

## **ABUS 429 INTERNSHIP** **Spring 2010**

**Prerequisite:** ABUS 350, 371, 363,  
Junior Standing, 2.5 GPA

**Course Description:** This course provides students in all disciplines with the opportunity to reinforce classroom learning by working in their discipline in a supervised business environment. This course may be repeated with the approval of the Internship Coordinator and the student's Academic Advisor. (3 credit hours)

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**Prerequisites:** Junior standing, 2.5 GPA, ABUS 350, ABUS 363, ABUS 371, and an approved contract with the Internship Coordinator.

**Objectives:** The objective of the internship is to provide students time to explore their career choice and observe businesspersons as they perform their normal duties. This may lead to a reinforcement of the student's career choice or it may cause him or her to look more closely at their choice or perhaps make a change. The internship also provides the opportunity to list actual employment in a desired field on the student's resume. Most students will have the opportunity to actually perform work in their selected area.

**Requirements and Grading:** The final grade will be based on a final evaluation by your employer, a paper which describes the internship experience, and weekly Discussion Boards. The paper will be graded for content as well as for writing style. A daily log of work hours will provide support for your paper. The Discussion Boards do not have specific topics and you may feel free to add a thread and comment on each other's threads. These are opportunities for you to share with your fellow students. Please keep in mind any confidential items for your companies should remain confidential. I expect to see at one posting per week.

Interns are required to work:

- A minimum of 110 hours to receive three (3) semester hours of course credit. Hours must be worked during the semester in which credit is awarded. Many internships require students to work more hours than required by our policy. Students should take this into consideration when registering for classes AND and internship.

**Paper Due Date:** End of Internship but before April 23rd.

**Class meetings:** We will meet as a group three times at 12:00 noon in Room 234:

January 13th

March 3rd

April 7th

**GRADING SCALE:**

90- 100 A

88-89 B+

80- 87 B

78- 79 C+

70- 77 C

68- 69 D+

60 – 67 D

Below 60 F

**Expectations:** The student is expected to fulfill the requirements of the contract. This means being on time, properly dressed, and acting professionally in every area. The student will be required to submit an outline of the duties he or she will perform in the internship. This outline should be designed with the approval of the businessperson that will supervise the internship and the instructor. It will serve to clarify the student's role in the internship and reduce the chances of the student being asked to perform tasks that were not agreed upon at the start of the internship contract. If a student has a problem with the assignments or duties they should see the instructor immediately. The student should not wait until the end of the semester to tell the professor that the internship is not working out. There will not be enough time to correct the problem if the student does not bring it to the attention of the professor immediately.

**Disabled Student Services :** If you have a learning or physical disability which might affect your performance in this class, please contact the Office of Disability Services in 126A of the B&E Building, 641- 3609 as soon as possible. The Disability Services Office will determine appropriate accommodations based on medical documentation.

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