LRC Intern Program
Combine Academic Coursework with Relevant Work Experience

Program Components
• Full-Time Work as LRC Staff
• Attend Classes in the Capitol
• Up To 15 Hours of Academic Credit
• $1500 Monthly Stipend

Goals
• Civic Education
• Career and Professional Guidance
• Skills Development
• Workplace/Grad School Preparation
## LRC Intern Program Stakeholders

### EXPECTATIONS

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<td>o Engage in a Meaningful Practicum Experience</td>
<td>o Broaden Student Experiential Learning Opportunities</td>
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<td>o Feel Welcomed in an Inclusive Work Environment</td>
<td>o Offer Content-rich Intern Experience for Their Students</td>
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<td>o Receive Career and Professional Guidance</td>
<td>o Boost Students’ Competitive Edge</td>
<td>o Cultivate Next Generation of Leaders and Public Servants</td>
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<td>o Develop Critical Thinking and Professional Skills</td>
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<td>o Identify and Cultivate Networking Opportunities</td>
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<td>o Enhance Academic Rating with Accrediting Agencies</td>
<td>o Boost public understanding of legislators and the process</td>
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The Kentucky Legislative Process – Analyze the fundamentals of state legislatures from theoretical, political, and functional perspectives by examining both the legislative process and the political dimensions of the Kentucky General Assembly.

The objectives of this course are to provide a broader understanding of the:

• Complex configuration of the legislative process;
• Comprehensive operations of state legislatures;
• Conflicting expectations inherent in our system of representative democracy; and
• Challenges, pressures and conflicts faced by citizen legislators.
LRC Intern Program Curriculum
Course Two

Challenges Facing State Governments – Examine operations of state government as a whole, with emphasis on policy issues challenging state administrators and policy makers.

The objectives of this course are to provide a deeper awareness of:

• Interaction among public officials serving the public good with limited resources
• Potential practical, financial, and political consequences of various administrative and policy options
• Apportioned authority and responsibility for policy and rule making among the branches (and layers) of government.
LRC Intern Program
SEMESTER REQUIREMENTS

- Show up daily at 8:00 am and work until . . . ;
- Complete various duties as assigned by LRC office staff;
- Attend Monday and Friday classes;
- Monitor and report activities in assigned issue areas throughout the session;
- Submit a weekly journal; and
- Conduct a mock legislative session after sine-die adjournment.
LRC Intern Program
Critical Thinking Discussion Points

- Missed Opportunities in Kentucky’s History;
- Negotiation and Compromise;
- Parliamentary Maneuvers;
- Life Cycle and Development of Issues;
- Consequences (unintended and otherwise); and
- Degrees of Relevance of Information.