

**MA Program in Political Science – United Nations and Global Policy Studies
(UNMA): Internships and Research Opportunities**

***Course 16:790:517 Research Internship in United Nations
and Global Policy Studies***

Internships add an important component to a student's dossier when s/he apply for a career position after receiving the MA degree. They also provide an opportunity to gain hands-on experience and to make an important contribution to society. To date, more than 15 UNMA students have completed internships at the following sites: United Nations Development Fund for Women (UN-IFEM), United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), nine country missions at the United Nations, the International Rescue Committee, the International Crisis Group, the Palestine Children's Relief Fund, International Youth Leaders Assembly Global Summit (IYLA), Social Good Summit, Global Citizens, Young Professionals Programme, Rutgers Internship and Co-op Program (RICP), Center for European Studies, Rutgers University, and the African/Asian Development Bank (ABD) Young Professionals Program. Currently, the UNMA is working to expand its internship program to offer summer internships in Europe. To date the UNMA has achieved a 100% placement of students who have requested internships.

To obtain an internship, students are advised to contact the desired organization or agency in question and discuss available internship opportunities and terms. Students can contact the UNMA Director of Internship Programs who is available to advise them and advocate for a potential internship on their behalf. Students are also encouraged to utilize resources available via Rutgers Career Services: <http://careers.rutgers.edu>.

Research Opportunities

Because Rutgers is a major research university, the UNMA provides its students with multiple opportunities to conduct research and obtain compensation for doing it. The UNMA faculty and the Department of Political Science generally are actively engaged in a wide variety of research projects. The UNMA has been able to obtain research position for many of its students, e.g., as part of its ongoing youth project, Networks of Empowerment: Identity, Recruitment and Combating Extremism in the 21st Century.” Research positions are also available in other departments and partners with which the UNMA is partnership in its curriculum.