

Guidelines and Responsibilities for Coastal Studies Internships

General Catalog 2007-2008 General Requirements Description

297. Internship in Marine Sciences Either semester. Variable credits. With a change in topic, may be repeated for credit, not to exceed 3 credits. Recommended preparation: Nine credits of MARN courses at the Junior-Senior level. Consent of Instructor. Students taking this course will be assigned a final grade of S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory).

An internship under the direction of MARN faculty. Placements stress application of academic training. A journal of activities is required. One credit may be earned for each 42 hours of pre-approved activities in a semester to a maximum of three credits.

General Guidelines (5/07)

These guidelines are consistent with current CLAS Policy on Internships
<http://aurora.clas.uconn.edu/clasccc/appoint.html>

Internships (Marn 297) are strongly recommended for CSTL B.S. & B.A. majors.

Early advisement will include specific identification of goals and benefits (maturation, real-world experience, career planning), comparison of options, and selection of host.

All internships must be approved in advance by the faculty advisor.

Students will be advised to take the internship during or after their junior year.

Students will receive 1-3 credits for a full semester, with each credit representing 42 hours of activities under supervision of a host mentor.

Internship may be either paid or unpaid.

Internship should be a new experience and must involve significant intellectual content. The overall experience must have relevance to the Coastal Studies major and provide real world, job-like experience.

Students may learn about internship opportunities through the Coastal Studies office but may also pursue their own options, with the approval of their advisor.

Generally, the host site will be outside UConn, but on-campus opportunities may be acceptable if ideal in other respects. Scientific research projects with a UConn faculty member should be taken as an Independent Study (Marn 299).

Student Responsibilities

After collaboration with the advisor, students must develop a written agreement clarifying internship expectations and requirements with the host mentor. This agreement will then be reviewed and approved by the faculty advisor. The host mentor and the student will have the option of specifying an individual project as all or part of the internship.

Students will maintain a journal as an account of their day-to-day activities.

Students will meet or communicate directly with their advisors in week one, two, four and monthly thereafter during the internship.

Following the internship experience, the students may be asked to participate in an “Internship Day”, to showcase their work to faculty, staff, and students in Coastal Studies.

Students will submit to their advisor a final written report of their internships. This report will provide a thoughtful analysis of the experience, including a description of the host organization, its structure, goals, operations, personnel, etc, as well as an analysis of specific tasks, responsibilities, and accomplishments. The report will be due at the end of the semester in which the internship takes place and be graded (S or U) by the advisor. The intellectual content of the report will be the formal basis for awarding academic credit.