Economics 3250:695  
Graduate Internship in Economics  
Syllabus

PREREQUISITES: At least 18 graduate credit hours in economics and permission of graduate advisor.

The internship that you have signed up for carries with it from one to three academic credits for the semester. Normally, a minimum of 100 hours of relevant internship work is required for each academic credit. Total internship credit over all semesters may not exceed 3 credits.

The internship will be coordinated through the Department of Economics. It must be approved by the Department of Economics Graduate Program Director prior to registering for the course. The internship must involve career applications of the student’s graduate coursework in economics.

You will receive a letter grade for Econ 3250: 695 at the completion of your internship. The grade will be assigned by the Graduate Program Director in consultation with relevant faculty members knowledgeable about your internship experiences. Your grade will be based on the quality of the final report describing your internship experience and the evaluation of your work by your internship supervisor as provided in the supervisor evaluation form.

At the completion of your internship, you will be expected to provide Department faculty a written document describing your internship experience. The write-up of your internship experience will be an important consideration in assigning your grade for Economics 3250: 695. It should be grammatically correct and professional in tone. While no specific page length is required, it is not likely that you can thoughtfully respond to the above issues in less than five pages, single-spaced. This document that you write should cover, but is not limited to, the following points:

- **Location and Duration of Internship.** Include the name of company or organization, division/section where you worked and the major responsibilities of that division/section.

- **Description of your Internship.** Describe the tasks or assignments performed during your internship. Discuss the major activities you engaged in during your internship. Was your work part of a team or did you do most of the work on your own?

- **The Internship Experience and your Graduate Coursework.** What aspects of your graduate coursework were especially useful in carrying out your duties? Did you apply macroeconomic/microeconomic theory to analyze an economic issue? Did you apply appropriate econometric techniques and/or other analytical tools to investigate new questions or hypotheses? Did you have to communicate your work results orally and/or in writing and did your graduate coursework help you in this regard?
The Internship Experience and Deficiencies in your Graduate Coursework.
What did you not learn in your University of Akron courses that would have been helpful in the internship? What would you have liked to have more training in before you started the internship? Were your communication skills, written and oral, adequate for your task?

What You Have Learned during your Internship Experience. You need to reflect on your internship experience. What did you learn in the internship that specifically broadened or deepened your understanding of economics? What did the internship teach you about your interpersonal, communication, writing, and teamwork and time management skills? What did you learn about this company and industry from your internship experience? Did the experience make you more likely or less likely to seek full time employment in this industry? Do you think it helped you start to build a network of professional contacts?

When writing your report and answering the above questions, be as specific as possible and avoid vague generalities. Include with this write-up any reports or other significant written work that you completed while on your internship that your employer does not consider proprietary information. It is your responsibility to get the permission of your supervisor for any proprietary information.

Bibliography:


