

Internships

The Business Law Department strongly encourages its students to broaden their perspectives related to the business law environment by incorporating departmentally approved internship experiences as part of their curriculum. By actively participating in approved internships, the students are exposed to real-life applications of business law doctrines and principles learned in the classroom environment. The following are the internship programs currently available for the Business Law Students. Please note that a maximum of twelve units may be earned by combining Field Assignments and Reports (BLAW 498) and Independent Study (BLAW 499).

San Fernando Valley State Court Judicial Internship Federal Bankruptcy Court Internship Student Arranged Internships

San Fernando Valley State Court Judicial Internship

Description

The San Fernando Valley State Court Judicial Internship allows students to observe courtroom operations and assist judges in their work. Interns are assigned to a judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Time Commitment

As part of the internship, students are expected to spend at least 120 hours during the semester in the courthouse.

Credit

Students completing this internship receive three units credit toward graduation. Upon approval by the chair of the Business Law Department, the course may also count toward fulfillment of the Business Law option requirements.

Grading

Students enrolled in this internship receive a letter grade at the conclusion of the course that is based, in part, on the student's end-of-the semester paper.

Enrollment

Students must apply for the internship in the semester before they plan to enroll in the internship. Applications for the Spring semester internships are taken during October of the preceding Fall semester. Applications for the Summer and the Fall internships are taken during March of the preceding Spring semester. Students enroll in Political Science 498C. Also, to ensure this internship counts towards the upper division Business Law option requirements, students must submit a substitute course petition to the Chair of the Business Law Department before enrolling in this course.

Prerequisites

Students must have achieved an upper division status when the internship begins.

More information

Information about the internships is available during the application periods in the Political Science Department Office, Sierra Hall 210 and from Professor Sylvia Snowiss, Political Science, ST 226, at (818) 677-3476, or via e-mail at: ssnowiss@csun.edu.

Federal Bankruptcy Court Internship

Description

In this internship, students will be exposed to operations and decision making processes of the federal bankruptcy judicial system in the San Fernando Valley. Among other things, each student accepted to this internship program will take part in the research and writing process of judicial opinions (perhaps some memos or summaries or motions) under the supervision of the federal judge's law clerk. Interns will be expected to spend some time in the courtroom, discuss the cases they have seen with the judge and the law clerk, and have prepared for the courtroom experience through review of some of the papers filed prior to the hearing. In addition, the intern will be expected to be involved in some level of research and writing and will be part of the life of chambers during the time they are in the court. The intern will interact extensively with one judge and a significant time with the other two judges.

Time Commitment

As part of the internship, students are expected to spend at least 120 hours during the semester in the courthouse.

Prerequisites

Business Law I & Business Law II or their equivalents, senior standing, cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or better.

Enrollment

To enroll, students must first contact Kristen L. Walker of the Internship Office, JH 2121: (818) 677-4697, (818) 677-7054 (fax), or via e-mail at: kristen.walker@csun.edu.

Credit

Students who successfully complete this internship receive three units of credit toward graduation. Upon approval by the Chair of the Business Law Department, the course may also count toward fulfillment of the Business Law option requirements.

Grading

This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis.

More information

To get more information about this internship, please contact the Internship office, at (818) 677-4697, (818) 677-7054 (fax), or via e-mail at: business.internships@csun.edu. Their office is located in Juniper Hall (JH) 2121.

Student Arranged Internship

Description

With the consent of a business law faculty, students may arrange to enroll in an internship involving employment in an organization which furthers the student's preparation to a career in the field of business law. The exact nature of this internship is based on a joint consultation between the instructor and the employer.

Prerequisites

Passing score on the Upper Division Writing Proficiency Exam.

Enrollment

Students must enroll in BLAW 498: Field Assignments & Reports as part of this internship.

Credit

Students who successfully complete this internship receive three units of credit toward graduation. Upon approval by the Chair of the Business Law Department, the course may also count toward fulfillment of the Business Law option requirements.

Grading

This course is graded on a credit/no credit basis.

Internship Application Form

You can obtain a form from the Internship Office (JH 2121): (818) 677-4697, (818) 677-7054 (fax).