Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for English 3085?

The course is open to juniors or seniors in any major, preferably with a 2.5 GPA or higher and strong writing and language skills.

What kinds of internships are available?

Interns use their English language skills: writing, editing, textual analysis, research, tutoring in literacy or literature, verbal communication, in professional settings, such as publishing, law, government, cultural institutions, non-profits, business. Most internships are unpaid but carry academic credit. Most are located in center-city Philadelphia or near Temple’s campuses.

What are the requirements?

Students in English 3085 are required to interview for their positions, create and present current resumes and cover letters, post weekly journal entries on Blackboard, take part in online discussions with the instructor and other interns, and submit final papers evaluating the internship experience. The major part of the internship is the work done at the professional site.

How are credits determined?

For three credits, interns work 10 hours a week for 14 weeks or the equivalent (140 hours total). Additional or fewer credits are pro-rated at 47 hours total per credit. The course may be taken for 1-12 credits over several semesters.

How do students find their internships?

Securing an internship is excellent practice for a job search after graduation. After an initial interview with Professor Robison to assess their interests and options, students apply to appropriate sites, interview with interested employers, and arrange work schedules with the workplace supervisor when an internship is offered.

How are interns registered for the course?

Students cannot register themselves for English 3085. In order to be registered, a student who has been accepted as an intern should email Professor Robison, prob@temple.edu.