

# Prelaw Legal Internships

Q: How do I qualify for an internship?

A: You must be enrolled at BYU as an undergraduate or graduate student to apply for the legal internship class. We give priority to juniors and seniors, students with considerable research and writing experience, and students with excellent work ethic.

Q: When can I apply for an internship?

A: We place interns during the fall and winter semesters. We announce the date we will begin accepting applications and résumés through our newsletter and on the Facebook page (you can sign up for the newsletter at the prelaw desk or by emailing [prelaw@byu.edu](mailto:prelaw@byu.edu); you can “like” BYU Prelaw on Facebook). Typically, we start accepting applications in March for fall semester and in November for winter semester. We have all our students placed before the Add/Drop deadline of each semester.

Q: How many credits can I register for?

A: You can receive up to 3 credit hours per internship from our department. For each credit hour, you are required by the university to complete 42 hours of work. Thus, 1 credit is 42 hours of work, 2 credits requires 84 hours of work, and 3 credits equals 126 hours of work.

Q: What paperwork do I need to submit?

A: After you apply and are accepted for an internship through our office, you will receive a packet with all your placement information. To add the class, you need to go through IRAMS (Internship Registration and Management System). You can access this system through AIM. When you try to add the internship course (STDEV 496R), it will automatically redirect you to IRAMS. Once there, you will need to fill out all your personal and placement information. Once you’ve finished the online forms and submitted your application, we will approve your application and you will be allowed to register for the class. During the first week of the semester, you will also need to come in and complete the Student Agreement Form.

Q: Can I set up my own internship or does it have to be through your program in order to receive credit?

A: In addition to our legal internship program, students who find their own internships are eligible for university credit through our department. You can receive credit during both semesters and both terms for self-initiated internship by applying for the course through IRAMS (see above). If your internship location is not one of our regular providers, we will also need them to fill out a Master Internship Agreement Form (which we will provide).

Q: What kind of work is expected in a legal internship?

A: The work varies from firm to firm. Some interns help with office work (filing, making copies, and writing memos), while others spend a considerable amount of time doing research and going to court. The kind of work you could be assigned is almost entirely dependent on how proactive you are.

Q: Are legal internships paid?

A: Unfortunately, the legal internships that we provide are not paid. In some cases, students who have done excellent work for a firm have been hired after the completion of their internship. Others students have found their own paid positions at a firm and have signed up to receive internship credit through our office.