

The Knight News Internship Positions (for course credit in English or Media Studies)

An internship with *The Knight News* will offer an opportunity to work in a professional environment, developing knowledge and experience about the editorial and institutional practices involved with the publication of a newspaper—in this case, one that publishes twice monthly as well as publishing breaking stories online in the interim. This fall, *The Knight News* will offer Reporter Internships, Social Media Internships, and Video and Audio Journalism Internships. All interns will be expected to meet deadlines and work with a team of editors and staff writers to develop their reporting skills.

All students completing internships for credit will post bi-weekly reflections on their work to a shared blog and assemble a portfolio of their work with a prefatory essay before the end of the semester. Reporter Interns will write six articles during the semester; Social Media Interns will produce and post weekly content. Video and Audio Journalism will develop story and social media ideas in coordination with the Editor-in-Chief and Faculty Advisor (and have the opportunity to write for the paper). All interns are required to participate in six workshops during the semester—held every three weeks on Mondays or Wednesdays (including an orientation before the semester begins). Interns will also be required to attend The Knight News Visiting Journalists Series.

Note: Interns may receive course credit (3.0 credits) in English or Media Studies (no matter what their majors). Students may seek credit within other majors by contacting the Department Chairs or Internship Coordinators in relevant departments.

Learning Goals

Upon completion of a semester program, all interns will have learned the following:

- To report confidently on campus, local, national, or international news in an accurate and concise manner.
- To develop familiarity—and expertise—with the practices of a professional news environment, or newsroom.
- To work in collaboration with editors and copyeditors, developing familiarity with norms and conventions common to journalism across subgenres, beats, and mediums.

Reporter Internship

Reporting interns will be responsible for producing content for a specific journalistic beat, developing the skills and relationships particular to that beat (e.g., national news, QC news,

social justice, sports, culture, entertainment). Students enrolling will be required to write a minimum of 6 articles per semester—at least 4 of these within their assigned beat.

Learning Goals and Duties

- To gain a critical awareness with assigned readings on the concept of journalistic beats and the experience of seasoned journalists who write about their beats.
- To conduct research on assigned beats, including reflection pieces written by journalists who work that beat and contextual materials important to it.
- To develop relationships with members of the college community whose experience and expertise particular to the assigned beat.
- To work closely with staff editors of the development and revision of articles.
- To produce and publish at least six articles during the semester.

Social Media Internship

Students chosen for this internship will be responsible for coordinating outreach and promotion on behalf of *The Knight News*—curating social media initiatives to keep the community informed and posting regularly on Instagram, Twitter, Tik Tok, Facebook, and YouTube. Students interested in the social media internship must be comfortable on camera and/or recruiting other students to appear on camera. Social media interns will post weekly on multiple platforms. Students interested in this internship must demonstrate these capabilities in their applications.

Learning Goals and Duties

- To develop expertise in social media practices that expand the paper's audience and encourage community engagement.
- To generate content about the paper and its staff.
- To generate relevant content about the campus community.
- To generate information content about QC and CUNY.
- To collaborate with the editorial staff on all of the above.

Video and Audio Journalism Internship

Digital content creation interns will work on video production and audio production. They will work closely with the Editor-in-Chief and faculty advisor to expand the digital reach of the paper. Depending on the skills and experience of the interns, they might produce social media content, video journalism, or podcasts. They will also have the opportunity to write articles if

they're interested. Applicants must be skilled in one of the mediums listed above and demonstrate this through their applications—including links to work already produced.

Learning Goals and Duties

- To practice the conventions of digital storytelling particular to various media.
- To develop critical awareness with assigned readings on digital literacy and digital content creation.
- To gain expertise and agility with software and platforms particular to audio production, video production, web development, and/or graphic design.
- To produce at least three digital projects published by *The Knight News*.