

Course Syllabus
Economics Internship Course- ECON 4941

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Course Prerequisites: Enrollment is limited to juniors or seniors who have completed Econ 2105 and 2106, and at least 6 upper-level hours of economics coursework. Students must have an overall GPA of at least 2.5 and an economics GPA of at least 2.5. **Students are responsible for locating their own internship and there must be some economic content to the job.**

Students may not use a “regular job” as an internship. The internship must be a new short-term opportunity to work with a private firm or public organization to learn something about the field.

Credit cannot be awarded for an internship retroactively—students must be enrolled in Econ 4941 and working as an intern at the same time.

Course Credits and Requirements: Three hours of credit can be earned for an internship of at least 200 hours of work per semester. No more than 3 hours of credit in economics can be earned with internships. **It is important to note that this is a pass/fail course.** Students must submit the following documents to Dr. Glenwood Ross, the internship director.

1. Internship Application.
2. Internship Contract signed by the workplace sponsor.
3. Student Consent and Release Form.

Each of these forms can be found on uLearn.

Course Assignments: Students are required to submit (1) a book review and (2) a reflection paper.

- The book review should be done in 5-6 pages (using one-inch margins, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 font). One of the following books (or another current book that I approve) must be chosen: Outliers, Guts!, Good to Great, Built to Last, Wikipedia, The Five Patterns of Extraordinary Careers, Nuts! Southwest Airlines, New Girl on the Job: Advice from the Trenches, First Break All The Rules, In Search of Excellence, Rigged, The 4-Hour Workweek, and Running Money.
- The reflection paper should also be done in 8-10 pages (using one-inch margins, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 font). This report details your internship experience. You will cover the following content areas:

- Short history of your company
- Scope of work performed
- Relationship of work done to courses you have completed. This could include both what you learned in your classes or things you think should have been covered in your classes that were not.
- What goals did you meet?
- What goals were unmet?
- What did you learn about the industry you worked in?
- What is the biggest challenge facing the company or organization you worked for?
- What did you learn about business in general?
- What did you learn about yourself?
- Any negative experiences

Grading Policy: The grade for the internship will be based on the following:

1/3 Feedback from internship employer

1/3 Book Report

1/3 Reflection Paper

Due Dates:

TASKS	DUE DATES
Book Report	Thursday, November 15 th
Reflection Paper	Thursday, November 29 th
Feedback from Internship Employer	Thursday, December 6 th