Citymester: An immersive summer program combining internship, service project, and local exploration

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Honors College | In-person

**Intended Target Population**
Undergraduates from any major across any college at UTSA.

Students with any level of professional experience.

Any undergraduate student can be part of Citymester.

**Active Learning Technique Explanation/Learning Curve**
Throughout the 10-week summer term students *intern 150 hours* with a local organization, *volunteer 75 hours* with a local nonprofit partner, and spend Friday afternoons *exploring key locations* and learning more about San Antonio from business leaders, civic leaders, and nonprofit professionals.

Citymester instructors:
- Advise and coach students individually for internship and service placement
- Expose students to professional internships, service, and city institutions and landmarks
- Design written and group discussion exercises where students reflect on experiences as they relate to each other and their individual goals
- Provide written and verbal feedback

**Student Learning Outcome Satisfied**
- Adaptability and Resilience
- Agency through Accomplishment
- Intercultural Confidence
- Communication
- Self-reflection and Awareness
- Collaboration

**Student Benefits and Impact**
Upon completion of Citymester, students are better prepared to succeed in the 21st century workplace.

Students become more confident, well-rounded socially conscious, and communicative.

Citymester epitomizes Classroom to Career.