GEORGIA LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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Program Overview

- The Georgia Legislative Intern Program was started in the 1970's by then Lt. Governor Zell Miller.
- Over 50 students from Georgia colleges and universities participate in the program each year and receive first-hand legislative experience.
- The legislative session starts on the 2nd Monday in January and typically runs through the end of March (sessions are 40 calendar days).

Tasks and Duties

- Once students are selected for the internship, they are assigned to offices in the Georgia House of Representatives or the Georgia Senate.

- Each intern will serve a unique purpose in the process and have a multitude of different tasks to perform each day that may include;
  - legislative tracking
  - constituent services
  - media assistance
  - attendance at committee meetings
  - writing bill summaries and so much more

Qualifications

- Applicants must be a junior or senior in a college or university in the State of Georgia as of January 2025
  - Applicants must NOT have graduated prior to the beginning of the legislative session
- Program is open to ALL majors
- Student must receive school credit from your college or university
  - Students are advised NOT to take any additional classes while serving as an intern
- This is a **FULL TIME** internship
  - Work hours are generally 8:00am - 5:00pm; however, office hours can fluctuate on a daily basis

Application Process

- With the help of Georgia State University, interested applicants will submit their completed applications for consideration
- All applicants will interview with House and Senate staff to determine if the applicant will be considered for the program
- If selected, applicants will be interviewed again to determine placement

Application Process Continued

- Application and reference forms can be found at the website for the Georgia Legislative Internship Program (https://www.legis.ga.gov/intern-program)
  - Unofficial, electronic transcripts are allowed

- Each applicant will submit the completed application form, a resume, a 2-5 page personal essay, a transcript, and references (at least two from professors)

Application Process Continued

- Applications are to be turned in as a ***single PDF document***
- Applicants should submit their completed applications to their Campus Coordinator
  ** Contact your school's campus coordinator for your school's specific application deadline*
- College Coordinators must submit all completed applications to the GLIP Director at glip@gsu.edu by **October 14, 2026**

Important Dates

- **October 14, 2026:** Application deadline for College Coordinators submission to Georgia State
  - Intern applicants submit their applications to their College Coordinators, not the General Assembly
  - Contact your College Coordinator to find out your school's application deadline, as it will likely be well before October 14.
- **Week of October 19, 2026:** Candidate Interviews
- **Mid-December 2026:** Intern Placement Interviews
- Orientation –January 7-8, 2027
- **Monday, January 11, 2027:** First Day of Legislative Session

UNG GLIP PROCEDURES

- **Contacts**
  - **GLIP Program Procedures**
    - **UNG GLIP Supervising Faculty**

UNG Committee Contacts:

All Campuses - UNG GLIP Coordinator
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Gainesville Campus
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Key Actions and Dates:

Actions	Dates
Download GLIP application/forms from • Georgia Legislative Internship Program https://www.legis.ga.gov/intern-program	ASAP Use Campus Contacts for questions and assistance
Submit a completed application - as one PDF document that includes: • Completed Application Form • 2-5 page Personal Essay • Unofficial Transcript • Current Resume • Completed Reference Forms (2 from professors • Submittal Address UNG GLIP email: GLIP@ung.edu • References may be submitted by the student (include in the application package or submitted by the provider at GLIP email – GLIP@ung.edu	***No later than Oct. 9, 2026*** Submit application to GLIP@ung.edu
Submit Spring 2027 Internship Class registration documentation to GLIP Campus Coordinator at GLIP@ung.edu	**No later than Dec. 24, 2026** Lack of registration notification will cause candidate name to be withdrawn from GLIP program.

Internship Course Supervising Faculty

The faculty member who will supervise the credit bearing course for the internship experience.

Options:

1. Candidate may select faculty member from within their respective department. Candidate will then register for internship course through that department/faculty member.

1. Political Science majors or candidates who cannot secure home department faculty may contact the following PSIA faculty to act as *supervising faculty*. Note: the internship course via this option will be a political science course (POLSxxxx).
   - Dahlonega Campus
     - Dr. Carl Cavalli
       Carl.Cavalli@ung.edu
   - Gainesville Campus
     - Dr. Trey Wilson
       Charles.Wilson@ung.edu

Important Website Links

- Georgia General Assembly
- Georgia State Senate
- Georgia House of Representatives
- Georgia Legislative Internship Program

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