

UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The 14 week Internship Programme has been designed specifically to combine in-class learning with practical experience through a six week internship within either a political institution or a non-governmental organisation (NGO). The programme is part of a student exchange arrangement and does not incur additional tuition fees at Swansea University.

PROGRAMME FORMAT:

14 weeks of study comprised of:

- Introduction to British and European Politics (8 hours/week)
3 week teaching block plus reading week
- Internship with political institution or NGO (120 hours in total)
6 week internship
- Policy-making in British and European Context (8 hours/week)
3 week teaching block plus reading week

INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT OPTIONS (subject to change):

1. **The National Assembly for Wales** – a devolved parliament based in Cardiff with the power to enact laws for Wales (www.assembly.wales). Students will work alongside an Assembly Member and witness first-hand how legislation is made and how it impacts on constituencies. Students' activities range from research support, assisting writing policy briefs or reports, writing press releases or contributing to speeches and parliamentary questions.



2. **Swansea City of Sanctuary** – an NGO that provides support for refugees and asylum seekers under the umbrella of Displaced People in Action (<https://swansea.cityofsanctuary.org>). Students will gain an in-depth knowledge of the policy and context of the asylum system, refugee process and experiences. Tasks and activities include helping to plan events that aim at influencing policy makers, liaising with voluntary and non-profit organisations, assisting in project management and working with groups that are affected by current policies.
3. **House of Commons** – the directly elected chamber of Parliament based in London (www.parliament.uk). Students will work alongside a Member of Parliament and gain an insight into the multilevel dimension of policy-making and representation of constituency interests. Students' activities range from research support, assisting writing policy briefs or reports, writing press releases or contributing to speeches and parliamentary questions.



WHY STUDY AT SWANSEA UNIVERSITY?

With more than 16,000 students from over 120 countries, Swansea University is large enough to offer a wide choice of academic and social activities, yet small enough to ensure a close and welcoming community. For the Internship Programme, you will be studying on the Singleton Park Campus which was established in 1920 and is located in parkland on the seafront. It is home to the University's Sports Village, gallery, museum and theatre, as well as numerous shops, cafés and bars.

My experience at Swansea University can best be described as authentic, intimate, and meaningful. The city of Swansea has the perfect size for offering all amenities of a traditional UK city but also the opportunity to meet native students of Wales and the UK. The classes I took were a wonderful change from the ones I traditionally take back at the UT at Austin. The small class environment offered a great deal of discussion and the interconnected dialogue with my lecturer and classmates was truly rewarding. The classes connected very well with my internship and helped contextualize my practical work. My internship with MP Carolyn Harris provided me an inside look into

the operations of an elected official who is a genuine representative of those who elected her. This experience has reiterated the importance of seeing all perspectives to matters regarding political decisions, legal matters and policy formation and in regards to my personal career ambitions has strengthened my desire to work for an elected official or governmental department in the future.

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WHERE IS SWANSEA?

Swansea (pop. 250,000) is located in Wales, one of the four regions that make up the United Kingdom (together with England, Scotland and Northern Ireland).

The University is located just 2 miles from the city centre on Swansea Bay, a stunning 5 mile stretch of beach on the edge of the Gower Peninsula which is home to some of the world's best beaches. Swansea is a cosmopolitan waterfront city with a vibrant cultural scene, exciting night life and stunning coastal scenery. On its doorstep are ancient castles, museums and national parks with countless opportunities for hiking, water sports and outdoor pursuits.

Swansea is located just 3 hours from London and 1 hour from Cardiff. It has excellent national and international air, rail and bus links, with direct flights to Edinburgh, Dublin, Paris, Amsterdam, Munich, Milan and Barcelona from nearby Cardiff airport.

All of which make Swansea an ideal base for exploring the UK and Europe, and the ideal place for your study abroad experience!



HOW TO APPLY

APPLY BY 1 OCTOBER 2018

For guidance on the application process, please contact your Study Abroad office.

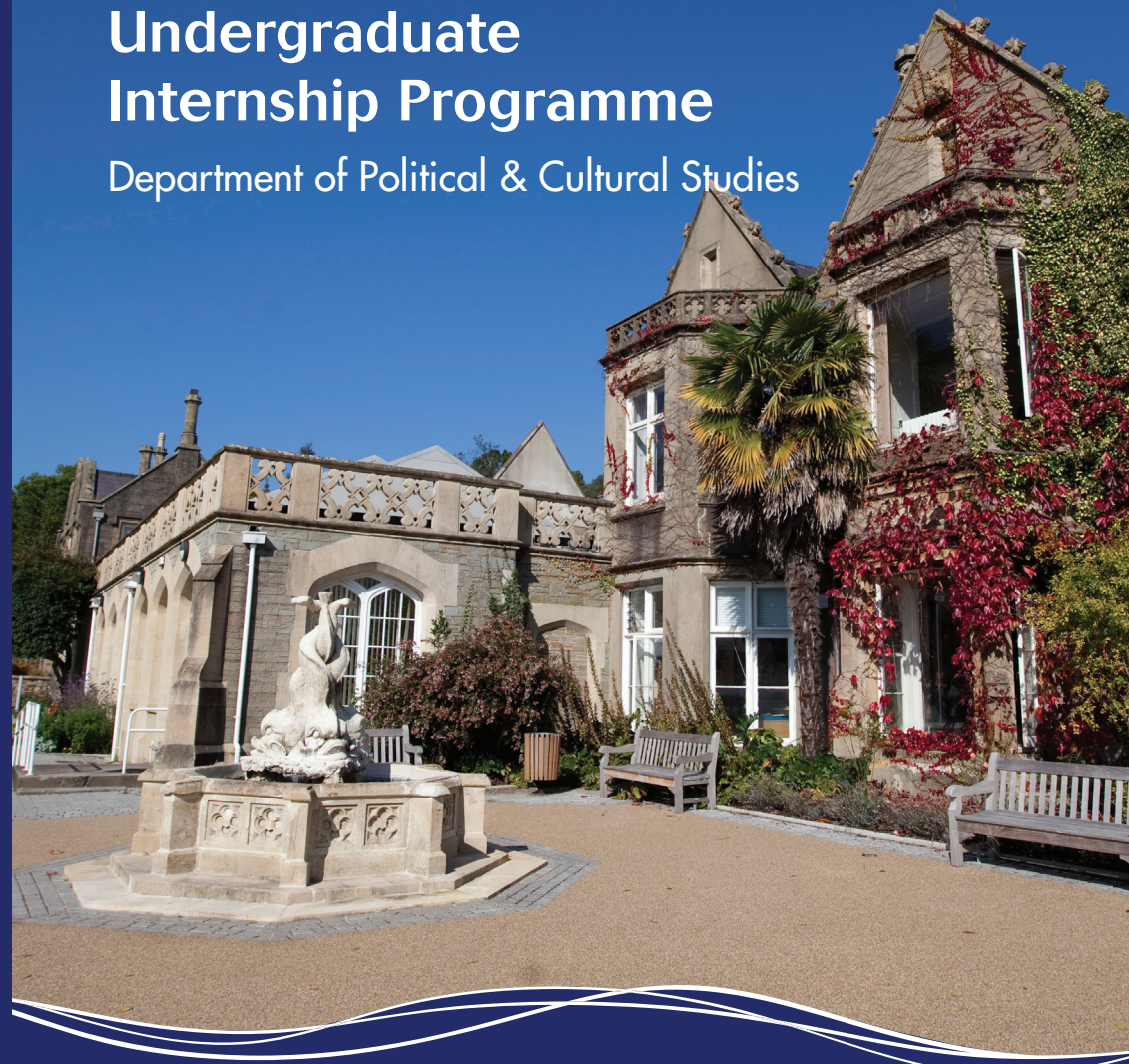
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