

# A LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP FOR BUSINESS MAJORS?

See why a former intern and business major says it's an incredibly relevant experience:

## GAIN REAL WORLD BUSINESS SKILLS

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## TEN REASONS YOU SHOULD APPLY

1. Provides **excellent training** for working in an office environment.
2. Teaches you how to work with a wide variety of personalities and work styles.
3. Having an understanding of government as well as the issues they are working on keeps you on top and ahead of others in your field. By working for the government you will **understand economic issues and how legislation affects businesses.**
4. Provides you an opportunity to **meet a wide variety of people** in many different career paths, giving you a great idea of different career options available.
5. It's paid! Nothing beats a **paid** internship!
6. You can be assigned to a budget/transportation office, giving you plenty of exposure and experience working on the state budget and transportation budget.
7. **Networking, Networking, Networking!!** Job offers and other opportunities can occur at any time. Most of the time out of the blue! Every year, interns are able to interview for a permanent job before the end of the internship. If you don't know it by now, it is really who you know that gets you places: your abilities and knowledge help but in the end it is who you know. This internship gives you amazing opportunities to network!
8. Helps you **develop your ability to work with a group on a project** as well as learning group dynamics.
9. Participating in the mock committees and floor debate is an excellent opportunity to work on public speaking skills. Learning how to successfully market your ideas, negotiate, and convince others is crucial for any business professional.
10. Recommendation letters. There are many people who work with you who might be willing to write them for you, and **having a State Senator or Representative on your list of references** is fantastic.



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