2021 Internship Program
Political Science Offerings

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Internship Projects

At the Society Library, students will work on various case studies and projects related to complex political decision-making. We want students walking away from this internship with a greater appreciation for this kind of complexity, and with a set of research techniques that will make them more open-minded, intellectually humble, and able to be more informed in their sense-making.

Media Primer (Internship Intro)

As an introduction to the internship, students will learn about networked propaganda, mis/dis/mal-information, and issues with political sense-making on the internet. Students will also be taught techniques which will enable them to logically deconstruct almost any form of media for analysis.

Logically Deconstructing Legislation

At the Society Library, we’re interested in making decisions more informed, inclusive, logical, and unbiased. Decisions made by way of legislation are some of the most powerful decisions made in the country, yet legislation rarely comes with sources cited. Students will learn how to logically deconstruct pieces of legislation, and understand the time-consuming work that goes into producing evidence-based legislation.

Logical Decision-Making Models

Representatives are elected by their constituents in order to make decisions on their behalf. However, every human being is subject to hundreds of cognitive biases, logical fallacies, and limiting heuristics which interrupt the ability to make informed, logical, inclusive decisions. Political decisions can also be very complex, with multiple stakeholders’ interests involved.

In this program, students will learn how to source information from various stakeholders and deconstruct the reasoning of the stakeholders in order to make a decision-making protocol that can lead to a more informed, inclusive, and logical decision. Students will learn a lifelong skills in reasoning and research through this hands-on case study.

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Benefits

- Perform as part of a remote/distributed work group
- Gain experience in high demand disciplines and knowledge areas
- Build your CV and professional network by working on real world projects

Position

- Internship is part time / unpaid
- Regular virtual meetings required
- Contact your University/College to pursue this as a for-credit opportunity.

Requirements

- Must have access to a computer and internet access regularly
- Must be willing to learn new things and perform meticulous analysis

We would love to interview you for this position!

Thank you for your interest.

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