CHICAGO FIELD STUDIES

Chicago Field Studies (CFS) offers undergraduates a thoughtful view into life after college, in college. Through a combination of academic coursework, field trips, and internship experiences, students explore a range of subjects through the lenses of work and critical issues in their future fields. CFS offers a variety of courses - each quarter this includes some combination of law, civic engagement, humanities, public health, business, social justice, the environment, and the modern workplace.

A student takes a CFS course while interning, and the credit may in some cases count toward Weinberg College distribution requirements (a limit of one unit per internship experience) and toward select majors, minors, certificates, and programs, as well as general elective credit (see Internships [https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#academicoptionstext] for the policy limiting the number of internship credits that may be applied towards the Weinberg College degree).

CFS courses are open to students from every academic discipline who have completed one year of study. Admission is by application only, and students must complete an information session before applying. More information can be found on the CFS website.

Major/Minor Credit

A number of departments and programs allow students to use CFS courses to fulfill major or minor requirements. The type and number of credits applicable, if any, are determined by the student’s department.

Other Programs

In addition to the courses listed here, CFS periodically develops new programs focusing on different fields and topics, for which credit is variable. These programs are described on the CFS website.

Chicago Field Studies Courses

Note that where a Weinberg College distribution area is listed, a student may use a maximum of one unit of credit towards that area (even if the student earns more than one unit for the course). Where more than one distribution area is listed for a course, the student may choose to where to apply that one unit of credit. More information about distribution requirements and Interdisciplinary Studies distribution courses may be found on the page describing College Requirements [https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#schoolrequirementstext].

CFS 291-0 Analysis of Field Experience (0.25-1 Unit)  Online course for students who intern 10 to 40 hours a week in firms and organizations throughout the world. Requires students to read, reflect upon and discuss the structure and purpose of organizations as well as workplace inclusion, teamwork, productivity, and leadership styles. May be subject to internship course-credit limits; students should consult their academic adviser before applying.

CFS 387-0 Field Studies in Environment, Science, and Sustainability (1-4 Units)  Explores theoretical, geographic, and historical stakes of environmental thought and practice with emphasis on Chicago-based environmental work. Students intern 10 to 40 hours a week. May be subject to internship course-credit limits; students should consult their academic adviser before applying. Maximum 1 unit may apply to Weinberg College distribution credit. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

CFS 388-0 Field Studies in Business Culture (1-4 Units)  Online course for students who intern 10 to 40 hours a week in firms and organizations throughout the world. Course focus on critical issues shaping business culture, especially pertaining to interns and internships. May be subject to internship course-credit limits; students should consult their academic adviser before applying. Course Meets Online

CFS 391-0 Field Studies in Social Justice (1-4 Units)  Approaches to social change with focus on particular justice issues and current events. Students intern 10 to 40 hours a week in advocacy, policy, and social justice organizations. May be subject to internship course-credit limits; students should consult their academic adviser before applying. Maximum 1 unit may apply to Weinberg College distribution credit. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

CFS 392-0 Field Studies in Public Health (1-4 Units)  Explores foundational concepts and current issues in global and local Public Health, with emphasis on promoting health equity. Students earn 10 to 40 hours a week in health- and medicine-related organizations. May be subject to internship course-credit limits; students should consult their academic adviser before applying. Maximum 1 unit may apply to Weinberg College distribution credit. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

CFS 393-0 Field Studies in the Modern Workplace (2-4 Units)  Workplace culture and political theory of labor. Students intern 25 to 40 hours a week in a variety of professional fields. 2- or 3-credit enrollment option available only during summer session. May be subject to internship course-credit limits; students should consult their academic adviser before applying. Maximum 1 unit may apply to Weinberg College distribution credit. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

CFS 394-0 Legal Field Studies (2-4 Units)  Contemporary issues and workplace culture in the legal field. Students intern 25 to 40 hours a week in legal organizations. 2- or 3-credit enrollment option available only during summer session. May be subject to internship course-credit limits; students should consult their academic adviser before applying. Maximum 1 unit may apply to Weinberg College distribution credit. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

CFS 395-0 Business Field Studies (2-4 Units)  Contemporary issues and workplace culture in business. Students intern 25 to 40 hours a week in business organizations (primarily finance, consulting, and marketing). 2- or 3-credit enrollment option available only during summer session. May be subject to internship course-credit limits; students should consult their academic adviser before applying. Maximum 1 unit may apply to Weinberg College distribution credit. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

CFS 397-0 Field Studies in Civic Engagement (1-4 Units)  Forms of civic engagement with emphasis on local issues and approaches. Students intern 10 to 40 hours a week in civic, educational, legal, governmental, nonprofit, or community-based organizations. May be subject to internship course-credit limits; students should consult their academic adviser before applying. Maximum 1 unit may apply to Weinberg College distribution credit. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

CFS 398-0 Field Studies in Humanities (1-4 Units)  Labor issues through arts and cultural history, with emphasis on humanities, arts, and media in the public sphere. Students intern 10 to 40 hours a week in fields including but not limited to arts and cultural organizations. May be subject to internship course-credit limits; students should consult their academic adviser before applying. Maximum 1 unit may apply to Weinberg College distribution credit. Literature Fine Arts Distro Area