

Forestry and Natural Resources Practicum – FANR 3910

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In order to enroll in this class you must have turned in your Alternative Learning Experience Form before you completed the practicum. You may receive 1 credit hour for every 100 hours of field experience completed.

Course Objectives:

This course is designed to enhance your field experience and further prepare you for a natural resources career. Professionalism is extremely important. Please consider this when completing assignments, and be sure to adhere to all due dates!

Requirements:

1. Completion of field experience (100 hours, per credit hour received)
2. Written assignment*
3. Oral presentation
4. Resume critique*
5. Employer evaluation

*Students only pursuing one hour of credit are exempt from the written assignment and resume critique (although you should still have someone glance at your resume).

Attendance Policy

There will be three scheduled presentation dates. Students fulfilling 3hrs of credit are required to attend a minimum of two presentation meetings. Students receiving one hour of credit need only to attend the evening in which they are presenting. Failure to meet this requirement will result in a grade of Unsatisfactory.

Assignment Descriptions and Due Dates

Written Assignment

This paper should be two-three pages in length (double spaced), and will serve as a building block for your oral presentation. The completed papers will be available to Warnell students researching possible internships. The paper and/or presentation should include:

1. why you chose your particular internship.
2. what you learned about the job application process. Include tips/advice for students pursuing similar opportunities.
3. information about your company/organization/agency.
4. your daily tasks and assignments.
5. an explanation of how you contributed to your work environment.
6. what concepts or techniques you have learned that were instrumental in completing your field work, were there areas you felt you were lacking?
7. how Warnell can further assist you prepare for a natural resources career

Oral Presentation

Your presentation should address some of the same topics from the written assignment. You need to give a PROFESSIONAL eight-ten minute presentation about your work experience. Be sure to consider your audience (fellow natural resources job hunters) when planning your presentation. Try to include pictures of you and your field work if possible.

Resume Critique

You should turn in a completed resume that includes your summer internship experience to Emily Saunders by Sept. 18, 2009. If you have not yet created a resume, please see the UGA Career Center website www.career.uga.edu for resume examples to get started or reference the career resources handbook you received at Professional Orientation. After your resume has been critiqued, you will turn in a completed/revision version to Emily Saunders by Sept 25th. Please feel free to make a resume appointment with Emily during the resume creation/revision process. She will be happy to assist you.

Try to include three compelling descriptive resume sentences about your internship. These descriptions should tout both the organization/agency and your responsibilities within it.

Ex: Designed and implemented new aquatic environmental education program at Sandy Creek Nature Center

Employer Evaluation

Your employer must complete an internship evaluation by September 18, 2008. Please check with Emily Saunders to be sure that your supervisor has fulfilled this requirement. If not, you should personally follow up with your employer.