ECON 484 Internship

ECON 484 is open to ECON majors who have completed ECON 202, 203, 323, and one additional ECON or ECMT course, has a 2.5 Cumulative GPA or higher, as well as a 2.5 GPA or higher in their Economics courses.

Do all internships qualify?

No. While most internships obtained through the Business Career Fair and the TAMU Career Center qualify, we want to confirm that you’ll have the opportunity to gain career knowledge and transferrable skills through a professional level experience. Therefore, we look for internships that include professional development, practical application of theory, and a supportive work environment with opportunities in problem solving, research, client contact, teamwork, and more. See next page for details.

How do I qualify?

1) Obtain the following documentation
   • Offer letter on company letterhead. Must include:
     o Your name.
     o Start and end dates of internship. Internship must fall within the semester you are taking the course.
     o Expected number of work hours/week. Minimum 10 weeks, 150 hours.
   • Detailed job description. General work expectations on next page.
2) Meet by appointment for documentation review
   • Schedule an appointment at swan.tamu.edu/ECON with Savannah Maxwell. Meet no later than day prior to orientation.
3) If approved, attend course orientation. Dates TBA.
   • Obtain syllabus and learn about assignments and submission process.
   • Students who cannot or do not attend required orientation cannot take the course.

*Tuition and fees apply. In-absentia rate for internships 50+ miles from BCS.

*See Student Business Services for tuition rates and due dates.

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What course assignments can I expect?

You will create learning goals and objectives that you are expected to review with your supervisor at the beginning of your internship and to write about and expand upon at the end of the semester in a final paper. You are also expected to turn in relevant current event write ups throughout the semester.

What makes a qualifying internship for ECON 484?

The initial appointment for documentation review is to determine if the following requirements are met based on the internship documentation that is submitted. It is the student’s responsibility to request that the employer include the required information in the internship documentation.

- Internship dates must fall within the semester you are taking the course, minimum of 10 weeks and 150 hours total work.
- Student must have daily contact and ongoing guidance in their duties by a practicing professional, receiving regular instruction and feedback, while also being allowed to use some independent judgment.
- The knowledge and experience gained should result from applying theory learned in the classroom to work of significance to the organization and generally transferrable to other organizations.
- No more than 20% of the student’s time should be spent handling clerical duties, physical labor, or other responsibilities not typically fundamental to jobs requiring a college degree.
- Student should be developing or honing in skills in writing, research, interpersonal communication, problem-solving, analyzing, teamwork, etc.
- There should be NO student-required initial monetary outlay.
- Student cannot be self-employed, employed by or reporting to a member of the student’s family, or already working in the job.
- Student cannot take the course for an internship she/he has already begun or completed.
- Upon approval of documentation, student must attend one of the two mandatory internship orientations to be enrolled in the course.

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