Chicago Field Studies (CFS) is an experiential-learning program that helps a student intern in a field of their choice while thinking critically about that work in an attached course for credit. CFS is committed to the notion that academically-framed internships allow students to explore their interests and gain practical experience while learning to contemplate the currents that shape our working lives socially, historically, economically, or otherwise by field. CFS maintains relationships with an array of internship sites across Chicagoland and beyond, and the program runs interdisciplinary courses each quarter (Fall - Summer) that focus on business, public health, law, and more. Students must apply to CFS before enrolling in a CFS course. Accepted students who apply without an internship do the guided CFS internship search process several months before their CFS enrollment. Students can also apply with internships secured on their own up to one week before the start of the quarter, space permitting. CFS welcomes students from across Northwestern except for undergraduates in their first year. (First-years can apply during their first year to do CFS in the Summer or Fall after their first year.) Some CFS courses may count towards WCAS degree requirements or major/minor requirements in some departments or programs.

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)  Asynchronous online course for students who intern 10-40 hours a week. Requires students to read, reflect upon, and discuss the structure and purpose of organizations as well as various workplace topics. Application and acceptance to CFS required. 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 sustainability approaches and environmental professions. Students intern 10-40 hours a week. Application and acceptance to CFS required. 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 10-40 hours a week in organizations throughout the world. Focuses on critical and historical issues shaping business culture. Application and acceptance to CFS required. 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 10-40 hours a week in advocacy, policy, and social justice organizations. Application and acceptance to CFS required. May be subject to internship course-credit limits; students should consult