

Los Angeles Program

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PROGRAM INFORMATION & APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

for NON-ITHACA COLLEGE STUDENTS

SUMMER 2027 • FALL 2027 • SPRING 2028

Program Description

The Ithaca College Los Angeles Program is an internship-based program that provides juniors and seniors with a major or minor in communications an opportunity to gain professional experience in their chosen fields by working at internships in television, radio, photography, cinema, corporate communications, the recording and music industries, journalism, public relations, advertising, sports media, and emerging media. In addition, students can take courses in cinema, television, and scriptwriting. Classes are taught at the James B. Pendleton Center, located minutes from Burbank and Hollywood, by our Los Angeles-based faculty and professionals working in the industry. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.ithaca.edu/la>.

Eligibility

1. Communications major OR minor OR related field.
2. Completed 60 credits by the start of your semester in Los Angeles.
 - For communication majors, 15 of those credits must be communications credits.
 - For communication minors, 12 of those credits must be communications credits.
3. Be in good academic, judicial and financial standing at your institution, with no unresolved issues at the start date of your semester in Los Angeles.

Application Deadlines

Early decision for Summer 2027: Monday, November 30, 2026Summer 2027, Fall 2027 and Spring 2028: Friday, February 5, 2027Please email us about late admission if you missed these deadlines: laprogram@ithaca.edu.

Selection Criteria

Space in the program is limited. If there are more qualified applicants than there are spaces, priority will be given to seniors and communications majors. Selection, done by the program director in consultation with the program staff, will be based on the following criteria:

1. How a Los Angeles internship fits your academic and career goals
2. Involvement in activities related to your major and career goals
3. Current grade point average

APPLICATION PROCEDURES and CHECKLIST

A. Click the "Application Link" on the ICLA website.

This will take you to the Ithaca College Los Angeles Program application site. Click on the "Apply Now" tab, then click "Create Account." You will need to register a new user account in order to complete the application process.

B. Complete the following application materials digitally:

❑ LA PROGRAM APPLICATION

Complete this form and be sure that you fill out the semester preference section in order to be considered.

C. Download, print, fill out and upload to your online application:

❑ CONSENT FORM

If you are not responsible for your own tuition bill, you must also obtain your parent or guardian's signature. Once signed, upload this form to your online application.

❑ UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Follow directions found at the "Unofficial Transcript" tab of your online application. Download and save your unofficial transcript as a PDF file. Upload it to your application by clicking on the yellow folder. Do NOT copy and paste information to the text box provided.

D. Submit the following materials to be filled out digitally:

❑ RESUMÉ Attach a one-page resume focusing on your communications experience in PDF format.

❑ ADVISOR APPROVAL

Type in the contact information, including the email address, of your advisor. Once this information is added and submitted your advisor will digitally fill out this form and submit it electronically. It is your responsibility to make sure that this is completed before the due date.

❑ ACADEMIC and BUSINESS/WORK RECOMMENDATIONS

Type the name or email address of the person you are requesting a recommendation from, and click "Search." Select "Recommender not listed" and manually enter the person's name and email address, then click "Send request." Your recommender will receive an email from **studyabroad@ithaca.edu** with instructions on completing the recommendation. It is your responsibility to make sure that this is completed before the due date.

❑ PERSONAL ESSAY (one-page maximum, single-spaced)

Upload your Personal Essay to your online application in PDF format. It must be a specific, well organized, and honest essay in which you discuss the Los Angeles Program and the internship experience in relation to your academic and career goals. Please put your name at the top of the page. Be sure to proofread your essay for grammar and spelling. Answer the following questions:

1. How will your participation in the LA Program help you meet your academic and career goals?
2. At what type of media organization would you like to intern? (you do not need to name specific organizations)
3. What do you hope to gain (skills, knowledge, training, experience, etc.) through your internship experience?
4. What experiences during the last two years have prepared you for an LA internship? If you are a communications minor, pay particular attention to this point.

E. Notification

Please email laprogram@ithaca.edu that you have completed your application or if you have any issues during the application process.

F. If you are accepted into the ICLA Program, you will be given information about how to search for and apply to internships listed in our database.

PROGRAM COSTS

When you attend the Ithaca College LA Program, you are registered as a full-time Ithaca College student. The cost of tuition for students attending the Los Angeles program is the same as on-campus Ithaca College students. Summer students pay per credit hour.

TUITION

Students attending the Ithaca College LA Program are registered as full-time Ithaca College students. **Tuition costs are determined in March for the following summer and school year.** Check the program website for updated cost information (www.ithaca.edu/la).

Summer students are charged tuition per credit hour, and there is a 3-credit minimum for summer registration.

Cost of tuition for Summer 2027 is \$730 per credit.

Cost of tuition for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 was \$29,720 per semester.

HOUSING INFORMATION

ICLA students may arrange their own housing or lease apartments directly from Kapi Residences Student Housing. Kapi leases apartments at two locations near the ICLA Pendleton Center at AVA Toluca Hills Apartments and AVA Burbank Apartments. Apartments are fully furnished two-bedroom/two-bathroom apartments and can accommodate 2-4 students. For additional information, please visit <http://www.kapiresidences.com/ithaca>.

COST OF HOUSING

Fall and Spring semester housing cost for Kapi apartments ranges from approximately \$6180 to \$6580 per person for a shared room in a 2-bedroom apartment. Private bedrooms are also available from Kapi at about double the cost.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

There is no meal plan. In addition to meals, students will be responsible for transportation to and around Los Angeles, books, laundry, and personal items. Parking at Kapi apartments is \$100 per month and is limited in availability.

PROGRAM STAFF

Dr. Stephen Tropiano, Director/Professor
Steven Ginsberg, Pendleton Chair/Associate Professor
Steve Kerem, Program Coordinator

LOS ANGELES PROGRAM 2027-2028 CALENDAR

SUMMER 2027

Sunday, May 23	Kapi housing opens
Tuesday, May 25	Orientation (Mandatory)
Wednesday, May 26	Internships begin
Friday, July 30	Internships end
Sunday, August 1	Kapi housing ends

FALL 2027

Sunday, August 15	Kapi housing opens
Wednesday, August 18	Orientation (Mandatory)
Monday, August 23	Classes and internships begin
November 22-26	Thanksgiving Break (No classes)
Friday, December 3	Classes and internships end
Monday – Friday, December 6-10	Final exams
Sunday, December 12	Kapi housing ends

SPRING 2028

Sunday, January 16, 2028	Kapi housing opens
Wednesday, January 19, 2028	Orientation (Mandatory)
Monday, January 24, 2028	Classes and internships begin
March 13-17, 2028	Spring Break (No classes)
Friday, May 5, 2028	Classes and internships end
Monday – Friday, May 8-12, 2028	Final exams
Sunday, May 14, 2028	Kapi housing ends

ACADEMIC & COURSE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR FALL 2027 OR SPRING 2028:

Fall and spring semester students generally register for 12-15 credits. The minimum number you must take is 12 credits; the maximum is 18. All students are required to register for a 6-8 credit internship and "Media Industries," a 1-credit seminar.

A full-time schedule consists of:	Internship	6-8 credits
	Media Industries (required)	1 credit
	One to two 4 credit course(s)	4-8 credits

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR SUMMER 2027:

You must enroll for 3-5 internship credits; the maximum is 5 credits.

NOTE: Graduated students are only required to enroll for 1 internship credit.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

1. Students applying for the LA Program should list the courses they intend to enroll in on their application.
2. A list of courses to be offered and registration instructions will be distributed at the Zoom Orientation session. The list of courses to be offered each semester is determined by student enrollment.
3. Students will have the opportunity to review their academic schedules with a member of the program staff upon their arrival in Los Angeles.

COURSE OFFERINGS

For specific course descriptions, go to www.ithaca.edu/catalogs.

FALL 2027 AND SPRING 2028 COURSES

Cinema & Photography

- CNPH 30000 Fiction Film Theory (4 credits)
- CNPH 30500 Contemporary Film Criticism (4 credits) (Spring only)
- CNPH 49000 Cinema & Photography Internship (6-8 credits)

Communication

- GCOM 32600 Media Industries (1 credit; required for all ICLA students)

Journalism

- JOUR 39000 Sports Journalism (3 credits)
- JOUR 49000 Journalism Internship (6-8 credits)

Strategic Communication

- STCM 49000 Internship (6-8 credits)
- STCM 49300 Internship: Live Event Design and Management Minor (6-8 credits)

Television & Digital Media Production / Emerging Media

- TVR 33500 Electronic Media Criticism (4 credits)
- TVR 49000 Television-Radio / Emerging Media Internship (6-8 credits)

Writing for Film, TV and Emerging Media

- MASS 32700 Development for Entertainment Media (4 credits) (Spring only)
- MASS 33300 Writing the Feature Film (4 credits)
- MASS 43300 Thesis Screenwriting (4 credits)
- MASS 43600 Thesis TV Writing (4 credits)
- MASS 49000 Writing Internship (6-8 credits)

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

Students accepted into the program are assigned a faculty advisor who will assist them with their internship searches. Although some students are offered an internship prior to their arrival in Los Angeles, the majority of students obtain an internship at the start of their LA semester. All students attending the LA Program are guaranteed an internship.

For more information, please contact:

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