Three Options for Earning Academic Internship Credit in FCBE

Department-specific credit toward graduation requirements—ACCT 4911, BA 4911 (International Business), ECON 4911, FIR 4911, MGMT 4911, MIS 4911, MKTG 4911—These internships must be directly related to your major and will substitute for a required elective within your major toward graduation credit. Internship faculty supervisors within your department will review for approval. Please see the list for the faculty internship supervisors. Most departments approve three (3) credit hours of academic credit for internship credit within the major. Credit is based on the following: a) the content relevant to your major for learning content comparable to a course within your major and b) what is “new learning”—i.e. expanding your horizons as you would for an elective course in your major.

General Elective Business Internship Elective—BA 4811—We recommend that you try to have at least 2 internships prior to graduation for career preparation. If you plan carefully, you can use BA 4811 as a general elective in business. This course is graded as a letter grade, which usually also is a grade point advantage. This internship goes onto your transcript and more employers are asking for transcript information. This internship is usually approved for three (3) hours credit unless unusual circumstances exist such as a full-time opportunity out of town or an international internship. You must have a 2.75 with 60 hours of completed college level credit with 15 of those hours in upper division business courses. You will need an internship description and offer letter to apply for credit. You use the same form and process to apply for credit.

General Elective Credit—ELC 4000—If you are a freshman or sophomore and want to pursue an internship as a general elective, this option can work well for you. This course is a university course that allows you to earn credit for a general internship such as a non-profit experience, either related or unrelated, to your FCBE major. This option is an ideal way to get started with an internship. This internship course is pass/fail and normally is granted credit for up to three (3) credit hours and you must be in good academic standing to apply for credit. Dr. Kathy Tuberville is the contact and internship supervisor for this course. This course can fulfill the requirements for a general elective course in your degree requirements. The application for this course is at www.memphis.edu/internships, Earning Academic Credit.

The first step in acquiring a successful internship is to have an approved résumé and updated profile within the Fogelman Internship Network. For more information, contact Joel Nichols at joel.nichols@memphis.edu.

Plan now to have at least two internships before you graduate to help secure career positions after graduation! Internships are now considered the number one career preparation step for college graduates!