

Chapter 10

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The Australian National Internships Program provides senior undergraduates with the opportunity to undertake, for academic credit, a designated research project within the workplace. Students may be from an Australian or overseas university, from any discipline (former interns have been students of political science or policy studies, economics or commerce, law, geography, science, Asian or European studies, development studies, environmental studies, social work, psychology, sports studies, music).

All placements are in Canberra, for 11 weeks, possibilities include:

- the Commonwealth Parliament (with a Senator, Member, parliamentary committee or parliamentary department)
- the Australian Public Service (with government departments or statutory authorities, such as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, AusAID, Australian Strategic Policy Institute or Department of the Environment and Heritage)
- the ACT Legislative Assembly and ACT Public Service or
- foreign embassies, non-government peak and community organisations (these range from industry associations such as the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the National Farmers Federation or the Motor Trades Association of Australia, to organisations such as the Australian Council for International Development, Australian Institute of International Affairs, Community and Public Sector Union).

Prerequisites

Students are admitted by a Selection Committee which meets twice a year (November and May). Minimum requirements are that students are in their third year of academic study and that the internship will be officially credited to their degree by their home university.

Students therefore need to consult and obtain permission from their course adviser or a letter of cross-institutional support.

Australian National Internship A ANIP3004 (18 units)

Later Year Course

Semester 1 and Semester 2

Contact Hours: 2.5 days placement; 1 hour workshop; 1.5 hour Seminar.

Coordinator: Ass. Prof. Robert Campbell

Prerequisites: Students must have successfully completed 96 units (16 courses) at the start of the program at each semester.

Syllabus: The Australian National Internships Program provides senior undergraduates, from any discipline, with the opportunity to undertake a research project within the workplace for academic credit. All placements are in Canberra at national institutions, and students attend their workplace for 11 weeks. During this time, students attend weekly workshops and a course work seminar series.

Proposed Assessment: A written or oral presentation on the course work; a research report of up to 8,000 words; and an oral presentation on the research report.

Australian National Internship B ANIP3005 (12 units)

Later Year Course

Semester 1 and Semester 2

Contact Hours: 2.5 days placement; 1 hour workshop.

Coordinator: Ass. Prof. Robert Campbell

Prerequisites: Students must have successfully completed 96 units (16 courses) at the start of the program at each semester.

Syllabus: The Australian National Internships Program provides senior undergraduates, from any discipline, with the opportunity to undertake a research project within the workplace for academic credit. All placements are in Canberra at national institutions, and students attend their workplace for 11 weeks. During this time, students attend weekly workshops.

Proposed Assessment: A research report of up to 8,000 words; and an oral presentation on the research report.

Australian National Internship C ANIP3006 (18 units)

Later Year Course

Semester 1 and Semester 2

Contact Hours: 4 days placement; 1 hour workshop.

Coordinator: Ass. Prof. Robert Campbell

Prerequisites: Students must have successfully completed 96 units (16 courses) at the start of the program at each semester.

Syllabus: The Australian National Internships Program provides senior undergraduates, from any discipline, with the opportunity to undertake a research project within the workplace for academic credit. All placements are in Canberra at national institutions, and students attend their workplace for 11 weeks. During this time, students attend weekly workshops. This program is recommended to students with well developed research skills.

Proposed Assessment: A written or oral presentation on the course work; a research report of up to 16,000 words; and an oral presentation on the research report.

