

EnvS 194: Public Service Internship

Fall 2009

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Section #6: 4 units; Code: 48209

Section #7: 5 units; Code: 48210

Section #8: 6 units; Code: 48211

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SYLLABUS**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Service in a local, city, county, state, or federal environmental agency, schools, or in environmental industry can offer you valuable insight into whether you are heading into work you like. This experience can also be a great resume builder or lead directly to a job. To get the most out of this experience, you should have completed most [preferably all] of your Preparation for the Major courses, most of your EnvS Core requirements, the EnvS 100W writing requirement, and a good number of courses in your chosen concentration or focus area. In other words, you should be well prepared to go out and represent this department in the community.

Whether you are actually qualified at this time for EnvS 194 will be determined by the EnvS 194 instructor and your concentration or focus area advisor. Projects that are run through CDR or ERC or undertaken for credit in a course are typically not eligible for internship credit. The purpose of the internship is to get you off campus and out of the department so that you receive a unique experience in the working world. You are not required to have an internship identified prior to enrollment. Prerequisite: Senior standing in EnvS or instructor approval. Cr/NCr grading. 3-9 units.

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

This course is an undergraduate academic experience with three principle objectives:

- A. To help you identify employment that is consistent with your skills, degree objective, personality, and/or life goals.
- B. To provide you professional job experience in an environmental or teaching field.
- C. To provide an opportunity for you to establishment a "professional network of contacts" that may help in your quest for full-time employment.

APPROPRIATE COURSE:

EnvS 194 is for undergraduate students only. Graduate students can sign up under EnvS 285 for their internship experience, after consulting with the EnvS Graduate Coordinator.

NUMBER OF UNITS TO BE TAKEN:

This is a repeatable course. I strongly recommend you undertake **2-3 different** internship experiences (in different semesters), but all related to the environmental field in which you would like to work. For example, if coastal resource management is your field, you might do 3 units working at the California Coastal Commission; 3 units for working in the offices of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association; and 3 units for working at Elkhorn Slough Estuarine Research Reserve. The greater number of internship experiences and contacts you make, the better your resume will look, and the greater the chances that you will find a rewarding career after graduation.

All ES students, whether BS, BA-regular, or BA-teacher preparation, will do the same number of hours of internship credit per unit. Specifically, 45 hours of internship work are required per unit of credit. The hourly equivalent to units schedule is as follows:

Units	Hours	Hrs/week
1	45	3
2	90	6
3	135	9
4	180	12
5	225	15
6	270	18
7	315	21
8	360	24
9	405	27

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Obtain written approval from your departmental concentration or focus area advisor for a specified internship;
- B. Attend, participate, and discuss your experiences in the four SJSU meetings. **The fourth meeting may not be missed.** You may miss one group meeting, but not the last. For more explanation regarding absences, see “**” footnote on page 4.
- C. Conduct an in-office Occupational Interview with your supervisor after you are well established; submit written results to Dr. Klee.
- D. Complete a specified number of internship hours per unit load.
- E. Obtain a very positive written evaluation from your internship supervisor on letterhead paper. [All "lukewarm" reviews will be double checked by Dr. Klee with a phone call to the supervisor. If the supervisor really didn't like your performance, but didn't have the heart to put it in writing, then you may not pass EnvS 194].
- F. Submit other classroom assignments (e.g., resume; internship activity record; student internship assessment, etc.) on schedule, and in fine order.

FINDING AN INTERNSHIP:

The department has many resources to help you find an internship. Be aware that although some are paid, most are not. Seek experience and contacts, not money. Internships that are inappropriate to Environmental Studies or a student's concentration/focus area will not be accepted for EnvS 194 credit. Start your internship search by . . .

- A. Consulting with your EnvS concentration/focus area advisor for personal contacts.
- B. Review the internship announcements posted on the clipboard in WSQ 115 or that arrive via email from the department.
- C. Review the binder labeled "Completed Student Internships" in WSQ 115, and/or check the ERC Internship website. Then, contact those employers who have offered internships to students in your interest area.
- D. Check the business cards of our recent graduates.
- E. Check with the Graduate Coordinator for the names of graduate students that may be working in your interest area.
- F. Review the Internship Resource Bank at the SJSU Career Center.
- G. Check the telephone book for local employers in your field.
- H. Attend EnvS 194 on campus meetings to provide feedback, seek additional ideas, and help your fellow classmates with their internship search. *Teaching others about your internship experience is part of the 194 requirement.*

EVALUATION:

This is a Cr/NCr class. To receive credit, you must attend the class meetings, turn in all paper, following the guidelines given, and present information on your internship experience in class.

Because internships often start mid-semester, *grades of "Incomplete" are common*. To receive an Incomplete, students must seek prior approval from Dr. Klee and submit a formal letter explaining how and when EnvS 194 will be completed (i.e., number of hours needed to complete the assignment, semester when the hours will be completed, reason for the delay, etc.). Otherwise, an NCr or Unauthorized Withdrawal (WU) will be given.

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DUE DATES****

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Date	Topics	Paperwork Due
_____(TBA)*	Internship Ideas & Goals	--
_____(TBA)**	Internship Approval: Report Back	Advisor Approval & Analysis; Resume; Envelope
_____(TBA)**	Individual Progress: Report Back	Activity Record; Supervisor Interview
_____(TBA)*	Internship Results: Report Back	Final Internship Analysis Record; Performance Evaluation

REQUIRED GROUP MEETING

* We meet as a group in _____ room (TBA).

** If you cannot make a group meeting, you can do a personal one-on-one Report Back in my office. The sign-up sheet is on my office door. Try to sign-up at least 2 weeks in advance of the above date to reserve a space.