmental studies courses.

Further information is available from the Environmental Studies Internship Program Office, 491 Interdisciplinary Sciences Building, 459-2104, envsintern@socsci-mail.ucsc.edu, envs.ucsc.edu/internships.

Latin American and Latino Studies Fieldwork

All majors are strongly encouraged to undertake either a field study in Latin America, the Caribbean, or a Latino/a community in the U.S.. Field studies are independent, community-based study projects for academic credit, done under faculty sponsorship and arranged on an individual basis. Local opportunities for internships and field study in Latino/a communities on California's Central Coast are numerous. Credit for up to three upper-division courses may be applied toward the major from field study. Students who wish to pursue a full-time field study are required to take the Field Studies Seminar (LALS 196 and Lab LALS 196L). Students should check the LALS Department web site for further information regarding the field-study process and course credit. A listing of local field-study programs and petition forms are available at the LALS Department office, 32 Merrill.

Attention Field Study Students

Students enrolled in independent field study (e.g., course 198) must officially register and pay regular university fees. Make sure to update your address via the Student Portal, so your billing statement reaches you before the deadline.

You are responsible for submitting a proposal and obtaining approval before you actually do the field work. Be aware that field-study courses are not available for credit by petition; it is important that you are officially enrolled in your field-study course. Retroactive credit will not be granted for fieldwork.

Psychology Field-Study Program

The Psychology Field-Study Program provides qualified students with an opportunity to integrate what they have learned in the classroom with direct experience in a community agency. Students develop new skills and clarify personal and professional goals by working as interns in schools, criminal justice programs, corporations, and mental health and other social service agencies, where they are supervised by a professional within that organization. Psychology faculty members sponsor field-study students, helping them to synthesize their intern experience with psychology course work and guiding them through an academic project.

Junior and senior psychology majors are eligible to apply. Application forms can be obtained from the Psychology Department, 273 Social Sciences 2 Building, 459-4410, and are due one quarter in advance. There is a minimum commitment of two quarters. For further information, contact 459-4410, psych.ucsc.edu/field_study.