



As part of The Walt Disney Company’s internship program, students will put their education to work and develop the cutting-edge skills one need to become a leader of tomorrow all while working for a Fortune 100 Company.

Students will enhance their talents through training and workshops and make meaningful connections with industry pioneers.

Disney Parks & Resorts Internships are broken down into a two tier system:

**The Disney College Program:** (Tier 1)

- A semester-long paid internship working for Walt Disney Parks & Resorts in Florida or California
- A one-of-a-kind Living, Learning, and Earning experience
- Students can take part in educational opportunities not offered anywhere else.
- Students interact with guest and cast members from all around the world.
- Open to all majors

**Disney Professional Internship:** (Tier 2)

- Participants have the opportunity to add practical, real world experience to resume from a world renowned company.
- Participants advance their knowledge beyond the classroom and put learned theories into practice in their field of study.
- Participants can seek out new learning opportunities while networking with leaders in the industry.
- Positions are major specific

**Earning:**

- Students guaranteed minimum of 32 scheduled hours per week
- Weekly Pay (direct deposit, pay card, check)
- Pay rate varies depending on role, location and time students work
- Costumes/uniforms are provided

Sample College Program Roles:	Sample Professional Internship Areas:
Attractions	Animal Programs
Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique Hostess (FL Only)	Agricultural Sciences / Horticulture
Concierge (FL Only)	Creative / Design
Character Performer/Face Character (audition required)	Communications
Character Attendant (FL Only)	Costuming / Entertainment
Culinary Assistant	Education
Full Service Food and Beverage	Engineering
Guest Relations (CA Only)	Event Planning / Production
Hopper (switch between multiple roles)	Finance & Accounting
Hospitality (FL Only)	Human Resources
Lifeguard	Information Technology
Main Entrance Operations	Labor Operations

Merchandise	Management
PhotoPass Photographer	Merchandise
Quick-Service Food and Beverage	Operations / Guest Relations
Recreation	Sales & Marketing
Transportation (Monorail Pilot / Watercraft)	Sports & Recreation
Vacation Planning	Walt Disney Imagineering
Costuming	

### **Education Opportunities:**

- Students design a learning experience that specifically suits their needs and interests.
- Disney University offers eight different courses that are available to students (Accredited by the ACE).
  - Corporate Comm, Marketing You, Creativity & Innovation: Gaining the Edge, Organizational Leadership, etc.
- Other options include: seminar offerings and the Professional Development Studies.
  - Engineering, Finance, Entertainment Show Production, Security, etc.
- At the Disneyland Resort in California, education participation is required.
- Disney does not charge tuition; however, students are responsible for purchasing text books.
- Course syllabi and text book ISBN numbers are available online at [disneycollegeprogram.com](http://disneycollegeprogram.com)
- Class enrollement is completed online prior to embarking on the internship.
- Students notify area manager of class schedule to prevent being scheduled for work at the same time.

### **Housing:** (*Visit [disneycollegeprogram.com](http://disneycollegeprogram.com) for information on housing in California*)

- Students are housed in one of 4 Apartments: Vista Way, Chatham Square, Patterson Court, and the Commons.
- Students are housed with 1-7 other roomates from around the world.
- Rent ranges from \$80-\$100 per week depending on apt size and location. (automatically deducted from paycheck)
- Apartments are fully furnished; all utilities and high speed are Internet included.
- Apartment complexes are gated and monitored by 24/7 security.
- Bus Transportation to and from work, and the local area is complimentary\*. (i.e. grocery store, walmart, beach, post office, etc.) \*Florida Only

### **Benefits of Interning for The Walt Disney Company:**

- Chance to add a Fortune 100 Company to your resume.
- Gain real-world work experience, transferable skills, networking opportunities, etc.
- Free admission to all of Disney theme parks, tickets for friends and family, substantial discounts on merchandise, food and hotel reservations.
- After completing the program, students become eligible for the Summer Alumni program and can interview for many Professional Internships and Full Time positions that require prior Disney experience.
- Students have access to the internal Walt Disney Company job site (Walt Disney Parks & Resorts, Walt Disney Studios, ESPN, ABC, PIXAR, Marvel, etc.)

### **Disney Co-op Through Career Services:** (In development)

- Internship Resources Manager, Beth Settje, created this modified co-op. She has walk in hours on Friday from 1PM to 4PM. All students interested in the co-op are encouraged to meet with her.
- To set up an appointment with Beth, email her at: [beth.settje@uconn.edu](mailto:beth.settje@uconn.edu)
- Benefits of Co-op: Students can earn credit, housing status unaffected, financial aid, participants stay enrolled at UConn, etc.
- There is a small Continuing Education fee (~\$100) to remain registered as a student
- Students must have completed 12 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and be in good academic standing

### **Earning Credit:** (Students should check with their designated advisors to determine other credit options)

- Students can earn up to 8 credits through the Sociology department. (42 hrs per credit)
- Students must enroll in both Soci 3990 & 3991

- Students must contact professor [kathryn.ratcliff@uconn.edu](mailto:kathryn.ratcliff@uconn.edu) or [bradley.wright@uconn.edu](mailto:bradley.wright@uconn.edu) for permission numbers to enroll.
- Students who select this option must pay UConn tuition & fees as if they were enrolled at UConn Storrs campus.
- Students must contact UConn Reslife so that Their housing status upon returning isn't impacted.

### **Disney At Uconn:** (Tier II Student Organization)

Disney at UConn meets every Monday at 8pm to 9pm in the Student Union, room 325. (Fall Semester 2011)

We are your portal to everything Disney! This organization is all about spreading and celebrating the Disney Magic. Walt Disney once said, "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." Our focus is in aiding students in participating on the Disney College Program and Professional Internship through mock interviews, guest speaker series, and by incorporating Disney values into our daily campus activities. We help students transition to and from the Disney College Program and back to campus by providing alumni of the DCP a time to share their experiences with fellow members. New members are always welcome. We look forward to meeting you!

Have any questions? Email us at: [disneyatUCONN@gmail.com](mailto:disneyatUCONN@gmail.com) Join us on Facebook: Disney at UConn

For more information on the Disney College Program / Professional Internships, please visit their official websites:

<http://cp.disneycareers.com/en/default/>

<http://profinterns.disneycareers.com/en/default/>

### **UConn Disney Campus Representatives:**

These are current UConn students and alumni of the Disney College Program hired by Disney to prompt the internship programs on campus and help prepare students for the best experience of their life. These Campus Reps are a great resource and can be contacted with any questions students, parents, faculty and staff might have.

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