Internships are upper division learning experiences where students work in a business, industry, social or governmental agency, or other work setting for a semester or over the summer.

There are over 1,500 internship positions available to SUNY Oswego students. We have positions on campus, in Oswego, across New York State, the nation, and even worldwide.

If you would like more information about what an internship can do for you, stop by the COMPASS located in 145 Campus Center or visit our website: www.oswego.edu/ebe
Anna Hergt  
Zoology Major

What was the name of the company and location of your internship this summer?
Animal Care Internship at Franklin Park Zoo in Boston, MA.

How did your major affect your decision to apply for this internship?
It isn’t required by my major to have an internship, but I believe that it should be. Hands-on experience, especially in Zoology, is essential in learning the specificities of the field you’re interested in. University learning gives you a general knowledge, but it cannot prepare you for the more specific information you need to know, or the dynamics of a workplace.

What kind of experience did you gain by having this internship?
I learned a lot about communication and working as a team. Working closely with animals it is important to be careful and mindful at all times, for the safety of the animals and for yourself and others. I learned a lot of details about the animals I was working with, and the importance of knowing not only the natural history of the species but also the personal history of each individual. Taking classes, I learned about things like zoo history and toxic/edible plants. I also learned a lot about how a zoo operates from a business prospective, by going to staff meetings and talking with administrative professionals.

How do you think this internship helped you in ways that a classroom could not?
I believe that hands-on experience can teach you much more than a classroom can. A university may be successful in preparing graduates with a general knowledge, but it does not and can not teach each individual the things they need to know for the precise job they are interested in obtaining.

Dylan Nagy  
Journalism & Economics Major

What was the name of the company and location of your internship this summer?
I worked as an intern with the Major League Baseball Network in Secaucus, NJ.

Was this your first experience as an intern or have you had previous experience?
No, this was actually my third internship. My previous two internships were with a Minor League Baseball team, the Hudson Valley Renegades.

What kind of experience did you gain by having this internship?
Internships deliver real-world experience. More than anything, working in a professional environment gave me a new perspective on classes. I know what I need to learn and what I need to focus on, because I know what the professional world demands.

How do you think this internship helped you in ways that a classroom could not?
Classrooms present theory and a handful of ideas without a context that can be fully understood. You know what you have to understand to pass the class and to complete assignments, but that doesn’t mean that you understand what you need to know to succeed in your career. When you know what you need to do for your career, then you know what you need to learn.

Do you actually play baseball? If so, who is your favorite team?
I play recreationally, but I don’t play organized ball anymore. My favorite teams are the Mets and Rays (I worked with a Rays minor league affiliate for two years), but I’m a fan of the game more so than I am a fan of a team.

What was the most exciting part of this internship?
My job was to watch baseball games, so I guess the entire job was the most exciting part. Of particular interest, I worked with the talent and analysts on a nightly basis, so the names I knew from watching as a fan (both former players and broadcasters) were now people that I knew and worked with.

For your fellow classmates, can you explain some of the benefits of an internship both on a personal and professional level?
Internships give you networking opportunities, both with professionals already in the field and with fellow interns. Make friends with the other interns, these relationships can benefit you down the road, but don’t ignore the professionals, they can also help you tremendously. Also, use your internship to explore different facets of the industry. I always branch out in my internships to get a feel of other areas. Sometimes I don’t like what I try, but sometimes I do. This is a pain-free opportunity to find out what you like and what you don’t.
Why should **YOU** do an internship?

- An internship will **stand out** on your resume.
- Add **meaning** to your academic program by using theories and knowledge learned in the classroom to actual work situations.
- Create **connections** with professionals.
- Get hands-on **experience** in a professional setting.
- Develop a better **understanding** of your role and potential contributions to society.

**Past Internship Placements**

- ABC News
- Al Roker Productions
- Budget
- Buffalo Zoo
- CBS News
- Clear Channel Communications
- CNN
- Detroit Zoo
- Dolphin Research Center
- DKNY Jeans
- Entergy Nuclear
- Enterprise
- Eric Mower & Associates
- Everson Museum of Art
- Federal Aviation Administration
- First Investors
- Fox Television
- Geico Insurance
- General Electric
- HarborFestivals
- HBO
- HSBC Arena
- IBM
- IRS
- Jackson Hewitt
- KPMG
- Late Show with David Letterman
- Live with Regis and Kelly
- Madison Square Garden
- Museum of Science & Technology
- National Weather Service
- NBC
- New York Islanders
- New York Yankees
- New York Power Authority
- New York State DEC
- New York State Emergency Mgmt.
- New York State Lottery
- New York State Police
- New York State Senate
- Northwestern Mutual
- Onondaga County Medical Examiner
- Philadelphia Zoo
- Price Waterhouse Coopers
- Prudential Securities
- Reuter’s News Agency
- Rochester Rhinos
- Syracuse Park Zoo
- The View

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**David Widrick**  
**BFA Graphic Design**

**What was the name of the company and location of your internship this summer?**

My Digital Discount at 185 East Seneca Street in Oswego.

**Was this your first experience as an intern or have you had previous experience?**

I had another internship last summer working for Coughlin Printing Group out of Carthage, NY.

**How did your major affect your decision to apply for this internship?**

In the graphic design field there are a lot of “tricks of the trade” that can only be learned from on the job experience. Working closely with clients is another part of the field that isn’t experienced as well in college as it can be in an internship.

**How do you think this internship helped you in ways that a classroom could not?**

I have gained experience working with other designers and communicating as a team to achieve the desired look. Most of my college work is individual projects. For this internship I had to not only design ads that look good, but that also fulfill what the other workers, that make the ad possible, need in the design.

**Can you explain what exactly My Digital Discount is?**

My Digital Discount is an online E-Commerce retailer that specializes in selling products and accessories related to digital cameras, mp3 players, and PDAs.

**How important do you think this internship was to your education?**

I think it validated my education. Up until the internship I had only known graphic design from a classroom environment. Taking an internship that introduced me to graphic design in the business world showed me what it would be like. Luckily, I have enjoyed it as much as I have at college... so I know I have picked the right major.
Ian Mumpton

History Major

What was the name of the company and location of your internship this summer?
The John Woodman Higgins Armory Museum in Worcester, MA.

How did your major affect your decision to apply for this internship?
My major did not affect my decision as much as I chose my major and this internship for the same reason. I live for history and pursue any opportunity to continue my studies in more depth.

How do you think this internship helped you in ways that a classroom could not?
An internship is fundamentally different than a classroom. I was able to take the skills that I have developed in the classroom, and use them in ways that allowed me to tackle assignments from my own angle.

What got you interested in the Higgins Armory Museum?
I attended a lecture last winter by Dr. William Short, who conducts a large amount of programming at the Higgins. After hearing about my interests, he encouraged me to apply and sent a letter of introduction to the curator for me.

What was your favorite part of the Museum, whether it be an exhibit or something you learned?
My favorite part of the museum was the opportunity to further my own personal studies in Western European Martial culture through independent research, martial arts instruction, and the opportunity to work with high quality artifacts.

For your fellow classmates, can you explain some of the benefits of an internship both on a personal level and a professional level?
This was an opportunity like no other that I have ever had. Over the summer, I got to work with an exquisite artifact collection, train in Medieval martial arts at a state of the art research and training center, assist with the coordination of an extremely high profile New England-wide symposium on western martial arts research, and had access to a library of extremely rare texts both ancient and modern in which to pursue my own personal and professional research, all under the guidance of some of the most knowledgeable people in my field.

Jacob Schmiel

Operations Management Major

What was the name of the company and location of your internship this summer?
I had my internship at AngioDynamics in QueensBerry, NY

How did your major affect your decision to apply for this internship?
I dealt with computer system inventory, purchasing and dealt with a lot of data basically, which is part of my major.

What kind of experience did you gain by having this internship?
I got a feel for a real work environment. I got to talk to real experienced professionals in the field.

How do you think this internship helped you in ways that a classroom couldn’t?
The work is a lot different from that in a textbook. I liked the hands on experience where I got to use the things I learned from a textbook. I also got to do a presentation in front of real business professionals, which was a good experience, besides the fact that I did a really good job.

Did the fact that AngioDynamics works with cancer and other illness treatments affect your decision in applying for this internship?
To be honest, no, but it will affect if I take a job with their company. I want to work with a company like AngioDynamics that does good deeds rather then focus on greedy parts of business. It helps that my father also works there.

What kind of things did you learn that were not associated with your business major?
I learned it is very important to have an effective operations manager. When there is one, everything runs a lot more smoothly.

How important do you think this internship was to your education?
It helped me to become 100% sure about my major. I got to see different departments in business and helped solidify my major. It also helped me become more interested in school.

Is there anything else you would like to share either about the internship itself or in a general sense?
I think everyone should experience some sort of internship because it's the real experience that sticks with you.