

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, if the opportunity is an integral part of established curriculum.	A full-time MBA student may be approved to register for MGMT 703: Field Study in American Business I.	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 703). 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.	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.	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.	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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