

Journalism Internships

What follows is a list of some of the locations where journalism students have completed internships in recent years.

The Legislative Gazette -- a weekly newspaper of 20,000 circulation that is one of the most important information vehicles in the Albany-capitol region. Staffed by students from various colleges but especially from SUNY New Paltz. Students are assigned “beats” and get to join the Capitol press corps, covering news conferences and attending hearings. Job opportunities for students are greatly enhanced by work at the *Gazette*. Students receive a \$2,500 stipend in the spring and a \$1,600 salary in the fall.

<http://www.legislativegazette.com/>

<http://www.legislativegazette.com/internships.htm>

Daily Newspapers

Kingston Daily Freeman – daily newspaper of 25,000 that covers Kingston, Woodstock, New Paltz. Students get to write stories quickly under the tutelage of editors. New Paltz graduates Ivan Lajara, the paper’s Lifestyle editor, and Ariel Zangla, full-time reporter, both work there. Zangla’s internship turned into a job. <http://www.dailyfreeman.com/site/news.asp?brd=1769>

Middletown Times Herald Record – Largest daily newspaper in the Hudson Valley region, covers a wide area from Middletown to New Paltz. Many students have worked there as interns, in sports, news, and lifestyle. Many of our graduates presently work at the *Record*. This internship pays a salary. The *Record* also has a New Paltz bureau. A good regional newspaper with large news hole and good editors.

<http://www.th-record.com/>

Poughkeepsie Journal – a high-quality daily newspaper of 50,000 circulation located on the other side of the Hudson River in Dutchess County. Many of our students now work there as reporters and editors. Most recently, Tammi Cilione worked as an intern in the life section and she was hired to work full-time. Sarah Bradshaw was an intern two years ago and she now works as a reporter and clerk in the newsroom. Students get to write stories quickly and get good editing. You can work in news, sports, life or editorial.

<http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/>

Staten Island Advance – A 100,000 circulation newspaper in New York City that covers mostly news and events in the borough of Staten Island. Professor Miraldi was a reporter there in the 1970s. Graduate Rob Gavin is the newspaper’s Albany bureau chief. Students get to write quickly when interning there. Summer internships are very competitive. Real advantage: getting to cover New York City events and deal with large city and state bureaucracies. <http://www.silive.com/>

Journal/News Westchester Rockland county -- a 175,000-circulation suburban newspaper. Well edited and a good choice for students from Rockland and Westchester Counties. We have had interns there, but not for many years now, www.nyjournalnews.com/

Weekly Newspapers

Blue Stone Press -- small weekly newspaper in Stone Ridge that covers the towns of Rosendale, High Falls, Stone Ridge, Accord and Kerhonksen. Students working there will not get too much editing but they will get to cover good local issues and they will cover them quickly. *Blue Stone Press* 687 4480

Hudson Valley Business News – The Hudson Valley Business Journal is published bi-weekly. Out of Wappingers Falls in Dutchess County, about 45 minutes from New Paltz. It bills itself as “the definitive source of local business news since 1986.” <http://www.hvbj.com/contact%20us.htm/>

Kingston Times – Weekly newspaper in the village of Saugerties north of New Paltz. Covers town news.
<http://www.ulsterpublishing.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=article&articleID=318949>

New Paltz News – Local weekly in the village. Two of our students have been editors here over the years. Advantage to working here is it is in town and a car is not needed. Plus, they are flexible and will let you cover many different topics, some of your choosing. Disadvantage, you will not get close editing or supervision. But you will bet bylines or taglines on stories.
<http://www.ulsterpublishing.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=article&articleID=318949>

Riverdale Press -- A weekly – some says it is the best weekly in the nation -- located in the Riverdale section of the Bronx, with an editor-publisher, Bernard Stein, who taught for us a few years ago and is a winner of the Pulitzer Prize. It is known as one of the best places for students to learn and work. Graduate Marie Villani interned there and has now been on staff as a reporters for many years.
<http://www.riverdalepress.com/>

Saugerties Times – Weekly newspaper in the village of Saugerties north of New Paltz. Covers town news.
<http://www.ulsterpublishing.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=article&articleID=318949>

Southern Ulster Times – A weekly located in Milton, NY and edited by two New Paltz grads, Bruno Battistoli and Andrew Hackmack. A good place for students to help in writing, editing, design, with good tutelage from two competent and caring editors.

Taconic Newspapers – located in Dutchess County on the other side of the Hudson River from New Paltz. This string of weeklies has been the location for a number of journalism students' internships. The newspapers include the *Gazette Advertiser* in Rhinebeck, the *Harlem Valley Times* in Dover, the *Hyde Park Townsman* in Hyde Park, the *Millbrook Round Table* in Washington, N.Y., the *Register Herald* in Stanford, the *Voice Ledger* in La Grange, and the *Pawling News Chronicle* in Pawling.
http://www.journalregister.com/newspapers_hudson.html/

Wallkill Valley Times – smallish weekly near New Paltz, covers local Hudson Valley news. A number of our students have been interns there and some work there still.

Woodstock Times – Respected daily newspaper in the village off Woodstock. Nice place to work. Interesting village. Editor Brian Hollander has worked well with our students in the past.
<http://www.ulsterpublishing.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=article&articleID=318949>

Magazines

Hudson Valley Magazine – monthly magazine located in Poughkeepsie. Mostly soft feature stories but a nice coffee table magazine. One of our students, Jen Stokes was an intern there some years ago and she is still there as an editor. <http://www.hudsonvalleymagazine.com/>

The Chronogram – A monthly magazine that is published in New Paltz. It is an offbeat almost counter-culture publication but it is chock full of local features and news. And some of the features run quite long. http://www.chronogram.com/issue/2003/05/communitynotebook/notebook_2.html See Story they did on Professor Miraldi recently.
<http://www.chronogram.com/index.php>

SPIN Magazine – A music magazine in New York City in the style of Rolling Stone. One of its editors, Will Hermes, has taught for us a few times and a number of our students have worked there as interns.
www.spin.com/

Capital Region Living magazine is a monthly life and leisure publication that caters to the interests of those living in and around the surrounding area. Each month features regular columns on fitness, wellness, parenting, wine, pets, gardening and dating. There are also recipes provided by a local well-known chef, restaurant write-ups, feature stories, an extensive calendar of events and more. Visit www.capitalregionliving.com for more information and to view past issues. Editor Mary Beth DeCecco is one of our graduates.

Columbia Journalism Review – the nation’s premier journal of popular criticism based in New York City. Out students have worked there before. www.cjr.org/

Broadcast

WAMC Radio -- Largest public radio station in the Northeast with a news bureau that covers the Albany and Hudson Valley areas. Students get to help bureau chiefs and gather news and information. Main location is Albany but WAMC has a bureau in Kingston also. <http://www.wamc.org/station.html>
mail@wamc.org

RNN TV – This Regional News Network reaches an audience from Kingston to Northern New Jersey with its news broadcasts. Many SUNY students, especially in the Radio-TV Program, have been interns there over the years. But they have a large news operation and it would be appropriate for journalism students to work there. http://www.rnntv.com/NewsChooser/pages/multi_column/demo.cfm

Journalism Internship Guidelines

The Journalism Program faculty believes that the best way to prepare for a career in news is to spend some time as an undergraduate working in a professional setting. Therefore, all Journalism students must complete an internship or fieldwork in a professional news setting in order to fulfill one of the program's key requirements. Students are required to register for at least six credits of internship (30 days of work during a regular semester). But the college allows up to 15 credits of internship. Students are encouraged to consider doing more than one internship during their time in the program. The internships can be done in fall, spring or summer semesters.

Students are allowed to choose and find their own internships, which must be approved by their adviser. However, students are strongly urged to consider working for the *Legislative Gazette*, a weekly newspaper published in Albany by the college and totally written by journalism students. Unlike most internships, students are paid a stipend to work at the *Gazette*. Job opportunities are greatly enhanced by work at the *Gazette* as are the skills students develop from the close editing and mentorship of the *Gazette's* two professional editors. Students who work at the *Gazette* usually live in Albany. This internship is worth 15 upper-division credits.

To be eligible for an internship a student must have a C plus or 2.5 grade point average overall. To be properly prepared to work in the field, a student must have taken journalism three classes including Journalism 1 (53230) and two of the following: Journalism 2, Feature Writing, Public Affairs Reporting or Literature of Journalism.

A student must apply for his or her internship in the semester before it is to be taken. The Communication and Media Department has strict deadlines for this application process. The application form is available in the Department office in CSB 50. See Department Secretary Deanna Lorenzo, who can also answer some questions about the internship. When you hand your application, you do not have to know the location where you will work. The application simply ensures that you are eligible to be placed in the field and receive New Paltz credit.

When you find a location you are interested in, contact the appropriate editor or supervisor and schedule an appointment to discuss the job. Bring an up-to-date resume with you. Remember, the Journalism Program faculty do not find your internship but they can be very helpful in discussing various options and even putting you in contact with the right editor.

Detailed information on internships can be found at http://www.newpaltz.edu/comm_media/internships.html/

