

Academic Credit and Internship Agreement FAQs

UCSB supports students who pursue internship/work experience courses and recognizes that such courses can help employers and students manage their experience. UCSB does not require academic credit for students who intern; some employers providing internships may require proof of academic enrollment or participation in a related course for academic credit. Below is a list of courses which have previously been offered. Consult the course catalogue and speak with your department about options and potential 199 Independent Research courses. Career Services cannot provide academic credit.

Important Facts:

- ✦ The availability and requirements for academic credit varies greatly across majors. It is the student's responsibility to work with their academic department and/or another college to pursue options.
- ✦ Students can provide an employer proof of UCSB enrollment by requesting documentation through the UCSB Office of The Registrar or their GOLD account. Students should ask the employer if proof of enrollment will meet their hiring needs.
- ✦ UCSB Career Services does not provide academic credit and is not authorized to sign internship agreements.

Tips for Pursuing Academic Credit Related to an Internship

Some academic majors at UCSB offer internship related courses, which may include a regularly meeting course or independent research with a faculty sponsor. It is the student's responsibility to review the course catalogue and speak with their academic department advisors regarding appropriate options. Students will not get academic credit for the internship experience alone. The units you receive are based upon the academic learning that results from the internship as reflected on through an academic course.

Please review the frequently asked questions below, and speak with your academic advisor regarding specific credit questions. Both you and your employer can contact the Internship Development Coordinator with further questions: CareerInternships@sa.ucsb.edu

FAQs

Does UCSB require academic credit for internship experiences?

No, UCSB does not require students to receive academic credit for internships. If the employer would like the student to receive academic credit, it is the student's responsibility to speak with their academic department regarding options.

My internship employer gave me a specific form to be signed. Who can approve my internship and sign the document?

In general, UCSB staff are not authorized to provide signatures or approval of internships. In order to best assist your individual case, please email CareerInternships@sa.ucsb.edu and provide a copy of the document along with your employer's contact information. For a fee, The Office of the Registrar may consider signing forms from your employer that specify enrollment information only.

How do I get proof I am enrolled at UCSB for my employer?

The Office of the Registrar can assist with proof of enrollment. Students can request the following through GOLD: Official Verifications (fee), Unofficial Verifications, Official Transcripts (fee), and Unofficial Transcripts.

UCSB Classes With Internship Or Field Work Components

Below is a list of classes which have previously offered an academic course which integrates internship experience. This is not an exhaustive list, nor does Career Services advise students on giving academic credit. Speak directly with your academic department for further information.

- ✦ Anthropology 190: Cultural Anthropology Internship
- ✦ Art 192: Art Studio
- ✦ *Art 199: Independent Study
- ✦ *Asian American Studies 199: Independent Studies
- ✦ *Black Studies 199: Independent Studies
- ✦ Chemistry and Bio Chemistry 193: Internship in Chemistry
- ✦ Communication 191: Applying Communication to Internships in Organizations
- ✦ Computer Science 193: Internship in Industry
- ✦ *Dance 199: Independent Studies in Dance
- ✦ Earth Science 192 (Geology): Field Internship in Engineering
- ✦ Economics 193: Internship in Economics
- ✦ Education 191 a-c: Various Internship Possibilities
- ✦ ECE193: Internship in Industry
- ✦ English 195I: Internship in English
- ✦ Environmental Studies 192: Internship in Environmental Studies
- ✦ EEMB 184: Internship in Biological Sciences
- ✦ Exercise & Sport Studies 193: Internship in Exercise Science, Physical Ed., and Sport
- ✦ Film and Media Studies 195I: Internship in Film/Television
- ✦ History 196: Internship in History
- ✦ History of Art and Architecture 141B: Internship
- ✦ History of Art and Architecture 141C: Visual Technologies Internship
- ✦ History of Art and Architecture 141E: University Art Museum Internship
- ✦ Interdisciplinary Studies 192DC: Washington Center Internship
- ✦ Interdisciplinary Studies 192S: Sacramento Center Internship
- ✦ Latin American and Iberian Studies 196: Internship
- ✦ Law and Society 192: Field Research in Law and Society
- ✦ Linguistics 191: Internship in Linguistics
- ✦ Mathematics 193: Internship in Mathematics
- ✦ Mathematics 195: Internship in Mathematics (Teaching)
- ✦ MCDB 184: Internship in Biological Sciences
- ✦ Mechanical Engineering 193: Internship in Industry
- ✦ Philosophy 192: Internship in Philosophy
- ✦ Political Science 192: Field Research in Political Science
- ✦ *Psychology 199 (199P): Independent Research in Psychology
- ✦ *Sociology 199: Independent Studies in Sociology
- ✦ Spanish and Portuguese 196: Internship
- ✦ *Speech and Hearing Sciences 199: Independent studies
- ✦ Statistics and Applied Probability 193: Internship in Statistics
- ✦ *Theatre and Dance 199: Independent studies in Dramatic Arts
- ✦ *Women's Studies 199: Independent studies in Women's Studies
- ✦ Writing Program 150: Internship in Writing

*Only a 199 Independent research available for this major (199 Independent Research is also available for almost every major)

For more questions about internships, please email:

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