The practicum experiences in the Department of Student Life are designed to acquaint the intern with a particular philosophy, method of operation and the historical development of Student Life at the University of Vermont. There are opportunities to be exposed to the many aspects of Student Life, from the Director's position to Orientation and Parent Relations Programs to Greek Affairs to Campus Center Management and campus programs to Community Service to Leadership Programs to Outdoor Programs. Relationships with other University departments and the broader communities will also be examined.

The intern will be expected to become an integral part of the department and will be responsible for input into the various decisions and operational matters. In addition to the general duties, the intern is expected to participate in projects that are connected to that particular semester's needs. There are multiple practicum opportunities within the Department of Student Life.

The intern will have the opportunity to work with the Director of Student Life and the Davis Center to observe the workings of the department and the relationships between the department, the campus, and the local community. Areas of specific endeavors include advising of Student Government Association, managing the Davis Center, researching UVM students, coordinating major campus programs, financial planning, university politics and the process of institutional change, and staff supervision. The intern should fully engaged in both the operations of the department as well as in an area of personal interest.