The Political Science Department offers internships with federal, state and local public agencies, as well as with non-government organizations (NGOs) that address community development and global issues such as diplomacy, adequate housing, fair wages, and migrant education. Political Science majors can currently take up to 9 units of internships and/or independent study toward graduation requirements. Internships are graded credit/no credit. Each 3 unit internship requires students to work 120 hours over the course of the semester at their agency and to write a 10 page journal on their experience.

Participating in an internship program has many advantages. Many interns find their experience provides guidance for future educational choices, helps hone valuable skills, and may provide an entree to a permanent job in your area of interest. In the more traditional academic sense, internships provide an exciting and unique method of gaining substantive knowledge. Another great advantage is that you and your site supervisor determine your work schedule, which gives you some flexibility in building your class schedule.

You must be a junior or senior in *good standing* and receive a recommendation from a CSUSM Political Science Professor.

Internships are generally unpaid but provide useful experience that may give you a competitive edge for graduate school or in your career search. If you are interested in discussing internships further, please feel free to contact the Department Internship Coordinator, Dr. Chavez Metoyer cmetoyer@csusm.edu **to arrange a meeting.**