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BIOS 2695/4695 Biology Internship

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Course Purpose and Objectives: The purpose of this course is to provide the student with authentic job-related experiences in a biological or biologically-related organization. This experience should expose the student to research and/or application of biological knowledge in a life sciences profession. The internship experience must be at a unit or agency approved by the School of Biological Sciences Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

Course Objectives that each student must, at a minimum, accomplish are:

1. To become familiar with the organizational structure of the unit or agency including the role and function of staff members.
2. To become familiar with the philosophy, mission and goals of the unit or agency.
3. To be aware of and comply with unit or agency standards that assure a safe working environment.
4. To perform supervised research, analytical skills, or similar biology-related training per objectives defined by the unit or agency.

Enrollment:

BIOS 2695 and 4695 corresponds to internship positions that are **not** paid by the unit or agency, and the student can elect to complete for letter grade, pass/fail, or audit. BIOL 2695 can be counted as free elective credit towards the biology degree, and BIOL 4695 can be used as biology electives if taken for a letter grade.

Meeting Times: Each intern will arrange with their supervisor the internship hours per week.

For 2695 and 4695, 3 internship hours/wk correspond to 1 credit hour. In addition, as needed, meeting times between the student intern and School of Biological Sciences Instructor (Dr. Weigel) will be arranged at the convenience of both parties.

Course Requirements:

1. The student must apply and be selected by the unit or agency offering the internship position. Concomitant with a letter of offer from the unit or agency, a course permit will be granted.
2. Required paperwork and site safety training will be completed prior to initiating duties, per the expectations of the unit or agency.
3. Students must comply with all organizational policies and procedures during the course of the internship.
4. Students are to following the GT Honor Code, all intellectual property requirements for the organization, and engage in responsible and ethical professional practices.
5. For students registered in 2695 and 4695, one progress report and a final report, approved by the site supervisor, must be submitted to the School of Biological Sciences Instructor.

Course Materials: No specific materials are required for this course. Any materials needed should be provided by the intern employer.

Evaluation: Students registered in 2695 or 4695 will receive a grade based upon attendance and performance in the internship (60%), progress report (20%), and final research report (20%). The final grade will be determined by the Georgia Tech instructor with consultation from the site supervisor.