“Fantastic program. The networking events gave me the opportunity to meet with some great attorneys and grow my network. We had awesome seminar speakers and they were held in some pretty cool places. Overall, a great semester. I made a lot of connections and got some great practical experience.”

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will I still get financial aid for a placement out of Syracuse?
A: Yes. You will get your standard financial aid package plus an increase to account for the increased cost of living.

Q: Can I do more than one externship?
A: Yes. The programs are designed to allow students to participate in multiple semesters.

Q: Is there a seminar?
A: Yes. There is a faculty-guided seminar specific to each geographic region.

Q: Can I find my own placement?
A: Yes, subject to approval by faculty and an agreement between the placement and the College of Law.

Q: I am in! Now, where should I live in DC, NYC, or Philly?
A: It is strongly recommended that you live within walking distance of a Metro stop or other public transportation, though ride sharing has become ubiquitous.

Q: Will I need a car?
A: DC, NYC, and Philly all have excellent public transportation. For the local program, a car is necessary for most placements.

Q: If I do a full-time externship will I miss out on critical bar courses?
A: You will not miss out. There will still be time to take the courses you need to succeed on the bar exam even if you are a joint degree student.

Q: Can I be on a journal or moot court and still be in DC, NYC, or Philly?
A: Yes. Most journals have changed their bylaws to accommodate the long distance externship programs, but double check with the one(s) you are in!
Overview
Exterships at the College of Law offer students opportunities to earn academic credit while gaining real-world legal experience. Students are able to explore various areas of the law and potential career paths while engaging with alumni and building professional networks.

Our robust programs provide a range of locations and placement types allowing students to customize their experience to meet their professional and career goals. Through hands-on lawyering working with attorneys in real practice settings, students improve their research, writing, and legal analysis skills while learning how to identify and adapt to the culture and expectations of a law practice.

Requirements
Students must be in good academic standing and may apply for an externship the summer following their 1L year and for their 2L and 3L years. Students must complete Professional Responsibility prior to enrolling or complete it concurrently with their externship.

Seminars
Grounded in the same academic rigor, the externship seminars are designed to examine the complex operations of the legal profession and support students adjusting to workplace culture with a tailored approach to the unique markets of Central New York, New York City, Washington, DC, and Philadelphia. Students will hear from panels of alumni and distinguished guest lecturers, attend networking events, and produce a research paper on an approved topic of their interest.

Travel & Housing
Students are responsible for securing their own travel and housing in New York City, DC, and Philly as well as for transportation to and from placements in CNY.

Placements
Our vast network of placements cover many areas of law allowing students to complement their coursework with experience in particular legal settings. In order to maximize your externship experience, consider your own career goals when selecting a program and a placement.

Extership placements include:
> Government
> Public Interest
> Judiciary
> University Offices
> General Counsel
> Corporate Counsel
> Firms
> US Members of Congress
> Compliance Groups
> Non-Profits
> And more!

Meet with one of our faculty directors to discuss which placements and locations best fit your academic and professional goals.