

ENV S 192: INTERNSHIPS IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Course Syllabus – Spring 2026

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PROPOSAL DEADLINE:

Thursday, April 16th, 2026

To Eric using email: advising@es.ucsb.edu

MID-QUARTER SEMINAR (plus 1st Question Set Due):

Tuesday, May 5th, 2026 @ 5:00-6:00 pm

In Bren 4016 (ES Seminar Room)

END OF QUARTER DUE DATE (2nd Question Set/Evaluations/Journal Due):

by Thursday, June 11th, 2026

To Eric via email

ASSIGNMENTS:

1.) Experiential Journal: Through the course of your internship you will keep a weekly journal in which you record your experiences as well as your reflections, ideas, and criticisms. The format is up to you and tips on how to keep a journal are in the ESIP Handbook - Part 2; but the one condition is it be kept current and recorded faithfully each week, not "filled in" at the last minute (it's easy to tell). I expect at least a couple paragraphs per week outlining what you did, how was it different from previous weeks, how it impacted your overall internship experience and possible your short and long-term career goals. I will review them for completeness. Feel free to embellish your journal with photos, drawings, projects completed, etc. Your completed journal must be submitted digitally along with your other assignments by the end of quarter due date (scanned copies/photos of physical journals ok as long as they are legible).

2.) Intern Evaluation: A performance evaluation form will be **emailed to your supervisor 1-2 weeks before the end of the quarter**. You're required to review the completed evaluation with your supervisor, and both sign it. It's your responsibility to collect and return the Intern Evaluation to the Internship Coordinator by the end of quarter due date.

3.) Agency Evaluation: This is an evaluation of your sponsoring agency and your internship experience. Your constructive input is important and used to evaluate your internship experience, advise future students about internship opportunities, and gather feedback about the agency and the ES Internship Program. The evaluation is in the Handbook and both you and your supervisor should review and sign it. It's due by the end of the quarter due date.

4.) Complete Internship Hours: Complete all work hours contracted with the agency and indicated on your ESIP Proposal Agreement. Each academic unit equals 30 total hours of work. If you are unable to complete the number of contracted hours you **MUST** notify the Intern Coordinator as soon as possible so your units may be adjusted accordingly. Verification of completed hours will be required from your agency supervisor on the Intern Eval. Form.

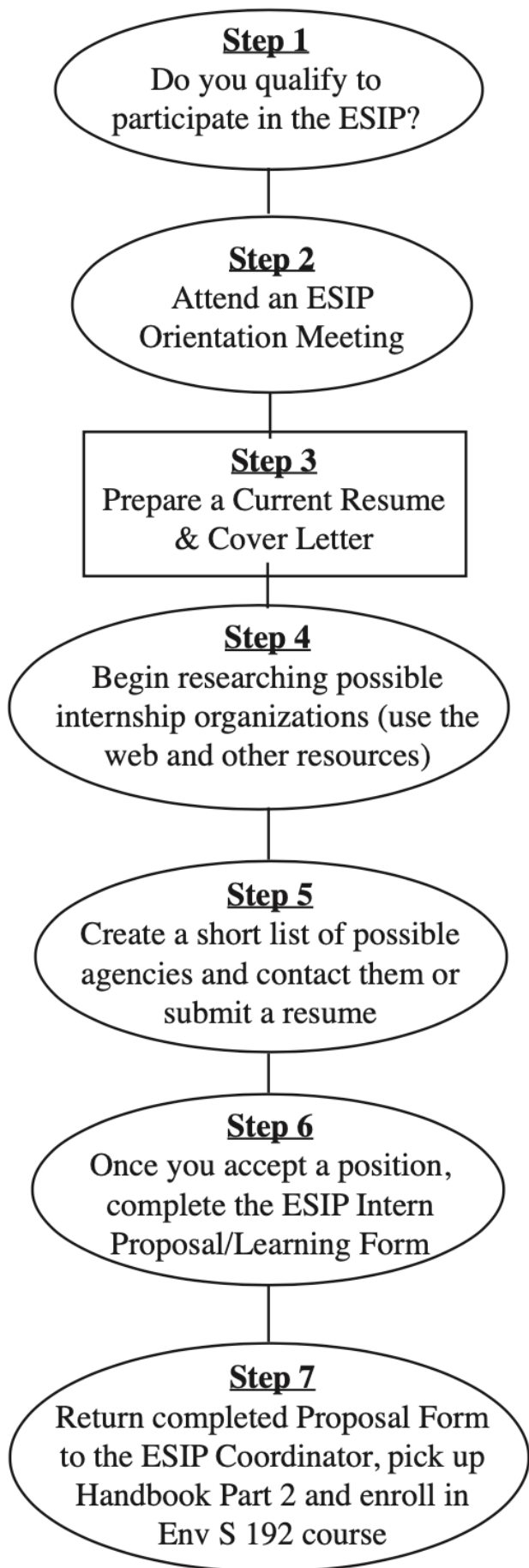
5.) Mid-Quarter Assignment and Attend Mandatory Seminar: This short question set is in the ESIP Handbook. Please complete it within 24 hours before the mid-quarter seminar and bring it with you to the required mid-quarter seminar - the date is provided above. (FYI: No mid-quarter seminar required during Summer Sessions)

If you can't attend the mid-quarter seminar due to a schedule conflict, you're required to email the ES Internship Coordinator at the start of the 5th week and request to schedule a make-up seminar later in the week.

6.) End of the Quarter – 2nd Question Assignment: There is no written final or meeting, but you must complete a 2nd/Final Question Set available within the ESIP Handbook. This, along with your two evaluations and journal, must be emailed to the ESIP Coordinator by the date listed above. Failure to do so will result in a non-passing grade.

Your Role As A UCSB Representative

A high level of individual responsibility goes along with the privilege of earning academic credit for an internship. Remember, you are an official representative of the ES Program and UCSB, and we trust you to make an excellent impression by maintaining professional work habits and attitude, and by meeting your deadlines without exception. If any problems arise in your internship, contact the ESIP Coordinator immediately.



Visit the ES Internship webpage for all info and forms related to enrolling in ENV S 192 It also contains help on how to find environmental internship.

es.ucsb.edu/internships

Just a few resources for finding internships:

Common ES, UCSB, and Online Resources:

- ES Program Listserv (ESmail)
- List of Local Env. Orgs on ES Website
- UCSB's Handshake (campus job board)
- Speak with a UCSB Career Advisor
- Online Job Boards, Including:
 - Indeed.com, Intermatch.com, Idealist.org, Glassdoor.com, Careerbuilder.com, WayUp.com, Internships.com, USAJobs.gov, etc.

Attend, Visit, or Use:

- Career Fairs
- Employer Info Sessions
- Career Panels/Mixers
- Environmental Lectures and Events
- Interesting Employer Websites
- The Internet, It's Your Friend: (use key word searches to find organizations or search by location)

And NETWORKING!!!!

- Use Family, Roommates, Friends, Family and Relatives of Friends and Roommates
- Faculty and Graduate Students
- Guest Speakers in Class
- Join Targeted Professional Organizations
- Reach Out to Alumni
- Use LinkedIn (Facebook with a tie on)
- Informational Interviews & Job Shadowing
- Spread the Word You're Available & Looking for Opportunities (social media)
- Cold Calling & Email Can Also Work (sometimes)