

ENVS 463 - Internship in Environmental Studies
Fall 2010, 3 credits, section 10110

(Just an example)

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Office hours: TR 2-3:15 pm, but feel free to make an appointment or to just stop by at other times.

Catalog description: An opportunity for students to earn academic credit for experience gained through apprenticeship work under the supervision of a trained environmental professional.

Prerequisites: Overall GPA of 2.0, 2.0 GPA in major courses, and permission of program chair.

Goal: To encourage students to gain real-world experience under the supervision of trained professionals.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- To become familiar with the job of one or more environmental professional.
- To understand how the day to day work of environmental professionals fits into the overall mission of the organization.
- To understand the importance of teamwork in accomplishing real-world environmental tasks.
- To apply selected academic concepts/skills to a real-world environmental work experience.

Attendance will be negotiated between the student and the supervisor. If for some reason you are unable to work with the professional at the agreed-upon time, you are responsible for contacting the supervisor as soon as possible and for making arrangements to make-up that time. For ENVS 463, at least 150 hours of work experience are required.

Grading: The course is graded on an S/U basis. The student will be evaluated based on

- a learning agreement signed by the student, the supervisor, and the environmental program chair. This should be completed within the first few days of the semester.
- an evaluation of the student's work by the environmental professional
- the maintenance of an appropriate work log describing what was done each day. (The amount of detail the student includes may be dictated by the agency. The students should be sure to check with the supervisor.)
- a reflective statement by the student (1-2 pages) submitted for review to both the supervisor and the program chair at the end of the experience. This statement should include a summary of what you did and what you learned. Please be sure to include comments on how you did or did not meet the student learning outcomes for the course, when possible.

Schedule:

August 24- September 6 Consult with program director and supervisor to discuss internship arrangements. Prepare [learning agreement](#).

September 6-December 6 Complete work experience, keep log, check in periodically with program chair/ instructor.

December 7 - 14 Complete reflective statement. It is recommended that a rough draft be evaluated by the program chair before it is submitted to the work supervisor for evaluation and signature. During this same time period, the program chair will be asking the supervisor to evaluate (in writing and (with guidance) the work of the student and the value of the internship to the organization.

Students with Disabilities: Winthrop University is dedicated to providing access to education. If you have a disability and require specific accommodations to complete this course, contact Gena Smith, Program Director,

Services for Students with Disabilities, at 323-3290. Once you have your official notice of accommodations from Services for Students with Disabilities, please inform me as early as possible in the semester.

Problems with internship or supervisor: If the student is having problems with the internship or supervisor of any kind, please contact the program director/ instructor immediately for consultation.

Student Code of Conduct: As noted in the Student Conduct Code: “Responsibility for good conduct rests with students as adult individuals.” The policy on student academic misconduct is outlined in the “Student Conduct Code Academic Misconduct Policy” in the online Student Handbook (<http://www2.winthrop.edu/studentaffairs/handbook/StudentHandbook.pdf>)

Syllabus change policy: The instructor reserves the right to change and/or modify the syllabus, course requirements, and schedule due to unforeseen circumstances. Changes must be signed off by all involved and will be announced as soon as possible. .