



Arts in Action Internship Program

Academic Program Info Packet

Spring 2023

The College of Arts & Sciences at UVM is offering a semester-long socially engaged experience in New York City with a focus on art, community and activism.

Students will spend a semester in New York exploring and gaining first hand know of the art world and arts in community. Students of all majors are invited to participate in the program and it is a great fit for studio art, art history, art education and any student that is interested in the social role and educational of art in the world. Internships are a vital piece of a liberal arts education and the College of Arts and Sciences is committed to providing their students with a diverse range of experiential learning opportunities.

Program Components:

The fall prep course: 1 credit (AS-096)

The semester before heading to New York, students will enroll in a 1 credit hybrid (online and in person) course that will help structure their internship application process and help them get to know their classmates! Students will meet in person several times during the semester, but most of the written work will be completed with Mildred and submitted through Blackboard.

The Internship: 9 credits (AS-190)

Students will work 3-4 days per week at their internship so that they are on the job enough to do real meaningful work and feel like part of the team. Interns will work at various community arts and social justice arts organizations in New York City.

Students will gain first-hand exposure to the workings of arts institutions and various aspects of the arts. They will gain knowledge of the diverse communities of New York and how communities access art through these institutions as well as gaining a sense of how art and artists function in the world. What are the different audiences? How do artists get their work out? What resources are available to artists and arts institutions? What is their role in the city? What happens in an artists' studio?

Professional Practices: 3 credits (AS-096)

Interns will meet every Thursday to begin to develop their professional identity and understand how to navigate the workplace as they get a feel for their career path in the arts. In small groups, interns will interact with peers, identify and leverage their strengths and share their internship experiences. Throughout the program, interns will build a portfolio that showcases what they've learned and documents their professional journey.

The Academic Course: 3 credits (AS-196)

Arts and Activism

Students will enroll in one academic online course taught by Mildred Beltre, a professor in the Art & Art History Department, focused on community arts methods, the history of community activism through art and place their internship in the thematic and political framework of the city.

The seminar style course will look at art and activism in New York City in both a historical and contemporary context. Looking at various New York-based movements, artists and Collectives such as Act Up, The Guerilla Girls, Brooklyn Hi Art Machine, John Ahearn and Rigoberto Torres and others. They will also explore what it means to work in the field of arts activism by visiting museum, arts institutions. Students will complete an independent project centered around their Arts and Activism.

Academic Credit Policies:

UVM students will receive 16 credits in total for this semester-long program – 1 credit during fall and 15 credits during spring.

1. **9 credits** will be counted as elective internship credit under course number AS-190.

These credits count as electives, and DO count toward graduation. However, you can only count a maximum of 12 internship credits toward graduation as per CAS internship policy. So if you have already done an internship for credit, some of the credits you earn will not count toward your total 120 required hours. Check with your advisor if you have questions. Sophia Trigg, Internship Program Director, can also help, strigg@uvm.edu

In some cases, a portion of these internship credits may count toward your major or minor. Department Chair approval required.

2. **6 credits** will be academic credit under course numbers AS-196 and AS-096. These credits are for the academic course and professional development work you will do

while in NYC and will be taught by Professor Beltre. You may apply these credits toward your major with department permission.

You will need to apply to have these credits counted toward your major. Keep in mind that your request may not be granted if the content of the course does not align with what your department considers credit worthy. If the credit is not counted toward your major, it will count as elective credit.

1 credit will also be academic credit under course number AS-096 during fall for the prep and internship matching work you do before you go to NYC.

Payment of tuition:

Refund of tuition follows the UVM tuition refund schedule. For disciplinary reasons, a student may be sent home at his/her own expense, without any refund, at the discretion of the Faculty Director. You are strongly advised to purchase travel insurance on your return ticket in the event of cancellation for any reason.

If UVM cancels the course due to insufficient enrollment or for any other reason, you will receive a full refund of course-related tuition and fees.

Any questions?

Contact CAS Internship Program Director Sophia Trigg at Sophia.Trigg@uvm.edu or 802-656-1212