ECON 484: Internship for Credit

ECON 484 is open to any student who is pursuing a major or minor in Economics and 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 Economic theory, and a supportive work environment with opportunities in problem solving, research, analysis, 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:
     - Your name
     - Start and end dates of internship. Internship must fall within the semester you are taking the course
     - Expected number of work hours/week. Minimum 10 weeks if during the fall/spring terms, or 5 weeks if during a summer session
   - Detailed job description. General work expectations on next page
   - Submit an application/offer letter to an ECON advisor via email for review

2) Meet by appointment to submit the completed application
   - Schedule an appointment at with an ECON advisor here

3) If approved, follow all directions detailed in your approval letter/confirmation email
   - Obtain syllabus for ECON 484 and learn about assignments, final paper and the submission process

*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 with the supervisor that you will be reporting to during the internship. It is expected that you review these goals and objectives with your supervisor at the beginning of your internship and write about and expand upon them at the end of the semester in a final paper. You are expected to turn in relevant current event write ups related to the work you are doing 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, be a minimum of 10 weeks (or 5 weeks if a summer session) and average 15 hours per week
- 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 gained during this experience should result from combining Economic theory learned in the classroom with work that is of significance to the organization. It should also be 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 and improving skills in writing, research, interpersonal communication, problem-solving, analyzing, teamwork, etc.
- The position should NOT require monetary outlay by the student
- 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.

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