

## **On-campus MCS Program: Third-semester CPT Internship Eligibility for International Students**

Effective Fall 2023, students who have completed at least 2 regular semesters as a full-time student in the MCS On-campus program will be eligible for a Full-Time internship during their third regular semester. MCS students who are approved to participate in a Full-Time internship during their third semester will be approved to finish the remaining coursework in their fourth semester.

All MCS students must meet the following criteria to be eligible to seek a third-semester Full-Time internship opportunity. No exceptions will be made to these guidelines.

1. Students must be in good academic standing at the time of applying for the Full-Time internship in their third semester. Students who are placed on academic probation or are dropped from the program per Graduate College policies will not be approved for full-time internships in their third semester.
2. MCS students must have no more than 12 required credit hours remaining in their program to complete in the final term when they return from the internship.
3. MCS students must have at least 3 required credit hours remaining in their program to complete in the final term when they return from the internship.

International students: In addition to the above, international students are required to meet the following policies to be eligible and approved for full-time CPT during their third regular semester.

4. MCS students must have completed two regular terms of enrollment to be eligible for an internship during the third regular term. For example, an international MCS student who started the program in Fall 2023 must have been registered for Spring 2024 to become eligible to be on a full-time internship in Fall 2024. Spring admits must have registered for Spring and Fall 2024 terms to be eligible in Spring 2025 for a 3<sup>rd</sup> term CPT.
5. International MCS students must register for zero credits of ENG 510 during the semester of internship and follow all course guidelines and requirements for ENG 510, to maintain their visa status.
6. MCS students must return as an in-person student to campus to complete their final semester in the program to maintain their visa status.
7. MCS students must have received an internship offer and must submit a Full-time CPT request by the deadline set by the CS Graduate Academic Advising Office.

Link to request approval for 3<sup>rd</sup>-semester CPT internships: <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/854887346>

**The FALL 2024 CPT REQUEST FORM DEADLINE IS JULY 15, 2024. *Once the form has been approved by CS, the ISSS CPT process must be completed by August 1, 2024.***

**The SPRING 2025 CPT REQUEST FORM DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1, 2024. *Once the form has been approved by CS, the ISSS CPT process must be completed by December 16, 2024.***

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