**Kentucky Legislative Internship Program**

The UK Department of Political Science conducts a Kentucky Legislative Internship Program (KLIP) every Spring semester in even-numbered years, to take advantage of the Commonwealth's longer legislative sessions.  This comprehensive legislative boot camp can serve as the culminating experience of a PS major's studies, or it can be a great launching point for students earlier in their academic careers who intend to continue their study of the political process or to go on to additional political work on the national level (for which funding may be available through the Trunzo Scholars Program or UK's Student Government).  Graduating Political Science majors, when asked the highlight of their academic experiences at UK, commonly single out the KLIP program as the most-enriching thing they've done.  We encourage talented and ambitious Political Science majors to plan their studies so that they can fit the KLIP program into their curriculum.

**What is it?**     KLIP gives UK undergraduates a comprehensive experiential education related to legislative process, with a focus on Kentucky state politics, by combining extensive hands-on experience in the Kentucky assembly (assisting an individual legislator) with intensive academic exploration of the scholarly literature relevant to their internships (by enrolling simultaneously in relevant PS department courses).  The interns also periodically gather with the rest of their cohort in the program, sharing advice and experiences.   (Note that KLIP is different from the full-time program run by the Legislative Research Commission, or LRC.)  Students selected for KLIP take 10-13 credit hours within the program. All interns will be required to:

* enroll in a special seminar for interns (PS 492), worth 1 credit hour, taught either on campus or in Frankfort;
* enroll in PS 476G Legislative Process, taught on campus MWF mornings and worth 3 credit hours (although students who have already taken the course still could be allowed to participate);
* enroll in 6 credit hours of PS 399 Internship, which they must be able to fulfill in Frankfort all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as on Wednesday afternoons:
* [optional] enroll in PS 557 Kentucky Government and Politics or PS 458 State & Local Government, taught on campus.

Students wishing for more than 13 credits that semester may sign up for additional course work as long as it does not conflict with the internship obligations.

**Who can apply?**     You must be a UK Political Science major or minor in good standing. You must have completed 9 hours of political science course work before the Spring semester in which you wish to intern.  Entrance into the program is competitive, and selection of Legislative Interns will be based on academic record, relevant experience, and perceived ability to perform as an intern.

**To apply for the KLIP internship program** please fill out the application on the following page and return it to psintern@uky.edu. We will begin reviewing applications on September 22, and will continue on a rolling basis. We will begin interviewing for the internship program the last week of September.

**Kentucky Legislative Internship Application**

**Return this application to psintern@uky.edu. Review of applications begins September 22, 2017.**

**Date of Application:**

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| **Applicant Information** |
| Name (First, Middle, Last): | Date of Birth: |
| Home Address: | Apt/Unit: |
| City: | State: | Zip: |
| Email: | Phone: | Cell: |

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| Classification as of September 2017:  | Cumulative Grade Point Average: |
| Major(s): Fields of Study: Minor(s):Other: |

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| Do you have a preferred party affiliation for your internship? If so list it here.  | If you prefer to work with a specific state legislator (s) please their names here:  |
| Please provide a brief explanation of why you would like to work for this representative? (100 words or less) |

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| **Employment History** |
| Please list your job history, including the employer's name, dates employed, and a description of duties. |
| Most Recent Employer: | Phone: |
| Address: |
| City: | State: | Zip: |
| Supervisor (Name & Title): |
| Position Title: | Start Date: | End Date: |
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| Do you currently have a part time job? How many hours a week do you work?  | Do you liv on campus?  |

**Have you already taken 476G Legislative Process (or are you currently enrolled in this class): Yes/No?**

Briefly discuss what prompted you to apply for this internship, the skills, and attributes you will bring to the program, and the personal or professional benefits you hope to attain from your involvement in the Kentucky Legislative Internship Program. (500 words or less).