College of Business and Technology  
Department of HRD & Technology  
TECH 4370, 4371, 5370, & 5371  
Internship in Technology  
Course Syllabus

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Course Description

An 8-16 week program offering learning experiences in an off-campus industrial business or manufacturing environment. A minimum of 150 clock hours of learning experiences in an approved internship activity is required for 3 hours of credit. Course is credit/no-credit. Prerequisite: Consent of academic advisor. Course Fee $10.00.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

A. apply academic learning experience.
B. acquire experience in the working world, adding depth and relevance to classroom work.
C. enhance understanding of business processes.
D. increase understanding of how specific projects relate to larger business and industry goals.
E. learn the importance of communications skills and how interactions between people are a key factor in business success at all levels.
F. experience accountability for work product and job performance.
G. gain knowledge of different career fields and of specific jobs within these fields.
H. further ability to match career and employment choices with personal goals and abilities.
I. improve job search, interview, and other professional skills.

Student Learner Outcomes

1. Demonstrate an acceptable level of knowledge and skills that they were taught in their degree program by obtaining scores of 4 or better (scale of 1-5 with 5 being the best) by their internship employer supervisor form.

2. Demonstrate how to prepare for a job by successfully keeping their internship position the entire semester.
**Course Competencies**

Academic credit will be granted if all of the following requirements are met.

Please see attachment to this syllabus entitled: *Internship Requirements*.

A. Computer-based skills – by use of standard software the internship student will store, retrieve, and print an internship diary and a summary position paper about the duration of the student’s experiences.

B. Communication skills – the internship student will discuss with his internship sponsor job assignments and job progress through monthly internship ratings.

C. Interpersonal skills – the internship student will experience how interactions between and among people can be key factors in various levels of business and industry.

D. Problem-solving – the internship student will evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the internship job position along with identifying three areas where additional preparation could have helped in completing internship work assignments.

E. Ethical issues in decision making – to be eligible for an internship, the student must demonstrate self-direction and the ability to work independently. Students will sign an agreement to strict confidence of information received by then at their sponsoring organization.

F. Personal accountability for achievement – the internship student will be responsible for initiating and collecting all required internship documents in a timely manner for delivery to the IPC.

G. Competence in basic technology principles –
   1. the student will experience the employment process through the process of securing an internship position.
   2. the student will gain hands-on experience in a particular technical field of study whereby the student can plan for graduate study, seek summer employment or make further career decisions.

**Textbook**

Lee, Dr. Karen S. (2003). *Internship program student handbook policies, procedures and internship forms*. The University of Texas at Tyler: College of Business and Technology.

Lee, Dr. Karen S. (2003). *Internship program sponsoring organization handbook policies, procedures and internship forms*. The University of Texas at Tyler, College of Business and Technology.
**Internship Mission**

The purpose of an internship is to help students integrate academic learning with employment experience. Internships are an important component of the total educational experience, and the benefits are significant. Through internships, students

- Apply academic learning experience.
- Enhance understanding of business processes.
- Improve job search, interview, and other professional skills.
- Experience accountability for work product and job performance.
- Further their abilities to match career choices with personal skill sets and goals.
- Gain knowledge of different career fields and of specific jobs within these fields.
- Increase their understanding of how specific projects relate to larger business goals.
- Acquire experience in the working world, adding depth and relevance to classroom work.
- Learn the importance of communications skills and professional interactions between people.

**Internship Procedures**

**STEP 1 - Student**

All students interested in pursuing an internship for university credit must start by reading the qualifications and requirements available online: www.uttyler.edu/cbt/internships. Internships should be planned in advance, ideally early in the preceding semester. A summer internship is only for the long summer semester. All internships are subject to approval through the College of Business and Technology.

- Student reviews CBT Internships website: www.uttyler.edu/cbt/internships
- Student downloads CBT Internship Handbook and signs *Internship Application Form A*, Step 1.
- If student does not already have an internship offer, the student begins searching for appropriate internship(s) posted on Patriot Jobs (http://www.uttyler.edu/careerservices/). Students are responsible for finding their own internships.

**STEP 2 – Departmental Pre-evaluation**

- Student meets with appropriate Departmental Representative to discuss the possible internship(s) that the student has been offered or has found on Patriot Jobs.
- Student and Departmental Representative discuss what type of internship fits best with student’s career goals.
- Student and Departmental Representative review most recent degree plan to determine where the internship credit might be used.
- If student wants to use internship as a substitute for a specific class on the degree plan, student discusses that with departmental representative at that time.
- This meeting is a pre-evaluation and does not guarantee a student an internship or internship credit.

**STEP 3 – Academic Advisors**

- The student emails, faxes or personally delivers form to academic advisor to complete Step 2.
  - Undergraduate Advising Office: CBTadvising@uttyler.edu, 903.565.5689 (fax), BUS 131
  - Graduate Advising Office: CBTgradadvising@uttyler.edu, 903.565.5916 (fax), HPR 201
- Recommended Qualifications are that the student has a cumulative UT Tyler GPA of 3.0 or higher and has at least 9 hours of the major completed.
- Advisor creates an updated degree plan to determine where internship credit might be used.
Advisor completes and initials *Internship Application* Step 2, makes a copy for student file and emails form and updated degree plan to student’s Patriot email account.

**STEP 4 – Cooperating Organization**
- The student meets the contact person at the Cooperating Organization to complete Part B of the *Internship Application* (“Scope of Work”). The student will also give a copy of the *Responsibilities of Cooperating Organization Contact Person* to the person who will be supervising their internship experience.

**STEP 5 – Internship Coordinator**
- The student will meet with the CBT Internship Coordinator to review the *Internship Application* materials.
  - Gail Johnson: Gail_Johnson@uttyler.edu, 903.279.4930
- The Internship Coordinator will verify quality of internship, create internship file for student, and route the file to the Departmental Representative for final approval.

**STEP 6- Departmental Approval**
- The Departmental Representative will review the *Internship Application* and final approve or deny the internship.
  - If the internship is approved as a substitute course, the Departmental Representative shall indicate which course is being replaced. Departmental Representative may need to contact academic advisor for discussion.
  - If the internship is denied, the Departmental Representative will indicate reason for denial and contact the student personally.
  - Whether denied or approved, the Departmental Representative will route the file to the appropriate advising office.
  - The Academic Advisor will send an approval or denial email to the student’s Patriot email account with further instructions. The student’s internship folder will be returned to the Internship Coordinator.
  - If the Internship was approved, the Internship Coordinator will initiate contact with the Cooperating Organization.

**STEP 7– Student**
- The Student will participate in internship and complete requirements in the “Student Responsibilities” section of this document.

**STEP 8–Departmental Representative/Internship Coordinator/Academic Advisor**
- The student will submit required materials to the Departmental Representative for evaluation, and the Cooperating Organization Contact Person will submit the *Intern Evaluation Form* to the Departmental Representative who will assign credit or no-credit for the experience.
- The Internship Coordinator will notify Departmental Representatives of any files that need to be completed and will collect required documentation.
- The Internship Coordinator will send completed folders to Academic Advisors.
- Academic Advisors will update student’s degree plan and place internship paperwork in student file
**Grade Scale Breakdown:**
CR or NC credit or no credit dependent upon completing all of the requirements and having a successful internship experience.

**Course Policies:**
Content for examinations will be taken from lectures, demonstrations, reading assignments, laboratory exercises and any audio-visual materials used, i.e. films, tapes, slides, etc.

Make up examinations are the student's responsibility. No excuses will be accepted after the exam is given. The instructor must be notified prior to the scheduled exam. If not, the student forfeits his/her right to take the exam. Quizzes will not be made up unless a prior acceptable excuse for an absence has been received by the instructor.

**Attendance:**
Attendance is mandatory and your employer will want you to be prompt and work a full day. Do NOT make up excuses to miss work because it is a bad reflection not only on you but the university as well.

**Late Work:**
All work not turned in on time will have an automatic reduction in value to 50% of its full value. Work that is not turned in by the next class will NOT be accepted. Exceptions to this will be as per University Policy concerning absences from class. If you know an assignment will be late for a valid reason, inform your instructor in advance to avoid unnecessary penalty.

**Format for Reports:**
Each laboratory report will be placed in a folder, arranged in such that the reader can easily examine the contents. Any materials that are hard to read or require special handling to get at will not be graded. The cover must contain the following:
1. Assignment Title
2. Your Name (Prepared by: Your Name Here)
3. Your I.D Number
4. Course Name and Number
5. The Date
6. Instructor's name (i.e., Submitted to Dr. Mark R. Miller)
Your grade will reflect the quality of the report or presentation.

**Students Rights and Responsibilities**
To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: http://www2.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php

**Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies**
Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar. Each semester’s
Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy
Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability Services
In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the above criteria applies to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu

Student Absence due to Religious Observance
Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities
If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.
Social Security and FERPA Statement:
It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation:
Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor’s directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.