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THANK YOU for your involvement with UNO's Environmental Studies internship program. Below you will find a quick summary of the program, a list of expectations, and our contact information. We look forward to working with you and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.

Our Academic Program

The Environmental Studies Program provides students with the education required to needed to develop solutions to complex environmental challenges. Our program combines in-depth work in one of the technical disciplines that make up the environmental sciences (with concentrations in biology, geology, chemistry, and geography and planning) with the necessary training in public policy and law, economics, sociology, and ethics needed to understand the interdisciplinary nature of environmental issues.

Purpose of the Internship

The purpose of an internship is to provide the student with a learning experience in a professional setting. All of our students are required to complete at least one internship prior to graduation. Internships provide students with opportunities to apply knowledge and skills acquired on campus, to explore possible careers within the environmental field, and to learn from personal observation and interactions with professionals in their field. We believe that internships are mutually beneficial arrangements; students gain first-hand practical experiences while field supervisors and their organizations gain the assistance necessary to carry out essential projects or programs. Cooperating organizations have the opportunity to observe and become acquainted with some especially capable young men and women while contributing substantially to the development of future professionals.

Requirements for the Environmental Studies Internship

We believe that internships represent the start of the transition from student to professional and encourage our majors to take responsibility for finding an internship and for developing a work plan with their sponsor. Our advisors help students identify possible sponsors, approve internship agreements, and are available should the sponsor have questions or concerns. We expect students to behave as professionals in the workplace, to complete at least 125 hours of work, to keep a log of hours and activities, and to submit a written report to the Environmental Studies Program. In return, we ask potential sponsors to:

1) Interview the prospective intern. If there is a good match, complete and sign an Internship Agreement Form.
2) Supervise the internship, providing training and guidance as appropriate.
3) Contact the Environmental Studies Program if problems or concerns arise.
4) Provide a written letter of evaluation at the conclusion of the internship.

Students may be paid for the internship experience although many internships do not offer compensation. Interns receive pass/fail credit for completing their internship. *However, we emphasize that the student's most important reward is to earn a positive recommendation from a professional in their field.*

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