

## COURSE SYLLABUS

1. **Name of Course:**  
Internship
2. **Course Code:**  
ICFS 493
3. **Number of Credits:**4           **(Lecture/lab)** (0/12)
4. **Prerequisites:**  
GPA at least 2.5
5. **Type of Course:**  
Required
6. **Semester / Academic Year:**  
Term 3/2003
7. **Course Description:**  
Work Internship to provide students with practical experience working in food processing or related industries
8. **Course Objectives:**  
Students will:
  - a. Gain practical experience in food science and related areas.
  - b. Apply classroom knowledge to practical situations through observation and involvement in different levels of the organization.
  - c. Develop confidence in personal judgment and gain maturity and self-confidence.
  - d. Gain exposure to a company or agency and a specific area of employment to determine whether they want that area for their life's work; evaluate the company for permanent employment.
  - e. Evaluate their study plan and determine if revisions in class work are needed to better prepare for a career in food science.

The Internship program will allow employers to:

  - a. Interact with students studying food science.
  - b. Evaluate the potential of undergraduates for full-time employment upon graduation.
  - c. Observe the quality of instructional programs of the Food Science and Technology Program relative to preparation of students for employment in specific areas
  - d. Contribute to the programs of the Food Science and Technology Program through regular contacts with students and faculty and in recommending possible adjustments in curricular programs to better serve food science.

## **9. Course Outline**

1. Length of assignment - Regular summer session or maximum of ten weeks during any regular trimester. Students will work with a food processing firm or related agency for a period of up to 10 weeks.
2. Percentage of time on the job -Normally full-time during the designated internship.
3. The agreement may be terminated for sufficient reasons by the employer, the student or the coordinator with two weeks written notice.

### Student Responsibility

- A. The student should discuss their intent with their departmental advisor and the internship coordinator at least one term prior to participation in the internship program. Forms may be obtained from the program office.
- B. The student may obtain information concerning potential employers from their advisor or internship coordinator. The Course Coordinator should be consulted in preliminary selection of potential employers.
- C. The student and Internship Coordinator will determine specific objectives of the internship assignment prior to employment.
- D. The students will register for ICFS 493 , pay necessary fees and participate in the internship program during the designated period. Weekly summaries and a final report will be required from each participant. Reports will conform to departmental guidelines.
- E. Discontinuation of internship. The student is responsible for officially dropping the course and is subject to MUIC regulations concerning deadlines for drops/adds. Two weeks written notice is required.

### Employer Responsibility

- A. Provide an educational experience - Expose the student to a variety of educational experiences and practical problems during the work period, allowing students to gain insight into specific skills required for the job area.
- B. Assignment of supervisor - The employer will assign a supervisor to the student to provide consultation and guidance. The supervisor will evaluate the student's progress, report problems and confer with the Internship Coordinator during the internship program.

### Department Responsibility

- A. The Coordinator will assist the student in identifying internship opportunities, however the responsibility for finding an internship rests with the student.

B. The Academic Advisor and/or Internship Coordinator will maintain communications with the student and employer during the internship period. Evaluation of progress will be based on employer/supervisor reports and student reports.

C. Advisor and/or Internship Coordinator will consult with employer/supervisor and student in making necessary changes in the internship program as problems arise.

D. Provide overall coordination and evaluation of the internship program.

**10. Teaching Methods:**

Practical work experience

**11. Teaching Media:**

N/A

**12. Course Achievement:**

Satisfactory work performance as determined by cooperating employer.

Timeliness and completeness of weekly reports. Quality of final report.

**13. Course Evaluation:**

1. Weekly Reports. 20% total

Student will send weekly reports to the Internship Coordinator.

2. The student will prepare a final report (5-7 pages) 80% total. This must follow the Work Experience Report Format and must be completed within 4 weeks of completing the internship. Weekly reports and the final report will be reviewed and signed by the coordinating employer.

**14. References:**

N/A

**15. Course Coordinator:**

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