

ISI CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Practical Engagement Program: SI 690 versus SI 681

SI 690

SI 690 is a course offered throughout the year for students who complete a part-time PEP internship (one to six credits). Typically, SI students register for SI 690 during the Fall and Winter terms for part-time internships. Students do have the option to register for SI 690 for a part-time summer internship (one to six credits). Summer tuition is associated with this option.

SI 681

SI 681 is a course offered to SI master's students who:

- Complete a full-time summer internship of at least 360 hours of work (1 credit = 60 hours of work; therefore, 6 credits = 360 hours of work).

OR

- Complete two part-time summer internships where the combined hours equal or exceed 360 hours of work (six credits).

The School of Information recognizes that for some students, paying for six hours of academic credit during the Spring/Summer terms would cause financial hardship. Therefore, the School, under the rules set by Rackham Graduate School, has made special arrangements for this course. Rackham requires a reflective piece to be completed during the term in which you are enrolled (SI 681 Fall Seminar/SI@Work). Think of it like borrowing money—this option requires you to pay interest for the privilege of deferring your tuition payment.

You must enroll in SI 681 in the fall immediately following the summer you work; however, you must have an approved PEP internship proposal submitted before you start work.

You do not have to enroll in SI 681. You may choose to enroll in SI 690 during the spring/summer term while you are actually working; however, you will be required to pay tuition during that term. You may also choose to complete a summer internship, but not receive credit. If you do not need the PEP credits, you do not need to register for SI 681 or SI 690. The internship will still be a valuable learning experience that you can put on your resume—whether you receive credit for it or not.

For SI 681, you will need to submit all of the same paperwork as a student enrolled in SI 690: a proposal, bi-weekly reports, bi-weekly blog submissions, and final reflection.

You will register for SI 681 in August, and attend a seminar in September that helps you to reflect on your internship experience and guides the development of a final presentation.