“As former Marine Commandant and international bank CEO, I know hands-on experience outside the classroom is one of the most important things we can provide our students before they graduate. And our students—with their great intellect, ability to connect new ideas, and strong character—are an asset to any organization.”

Gen. Charles C. Krulak
President, Birmingham-Southern College

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For more than 150 years, BSC has been committed to students learning by doing. Today, putting our students on the path to their chosen career means giving them opportunities to apply what they learn in the classroom to the workplace.

What makes a BSC internship different?

- Our internships are three-way partnerships between the student, their host, and the college.
- They are supervised work experiences with an intentional learning strategy—not just busy work and a line on a resume.
- They emphasize professional development and require performance assessment from supervisors and professors plus deep reflection from the students.
- They support the development of students as ethically aware, learned professionals who strive for lives of significance.

“…My internship has given me skills that I do not believe can be taught in a classroom. The value of being able to do real-world work while still in college cannot be measured. I have learned many new skills from my internship, but most importantly, I have identified areas I can improve on before I enter the workforce. “

-Billy McMahon, intern at Pryor McCormick, Inc., investment advisors

Types of internships at Birmingham-Southern College:

Norton Board
BSC’s Norton Board is made up of 150+ professionals committed to serving Birmingham-Southern and its students, especially through internships and mentoring. Norton Board interns are individually matched to area experts willing to provide career insight and training in a learning partnership.

QEP
The college’s Quality Enhancement Plan is based on a three-part push for experiential learning in the form of internships, service-learning, and collaborative research. Norton Board and other internships may fall under the QEP, as do some faculty-directed internships.

Internship Timing
Internships are offered during all of BSC’s academic terms: Fall (Sept.-Dec.), January, Spring (Feb.-May), and Summer (June-July). Most internships provide 140 hours of hands-on experience and 40 hours of faculty-directed preparation and critical reflection.

Exploration Term
BSC’s unique January Exploration Term gives students a full month each year to focus on a single class or project—including an internship.

Majors/programs
Many academic departments require or encourage students to complete an internship for the major, including Biology, Business, Economics, Education, English, Global and Comparative Studies, History, Media and Film Studies, Political Science, Pre-Law, Pre-Health, Psychology, Urban Environmental Studies, and more.

Centers for Engaged Learning
BSC’s centers for engaged learning coordinate select internships for students with special interests, including the Hess Center for Leadership and Service (advocacy internships) and the Sklenar Center for International Programs (international internships).

“The Internship Initiative is the perfect way to ‘test the water’ with a future BSC graduate. Our company had a wonderful experience and we will be hiring our intern when he graduates in May.”

-Roger Ball, CVS Appraisals