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Information Guide
Internships and Internship Module (EM 7437 NGOs Theory and Practice (Internship Module)
International Peace Studies
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The internship service was introduced to the MPhil in International Peace Studies in 2011 and has proved a huge success. For example:

Nathalie De Hertog

Through the International Peace Studies course I had the opportunity to opt for the internship module, whereby I applied for an internship at the United Nations (UN Information Service). The Information Service is part of the UN Secretariat and acts as the voice of the entire UN Office at Geneva. Through the International Peace Studies course I had already developed a great extent of background knowledge regarding sustainable peace, the Sustainable Development Goals and the Agenda 2030, which I could apply to the internship and facilitated my learning time at the UN. Additionally, another aspect of the internship which I find interesting is the daily contact we have through our department with people from different UN agencies. It is our responsibility to set-up information programmes, whereby the main goal is to inform universities on the general activities of the UN Offices in Geneva. Hence, we get the opportunity to contact different speakers from diverging UN agencies or programmes based in Geneva. Another responsibility is the contribution to and coordination of several communication activities for different events our department



organises, such as the Ciné-ONU.

Heidi Riley

(Heidi did her undergraduate degree in lighting and theatre Production, Glasgow)

'I thoroughly enjoyed my internship at Front Line Defenders arranged by International Peace Studies, during my MPhil. Front Line is a fantastic organization that does vital work for the security and protection of Human Rights Defenders. Apart from this it is a very welcoming office with brilliant staff I have particularly enjoyed it because I was not treated just as an intern but as a member of staff. All the projects I have worked on while being there have been very interesting and I was never expected to carry out menial tasks often associated with internships'.



Paul Musiol,

(Paul did his undergraduate degree in Philosophy and Political Science, Trinity College Dublin)

'With the help of the ISE, I undertook an internship in a non-governmental organisation working in multilateral disarmament in Geneva while I was writing my dissertation. This was an almost immeasurably worthwhile experience, and one which I wouldn't have had a chance to do were it not for this course. That internship led me on to more NGO work in Geneva and eventually to my...role, in the Middle East Unit of the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. In all my professional roles so far, the grounding I gained from this course has been a huge help, and I'd strongly recommend it for anyone who wants to better understand and engage with some of the most critical issues in the world today'

Period of internships (most internships are part-time)

Assessed Internships: [April to June](#), or [June to September](#) for assessed internship (lectures and seminars end in 1st week of April usually). The dissertation is due in mid-late August and students who take an internship over the summer must be prepared to work on their dissertation also and submit in time.

Non-assessed Internships: [September to December](#) (after submission of dissertation) for non-assessed internships



Assessment Procedures

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The internship module is assessed by attending one two-hour seminar, usually in late March, or early April and by undertaking the internship satisfactorily, by submitting a report by an agreed deadline. The report is a log/diary of the internship work and an evaluation of how the internship related to academic modules in the IPS programme, as well as personal reflections about the internship. The internship module is assessed on a Pass/Fail basis.

List of NGOs and IOs that provided our students with internships in 2018

NB: this list may change each year



United Nations Office, Geneva, Press and External Relations, Information Office

http://www.unog.ch/unog/website/news_media.nsf

The Information Service is the voice of the United Nations Office at Geneva. As such, it informs Switzerland and the world about Geneva's unique role in international relations and disseminates information on the Geneva-based activities of the United Nations relating to human rights, humanitarian affairs, peace and security/disarmament, as well as environmental protection and economic and social development.

NB: French language required

Frontline Defenders, Dublin

<http://www.frontlinedefenders.org/>

Front Line was founded in Dublin in 2001 with the specific aim of protecting human rights defenders at risk, people who work, non-violently, for any or all of the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). Front Line aims to address the protection needs identified by defenders themselves.

NB: 2nd language required.

The Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME), Brussels

<http://www.politis-europe.uni-oldenburg.de/9826.html>

The Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME) is an ecumenical agency on migration and integration, refugees and asylum and anti-racism and anti-discrimination of Protestant and Orthodox churches and church-related agencies. CCME also cooperates formally with the Conference of European Churches (CEC) and the World Council of Churches which have member churches in all European countries. Interns have found this excellent placement, allowing them to attend many EU conferences and meet insightful staff at all levels.

CFOR, London

<http://www.cfor.info/>

CFOR provides facilitation and training to resolve conflicts, prevent violence and support multicultural societies. We work with teams, organisations, conferences, think-tanks, community forums, and long-term projects of post-war recovery. Forums run from 3 hours to 5 days or a series over years. We also provide team building or alternative dispute resolution facilitation and training within organisations, have an annual modular 'facilitation for leaders' programme, and publish.

NB: EU citizens only.

Peacedirect London

www.peacedirect.org

Peacedirect is an international charity dedicated to supporting local peacebuilding:

'In the world's most fragile countries, we seek out local peacebuilders who are making a real difference – building peace from the grassroots up, preventing conflict in the places where it starts – locally. They are disarming rebels, resettling refugees, healing communities, reviving economies. They work at great personal risk on crucial problems like child soldiers, women and conflict, youth and peace, political violence. They are the key to preventing conflicts and creating a lasting peace' (www.peacedirect.org/) **NB: EU citizens only.**

Global Action Plan, Dublin

<http://globalactionplan.ie/>

Global Action Plan (GAP) Ireland is a different kind of environmental organisation leading a sustainability action plan with the aim of creating sustainable communities across Ireland. GAP focus on people and how they can take practical action in their everyday lives for a more sustainable world. Global Action Plan is part of GAP International – a global network of organisations in over 27 countries, that facilitate behaviour change to promote environmental sustainability. By focusing on environmental behaviour change, GAP programmes empower individuals to change their long-term consumption habits with sustainable living tools and programmes.

UNICEF Dublin

UNICEF is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.

Plan International Dublin

<https://www.plan.ie/>

Established in 2003, Plan International Ireland is a child-centred community development organisation, part of Plan International which itself was founded over 80

years ago. We are an independent organisation with no religious, political or governmental affiliations.

Korean Sharing Movement (KSM), Seoul

<http://ksm.or.kr/?charity-project=aboutksm>

KSM was founded on June 21st, 1996 when severe food shortages in the DPRK became known to the global community and the North Korean government appealed to the outside world for assistance. KSM began as a national movement which was founded with participation from six major religious orders, including Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Buddhist organizations, along with several major civic groups in South Korea.

From its early role of providing disaster relief aid, KSM expanded its mission to structurally improving the DPRK's humanitarian situation by focusing on development projects in the fields of agriculture and public health, etc. In addition to providing humanitarian assistance, we also promote inter-Korean exchanges and cooperative projects to enhance mutual understanding between the two Koreas.

Through those activities, KSM strives to rise above animosity and conflict, and establish peace and reconciliation in the Korean Peninsula.

Please note the following important points

- Internships are un-paid
- Students have to pay for all expenses – e.g. flight, accommodation, insurance and vaccination costs themselves.
- Students must arrange their own visas and we do not advise on visa requirements.
- Students may not be covered by Trinity/ISE insurance, so must ensure that they are insured.
- Students will be required to submit their dissertation by the August deadline
- Students are responsible for managing their workload: internships will not be grounds for extensions.
- Students must undertake to behave responsibly.

Allocation of Placements

NB: If you are not definitely taking an internship with one of our organisations, please do not apply for internship. For example, please do not apply for other internships too and then turn down the internship we have offered. It can cause bad feeling with the

NGO and may mean they will not take our students in subsequent years. In other words, please commit to the internship if you apply for it.

Usually, there are 10-14 places per year, with most NGOs/UN offering two slots. However, places cannot be guaranteed, for example if funding for an NGO or IO is cut, they may not have any suitable projects for intern.

Internships are allocated on a first come first serve basis. Students will be asked to email a staff member (to be announced) on a designated day in September, after term starts, specifying where they want to work-Dublin, London, Geneva, or Brussels. The first 14 emails will be allocated internships. Students must be flexible about whether they take an internship in April to June, or June to September.