

USF Psychology Undergraduate Internships (2025/2026)

- Internships can help students apply their scholarly knowledge in the real world
- Completing an internship successfully is associated with better employment opportunities upon graduation with a B.A. in psychology and better success with graduate school acceptance for applied-oriented graduate programs
- Internships can be completed for credit or not for credit, and they can be paid or unpaid

Internship options in the USF Psychology Department:

CLP 4941: Community Practicum in Mental Health (3 credits): For Fall and Spring, Face-to-face 1 hour class on Tampa campus; For Summer C--Approximately 1-hour pre-recorded class virtual and asynchronous

- Students are assigned an internship based on their interests (examples include Gracepoint, ACTS, Metropolitan Ministries, etc.) and students are expected to accrue 100 hours at their internship
- Currently, internships are available both virtually and face-to-face
- Students complete 8 hours/week in Fall and Spring or 12 hours/week in Summer C at their internship and supervision is conducted on-site/virtual
- For the face-to-face class in Fall and Spring, there is a 1-hour class on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00pm. Pre-recorded substitute lectures are available for those who cannot attend the weekly class. For Summer, the class lectures are pre-recorded and asynchronous. For all semesters, readings and assignments are available via Canvas.
- The course is graded from A to F, with A's being very achievable
- For the Summer of 2025, this course is a **High Impact Practice (HIP)** course within the USF Enhanced General Education guidelines. Beginning in the Fall of 2025, this course will only count as HIP for students who are using the 2024/2025 catalog or earlier.
- To request a permit, please send your U-number and when you plan to graduate to Dr. Vicky Phares and also please have a professor, graduate student, advisor or other professional (such as a supervisor from work, even if not psychology-related) confirm the following statement: "I support _____'s request to be assigned to an internship at a community social service agency" via e-mail to Dr. Vicky Phares: phares@usf.edu

IDS 4942: Community Internship (Credits vary from 1 to 4); Fall, Spring, and Summer C

- Students secure their own internship (from a pre-approved list or after having a new internship approved by the undergraduate internship coordinator). **Not qualified for High Impact Practice.**
- Credits and hours at internship are as follows:
 - 1 credit (45 total hours: 3 hours/week in Fall and Spring; 4 ½ hours/week in Summer C)
 - 2 credits (60 total hours: 4 hours/week in Fall and Spring; 6 hours/week in Summer C)
 - 3 credits (120 total hours: 8 hours/week in Fall and Spring; 12 hours/week in Summer C)
 - 4 credits (165 total hours: 11 hours/week in Fall and Spring; 16 ½ hours/week in Summer C)
 - Weekly hours are just a suggestion—It's the total hours that count
- There are no class meetings, readings, or assignments—Students just complete their hours and learn from their supervisors
- The course is offered on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis
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Please note that no more than 3 hours of CLP 4941 Community Practicum, IDS 4942 Community Internship, PSY 4913 Directed Study, or PSY 4970 Honors Thesis (combined) can count toward the major. Additional internship credits will count as general elective credits toward the 120 hours required for the degree. CLP 4941 can be repeated for a maximum of 9 credit hours. IDS 4942 can be repeated for a maximum of 8 credit hours. 3 hours of CLP 4941 or IDS 4942 can count toward the minor.

Interested in an internship?

Please check out more information at this link:

<https://www.usf.edu/arts-sciences/departments/psychology/undergraduate/additional-course-info.aspx>
and then please contact Dr. Vicky Phares with the requested information: phares@usf.edu