



Worldwide Internship Program (WIP) FAQ

What are the benefits of WIP?

WIP allows you to remain continuously enrolled at UW-Madison during your internship. Enrollment gives you access to scholarships, UW-Madison's international health insurance and additional campus resources (ex: IAP's 24/7 emergency support, your @wisc.edu email address, spot for course registration). The WIP course (International Studies (IS) 523 or International Business (IB) 365) may fulfill certain degree requirements as well.

What are the eligibility requirements for WIP?

To be eligible for credit, an internship must:

- Be at least 4 weeks long in the host country
- Have a supervisor and emergency contact
- Have learning goals relevant to your academic/career interests

To be eligible for WIP, a student must:

- Be an enrolled UW-Madison undergraduate student
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Have good academic & disciplinary standing at the time of application and participation

I don't have an internship offer yet. Can I still apply for credit and scholarships?

YES! IIP can't extend scholarship deadlines and needs time to process your application. You can always withdraw your application if the internship doesn't work out.

What degree requirements do the IS 523/IB 365 courses cover?

This depends on your major/certificate. In some cases, these courses can fulfill specific or general degree requirements. The courses will be on your transcript and count towards your GPA. Talk to IIP and your academic advisor!

Can I graduate abroad?

Enrolled students can graduate abroad with prior approval from their academic departments. Like other study abroad programs IS 523 and IB 365 count as UW in-residence credits.

Can I take another internship course (ex: Inter L&S 260, Gen Bus 450/451) for my internship abroad?

In most cases no. These courses are designed for internships in the US and don't have the international health insurance/working abroad component built into them. Always check with IIP and your academic advisor!

What is the course content of IS 523/IB 365?

Both courses focus on internship reflection and working in a cross-cultural setting abroad. There are weekly reading assignments, field notes and discussion, professional development activities and a final project. The courses are online, 8-10 weeks long and completed during the internship. The workload is comparable to a 1 or 3 credit course on campus.

How does directed/independent study work?

In addition to the 1 or 3 credit IS 523 or IB 365 course, you can add 1 - 3 credits of a directed/independent study. You must set up this course with a UW-Madison faculty member on your own. **Please don't enroll in Student Center.** Simply submit the relevant form to IAP and they will process the directed/independent study.

What do IIP and IAP do for WIP students?

IIP staff help the student identify internship opportunities, advise students on a variety of questions surrounding internships abroad (ex: visas, housing and application procedures) and are in close contact with the student and internship supervisor before, during and after the internship via email, phone and Skype check-ins. IAP handles course processing, international health insurance, billing and 24/7 emergency support.