

Internship Readiness Quiz: A Questionnaire for Students

Are You Ready for an Internship?

At what point in your education, if any, is it advisable to pursue an internship? The Internship Readiness Quiz has been designed specifically to answer this question. By taking this quiz you are making the first step in planning your internship. This is a self-scoring instrument. After answering the questions, add up your score to determine whether you can make all of the provisions necessary for tackling an internship... Good luck!

Answer all questions to the best of your knowledge. Rate each statement using the following scale:

Strongly agree = 5; Agree = 4; Uncertain = 3; Disagree = 2; Strongly disagree = 1

Score

- _____ 1) It is difficult to find summer employment relating to my academic and career goals.
- _____ 2) I sometimes wonder how what I have been learning at Houghton applies to the world of work.
- _____ 3) I have taken courses relevant to my career interests, or I plan to next year.
- _____ 4) As I observe other students who seemingly have more extensive work experience, I wish there was some way to get experience related to my future career plans.
- _____ 5) It would be possible to adjust my courses for my senior year so that I would not need more than twelve hours in the fall semester.
- _____ 6) It would not be necessary for me to earn a salary if I were to consider an internship as part of my school year.
- _____ 7) I really have no idea whether or not I will attend graduate school, because I don't have the foggiest notion what I would study.
- _____ 8) I am experiencing some boredom with my classes and want to pursue other practical activities.
- _____ 9) My parents ask me, "What are you going to do after you graduate from Houghton?" And I don't know.
- _____ 10) If I had the option of getting some valuable experience this summer, I would consider working part-time and interning part-time without pay.

_____ TOTAL SCORE

- Scale:
- Definitely ready for an internship 45-50
 - Ready for an internship 40-44
 - Need to consider potential obstacles before starting an internship 35-39
 - It will take careful planning and rethinking of priorities if you want to begin an internship 30-34
 - It may be in your best interest to consider other options under 30