

Southeast Missouri State University

Department of: Environmental Science Program

Course Number: EV 480-482

Course Title: Environmental Science Internship

New: Spring 2000

I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours:

A supervised experiential learning opportunity in environmental science which enhances the student's comprehension of applied environmental concepts and skills. Students are limited to a total of 9 credit hours.

II. Prerequisites:

EV 201; the internship learning site must exhibit a demonstrated relationship to the student's major; approval of program internship coordinator.

III. Purpose or Objectives of the Course:

A. To provide students with an opportunity to develop minimal experiential knowledge and skills for measurement, observation, analysis, and/or evaluation of the programmatic elements with which practicing environmental science professionals are most frequently involved.

B. To provide students with an opportunity to develop first hand experience with the field for general knowledge purposes.

C. To provide students with an opportunity to interact with environmental science professionals and to develop an understanding of the roles of interpersonal relationship in environmental science field work.

D. To provide students with an opportunity to develop a familiarity with public relations requirements in environmental science field work.

E. To provide students with an opportunity to develop a broad perspective of the field of environmental science in order for them to make intelligent entry-level career choices.

F. To provide students with an opportunity to develop professional competencies which permit program graduates to enter the field in a productive role with minimum orientation and training by the employer.

IV. Expectations of Students:

Students are expected to fulfill the responsibilities as outlined in the “Guidelines for the Establishment and Operation of Academic Internship Programs” (University Handbook) and established in the Environmental Science Program’s Internship Evaluation Handbook.

V. Course Content or Outline:

No specific content or outline is provided. Student performance expectations and special project identification will be drawn up as a written contract to be signed by the agency/organization preceptor, Environmental Science Program internship coordinator, and the student. The agreement will be maintained by the Program internship coordinator.

VI. Textbooks:

None is required unless it is included in the initial agreement. The student will be expected to provide materials customarily provided by individuals performing the duties of the internship.

VII. Basis for Student Evaluation:

The Program internship coordinator’s evaluation will be based on the achievement of contract expectations, site preceptor student evaluations, and the satisfactory completion of the special project report.

VIII. Programs Served by the Course

B.S. in Environmental Science

IX. Additional Policy Notes:

While serving the internship, students may be earning a salary, a token internship stipend, or be unpaid.

To be accepted within the internship program, duties must be more than purely technical assistance. It must involve an independent special project that will allow an evaluation of the student’s performance.

Students will be expected to maintain a daily journal which reports the achievement of internship responsibilities. The students will be required to complete a mid-term evaluation and final evaluation of the internship experience and provide these evaluations to the Program internship coordinator.

The agency/organization site preceptor will submit a mid-term and final evaluation of the student’s performance and the extent to which the student has satisfied the internship contract.

Neither the University nor the Program internship coordinator shall be liable for any injury or loss sustained while the student is serving on the internship.