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Course Goals:

Students will find their own internship with the help of Career Services, gain experience performing in the office place, and gain further insight into their career aspirations. By the end of the internship students should have an understanding of how economics can be applied in the work setting for their internship.

Potential Employers:

Students have found internships in banking, financial services, real estate, government, think tanks, private industry, nongovernmental organizations, and international organizations. Employers have included: Bank of America, NW Mutual Financial, BB&T, Smith Barney, Prudential Carruthers, Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Pollutions Funds Center, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Exxon Mobil, U.S. General Services Admin, Merrill Lynch, The Cato Institute, FINCA International, USA Next, and the International Monetary Fund.

Skill requirements and prerequisites:

Economics 103, 104 and 6 upper-level hours of Economics
Junior standing, i.e. completion of at least 60 credit hours
Permission of instructor

Format and Evaluation:

Each student will write a 1-page proposal describing how their internship is expected to enhance the student's understanding of economic principles and further the student's career goals. See <http://economics.gmu.edu/undergrad/internships.html> for additional paperwork requirements.

Students will also submit a 4-page, 800 word paper reflecting on the work experience. The paper should address

- 1) The extent to which the work experience actually enhanced the student's understanding of economic principles and furthered the student's career goals
- 2) The tasks that the student performed as part of the internship experience
- 3) Whether the student would recommend this employer to other students seeking internships in the future

The final grade is S/NC and will be based on the 2 papers and the employer evaluation.