

## POSC 684

### Professional Internship – 0-4 CR

#### Instructor

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#### Course description

Graduate students enrolled in the internship course are fulfilling academic credit for experience in the poultry or allied industry, typically through an internship. This exposure will allow students in our field to gain real world experience that can be applied post-graduation in whatever field the student pursues.

“A directed internship in an organization to provide students with on-the-job training with professionals in settings appropriate to the students’ professional objectives” (TAMU Graduate Catalog).

#### Learning outcomes include (but are not limited to):

- Develop skills that are transferrable to future careers
- Understand and gain exposure to various sectors of the poultry or allied industry
- Identify future employment opportunities
- Demonstrate effective communication and leadership skills
- Formulate a plan of personal goals for continued professional growth

#### Text

None Needed

#### Grading policy

Pre-Internship Information Sheet	10%
Post-Internship Form	10 %
Paper Summarizing Internship Experience	40%
Meeting with Instructor	40%

#### Final letter grades will be assigned as follows:

90 or greater = A  
80% to 89.99% = B  
70% to 79.99% = C  
60% to 69.99% = D  
Below 60% = F

## Course Requirements

Once your internship is **secured with your employer**:

1. Verify if your internship will count for poultry internship credit.
  - a) Types of Poultry Related Internships
    - Poultry Production/Processing
    - Food Manufacturing/Retailing (HEB)
    - Pharmaceutical/Feed/Feed Additive Sales
    - Animal Health Companies
    - USDA
    - ANRP
    - National Chicken Council/National Turkey Federation
  - b) If yours isn't listed here, please verify with an Advisor or Department Head to ensure that you can receive credit.
2. Complete the Pre-Internship Information Sheet

Once your internship is **completed**:

1. Complete Post-Internship Information Sheet
2. Write a paper summarizing the experiences from your internship
  - a) Paper must be 5 pages long, double-spaced, 12 point font
  - b) Cover sheet for paper will be the post-internship information sheet
  - c) Summarize the experiences from your internship—do not list what you did on a day-to-day basis. Also, include your reaction to your internship (How did this experience help you with career planning?).
  - d) **PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD**—utilize campus resources for help with completing your paper. The TAMU Writing Center is a great tool for advice and help with editing your paper.
3. After turning in your paper, you must come up with dates/times that you are available to schedule a meeting with instructor (Dr. Caldwell) to review your paper and internship. Meeting can be set up through the academic advisors.

## **The American with Disabilities Act**

The American with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact Disability Services, currently located in the Disability Services building at White Creek complex on west campus or call 979-845-1637. For additional information visit <http://disability.tamu.edu>

## **Attendance Policy**

Rules concerning excused absences may be found at <http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07> . In particular, except for absences due to religious obligations, the student must notify his or her instructor in writing (acknowledged e-mail message is acceptable) *prior to* the date of absence if such notification is feasible. In cases where advance notification is not feasible (*e.g.*, accident, or emergency) the student must provide notification by the end of the second working day after the absence. This notification should include an explanation of why notice could not be sent prior to the class. If the absence is excused, the instructor must either provide the student with an opportunity to make up any quiz, exam or other graded activities or provide a satisfactory alternative to be completed within 30 calendar days from the last day of the absence.

Days of religious observance: By state law, if a student misses class due to an obligation of his or her religion, the absence is excused. A list of days of religious obligation for the coming semester may be found at <http://dof.tamu.edu/rules/religious-observance>

## **Plagiarism**

As commonly defined, plagiarism consists of claiming the ideas, words, writings etc of another person as your own work. This means that you are committing plagiarism if you copy work of another person and turn it in as your own, even if you should have the permission of that person. Plagiarism is on the worst academic sins, for the plagiarist destroys the trust among colleagues without which research cannot be safely communicated. If you have any questions regarding plagiarism, please consult the latest issue of the Texas A&M University Student Rules, under section "Scholastic Dishonesty".

It is the student's responsibility to be aware of the information on plagiarism available on the web at: [http://library.tamu.edu/services/library\\_tutorials/academic\\_integrity/academic\\_integrity\\_3.html](http://library.tamu.edu/services/library_tutorials/academic_integrity/academic_integrity_3.html)

## **Academic Integrity Statement**

Aggie Honor Code "An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal or tolerate those who do."

For more information check the Honor Council Rules and Procedures on the web

<http://aggiehonor.tamu.edu/>

**POSC 684 Pre-Internship Information Sheet**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Company and Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Internship: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How did you learn about your specific internship?

2. What do you hope to learn while participating in your internship? (minimum 150 words)

**POSC 684 Post-Internship Information Sheet**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Company and Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Internship: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What did you learn while participating in your internship? (minimum 150 words)

2. How did this internship influence your career path? (minimum 150 words)

3. Would you recommend that your fellow students participate in this internship? Why or Why not?