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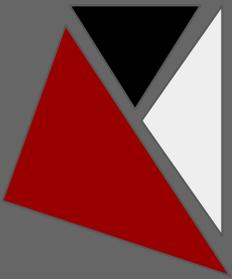
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WOU Community Internship Program (CiP)

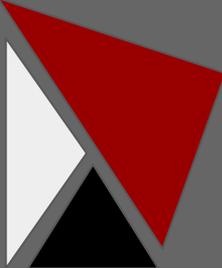


Mission:

To provide access to academically and career relevant paid on-campus internship opportunities for Western students. By developing partnerships across campus, WOU students are able to gain invaluable internship experiences that facilitate professional development and integration of classroom knowledge.



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WOU CiP History

Started in Spring 2014

105 interns

35+ departments

Internship focus area examples:

- Graphic design
- Outreach
- Policy
- Research
- Writing

Last Year (2016/2017)	This Year (2017/2018)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ 22 interns→ 16 departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ 2-term internships→ 14 internship positions→ 13 departments



WOU CiP Assistant Coordinator

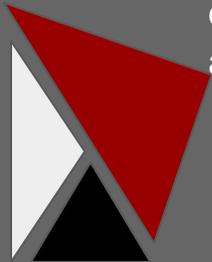
Role:

Work with WOU students and connect them with accessible academic and career relevant paid internships.

- As part of the application process and throughout their internship
 - ◆ Students have the opportunity to be interviewed as a part of the application procedure
 - ◆ Provide them resources/tips on how to expand their resume/cover letters.
 - ◆ Support system during internship

For students, WOU CiP seeks to:

- Increase employability and marketable skills
- Provide opportunities that integrate academic knowledge into real-world career application
- Provide opportunities for students - especially first-generation and/or low-income students - that would not otherwise be able to work in unpaid positions for career related experience due to financial restraints and access



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Experience

Growth as an Individual

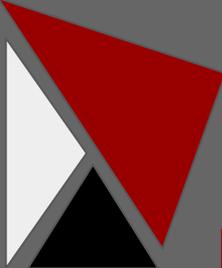
- How to work with other individuals with different working skills/personalities.

Time Commitment

Connections/Relationships Built

- Student connections & Departments





Professional Growth

→ Self representation

- ◆ Attire & Communication



→ Department/Environment

- ◆ Varies from place to place but still maintaining basic professional manners

→ Leadership

- ◆ Take away how being professional can improve leadership skills



Take Away

For Career/Major: Communication

→ Communication Skills Improved = Key to success

Future Careers:

- **Youth Worker:** Guidance Counselor, Youth Programs
- **Special Event Coordinator:** Volunteer/Community Programs



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Questions?

Thank you!