ESS 487: Internship

Course Description: Supervised work experience in professional settings related to Ecosystem Science and Sustainability.
Prerequisite: ESS 320.
Registration Information: Written consent of instructor.
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.
Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.
Special Course Fee: No.

ESS 487 Internship Guide

- Internship Approval & Justification
- Internship Agreement
- Photography Consent
- Release of Records

ALL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE OF SEMESTER
YOU PLAN TO ENROLL IN ESS 487
ESS 487: Internship

What qualifies?

• You may intern with any organization that advances work related to fields of ecosystem science and sustainability and has a position available for you to directly engage in their work in ecosystem science and/or sustainability—for example, through research, analysis, monitoring, evaluation, public engagement, policy development, education, or outreach.

• This includes organizations in government, business, and nonprofit sectors.

• You may not intern with an organization if you will not directly engage in work related to ecosystems science and sustainability. For example, if you are offered a position with an environmental consulting firm as a receptionist to answer phone calls or a courier to deliver blueprints and documents, such positions do not qualify as directly engaging in work in ecosystem science and sustainability.

• When in doubt, visit with ESS Internship Coordinator, Dr. Kaye Holman, to determine if the internship will qualify.
ESS 487: Internship

What is the time commitment, and can I be paid?

• **1 credit** – Canvas-based course with professional development modules to complete DURING the internship
• **4 credits** – Actual Internship Placement

• **180-hour placement**
  – 16-week semester: ~ 12-15 hours/week
  – 6-week summer placement: 30 hours/week

• Yes, you may be PAID by the employer. In fact, that’s encouraged!
ESS 487: Internship

Costs

- 5 credits of tuition and fees in the semester(s) in which you undertake the internship.
  - For summer, this is the SAME as the CSU Mountain Campus costs minus the course fee charges.

- CSU Financial Aid Eligible?
  - Typically, it's to your advantage to ensure you are at least half-time.
  - If ESS 487 is the only course taken, you can opt to enroll for 6 credits and complete a 235-hour placement.
  - Confirm your aid eligibility, discuss aid options, and determine enrollment strategy with CSU Financial Aid.