

CPT Quick Overview for Students and Staff

Q: As an international student on an F-1 visa, can I work or volunteer off-campus/outside Rice University during my Full-time MBA?

A: Only if the work opportunity is eligible for Curricular Practical Training (CPT), a temporary work authorization given to F-1 visa students to receive training required by a course or program.

Timing in program	CPT possible?	Curricular Justification	Action Needed
1 st year	No	--	--
Summer between 1 st and 2 nd year	Yes, an appropriate internship is a required component of FT MBA degree.	MGMT 500: Applied Business Experience is a required course, but you must be approved to be registered.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connect with CDO advisor to ensure your summer internship function is related to your major area of study. 2. Request MBA program support via MBA CPT Department Form (Summer – MGMT 500). 3. Take necessary action through OISS (which includes providing MBA program support from #2)
2 nd year (fall)	Yes, if the opportunity is an integral part of established curriculum.	A full-time MBA student may be approved to register for MGMT 704: Field Study in American Business II.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connect with CDO advisor to ensure your opportunity is aligned with the MGMT 704 curriculum. 2. Request MBA program support via MBA CPT Department Form (Fall – MGMT 704). 3. Take necessary action through OISS (which includes providing MBA program support from #2)
2 nd year (winter recess)	Yes, if the opportunity is an integral part of established curriculum.	A full-time MBA student may be approved to register for MGMT 705: Field Study in American Business III.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connect with CDO advisor to ensure your opportunity is aligned with the MGMT 705 curriculum. 2. Request MBA program support via MBA CPT Department Form (Winter Recess – MGMT 705). 3. Take necessary action through OISS (which includes providing MBA program support from #2)

2 nd year (spring)	Yes, if the opportunity is an integral part of established curriculum.	A full-time MBA student may be approved to register for MGMT 705: Field Study in American Business III.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connect with CDO advisor to ensure your opportunity is aligned with the MGMT 705 curriculum. 2. Request MBA program support via MBA CPT Department Form (Spring – MGMT 705). 3. Take necessary action through OISS (which includes providing MBA program support from #2)
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