

ECON386: EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

The Economics Department supports students who desire to broaden their range of educational experience beyond the traditional classroom. To this end, ECON386 allows students to obtain credit for employment or internships related to their studies in economics. Students may earn a maximum of three (3) credits that count as Supporting Courses (within the major requirements) or elective credits (towards the minimum number of credits needed for an undergraduate degree). Grades for ECON386 are S/F.

Prerequisites:

- Economics major for one complete semester prior to ECON386 registration.
- At least 60 cumulative credits completed
- OVERALL GPA of at least 2.75
- Proposal must be related to a student's study of Economics in some regard
- Credit for ECON386 will only be given in the semester during which the internship is conducted.
**Note: if your internship takes place during the summer months, you must pay the University's summer term fees in order to earn credit – you can not earn credit after your internship is already completed.

ECON386 Application:

In order to receive credit for ECON386, a student must complete the application form found on the next page. The student must complete and sign the application and then obtain a signature from their internship supervisor BEFORE submitting to one of the Economics Advisors. The Director of Undergraduate Studies for Economics will review the application and may contact either the student or the internship supervisor for additional information prior to determination of eligibility. Once the application has been approved, an Economics Advisor will notify the student by email that they can register for ECON386 using Testudo.

While the Economics Department will post internship opportunities forwarded by potential sponsors, the department does not actively match students with internships. Students are responsible for seeking and securing eligible sponsorships. The career center (www.careercenter.umd.edu) provides services for students seeking internships.

All applications MUST be submitted with sufficient time in order to be evaluated prior to the last day of schedule adjustment for the current semester.

ECON386 Requirements:

- Written progress report must be sent to Shanna Edinger (edinger@econ.umd.edu) and include the subject line of ECON386 Progress Report. This is to insure that your learning experience is, indeed, going as planned. These progress reports will be due on Fridays, either every week or bi-weekly, as pre-determined and agreed upon with Ms. Edinger.
- Students must prepare a short, 5-page paper describing their learning experience. This essay will be due at the end of the semester (exact deadline will be on syllabus).
- Student supervisors must send a letter on company letterhead, with signature, indicating their feedback on the student's performance at the end of the semester (exact deadline will be on syllabus). The letter may be sent via email as a PDF attachment to clement@econ.umd.edu or faxed to Dr. Clement at (301) 405-3542.

Failure to meet any of these requirements will result in a grade of "F."

Grades in ECON 386 are S/F only.

University of Maryland, Department of Economics
Experiential Learning Proposal/Contract for ECON386

Entire application must be completed with student & supervisor signatures prior to submission.

PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____ Major: _____ Student ID: _____

Address: _____ Grad. Date: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Current UMCP Credits Earned: _____ Current UMCP GPA: _____ Date ECON Major: _____

(This information can be found on www.testudo.umd.edu via the Degree Navigator link.)

DETAILS OF INTERNSHIP

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Total # of weeks: _____ x hours per week: _____ = total hours for internship: _____

(**min. of 150 hrs required)

Semester: _____ Academic Year: _____

DESCRIPTION OF INTERNSHIP

Internship Site/Name of Company: _____

Address: _____

1. List your specific job responsibilities:

2. What do you expect to learn from the experience? How does this apply to your career goals?

3. When and how will your performance be evaluated at your internship site? How often will you have formal feedback sessions with your site supervisor?

The student is solely responsible for meeting all of the requirements of the course, and by signing this contract indicates that s/he understands the requirements and that failure to meet **any** of the requirements will result in a grade of "F."

Student signature

Date: _____

Site Supervisor signature

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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