

Resolution 012
A Resolution to Increase Students Ability to Receive Internship Credit
Sponsored by: Senator Schlee
Co-Sponsored by: Senator Besendorfer, Senator Lucardi, Senator Ahearn,
Senator Zentz, Senator Marsden, and Senator Sijgers

Whereas,

The Catholic University of America offers courses in which students can enroll and receive credit for engaging in an outside internship with an organization, business, or other entity.

Whereas,

there is a set of criteria created by each department that a student must meet in order to be eligible for enrollment in these courses which include but are not limited to a minimum GPA, minimum work hours, required forms, and employer agreements.

Whereas,

Many students meet all of the academic requirements for enrolling in a for-credit internship course, but are not allowed to enroll only because they are not an “upper division” student.

Whereas,

some students wish to enroll in for-credit internship courses prior to their upper division courses so they are not dividing internship responsibilities with coursework in these upper division courses.

Whereas,

many upper division students experience schedule limits later in their time at Catholic, meaning they are unable to set a course schedule that would allow for a for-credit internship, unlike lower division students that are easily able to align their course schedules for an internship.

Whereas,

many students take advantage of internship opportunities before their departments’ preferred grade level prerequisite regardless of their inability to receive academic credit for their internship.

Whereas,

many departments in The School of Arts and Sciences do not publish or have not updated the current requirements for enrolling in for-credit internship courses, causing confusion and difficulties for their students.

Be it enacted that,

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby requests

1. That each department within The School of Arts and Sciences reevaluate and reassess their current policies regarding for-credit internship courses to ensure they are up to date.

2. That each department within the School of Arts and Sciences clearly publish and update on their website all requirements for receiving or enrolling in a for-credit internship course in their major, including but not limited to: GPA requirements, all prerequisite courses, minimum number of work hours, along with any other requirements specific to their major.
3. That if a student has a Sophomore standing or higher, one's grade level is not a prerequisite for enrolling in any existing for-credit internship courses within the Humanities Departments in the School of Arts in Sciences

Agreed to by a vote of _____ yeas to _____ nays on this date: _____ with _____ abstaining and _____ not present.

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