A Note on Internships . . .

We wish more History majors pursued internships. An internship can give you important job experience, valuable connections in the field, and a means for finding out whether or not you truly want to work in the environment/career that you think is right for you. You acquire degree credit. Further, many employers look at interns as potential employees. In other words, your internship could turn into a real job.

There are many places you might intern, whether in Cheney/Spokane or across the nation. It can take considerable effort, persistence, creativity, and advanced planning to arrange an internship that is right for you: you need to find an institution that can benefit from your skills (even if they aren’t yet aware of it!) and a faculty member who is able to supervise your work. In my view, the effort is well worth it.

Once you’ve landed an internship, increase the likelihood that your internship turns into a paid position; work to ensure that your supervisors will provide you with excellent references for a future employer. Do this by following a few important principles:

- arrive on time, meet deadlines, produce excellent work
- ask intelligent questions about the work/institution
- ask for additional responsibilities
- be respectful and professional at all times
- don’t complain (about people, about the work, about school, about life)

Further information about internships is available from:

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