

Course Agreement for ATMO 485: Directed Studies (NWS and Broadcast Internships)
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Student name _____ UIN _____ Semester _____
Advisor name _____ Section number _____ Credit hours _____
Internship host name _____ Internship host institution _____
Internship address _____ Internship Tel. No. _____

Instructions

1. Students may be able to earn 485 credits for internships. Students interested in NWS or broadcast internships shall register the course with their academic advisor as the instructor of record.
2. Complete this form. Student, internship host supervisor and advisor shall all sign the form. Fax copy is acceptable. Return the form to Christie Dunn and request section be opened.
3. Register for the course.

Course requirements for NWS Internships

1. Students doing internships at the National Weather Service (NWS) offices may choose to receive up to 3 hours of 485 credits during a given semester or summer. Up to 6 hours of 485 NWS may be used to satisfy general electives and meteorological and technical electives.
2. The student is required to work for at least 80, 160, or 240 accumulated *supervised* hours at the NWS offices during the internship to qualify for 1-, 2-, or 3-hour credits, respectively.
3. The student's work will be supervised by the NWS Science Operations Officer (SOO) or Meteorologist In Charge (MIC). The student is also required to submit a 10-page report, describing the techniques and procedures learned and practiced during the internship. The report must be approved and signed by the SOO or MIC.
4. The report, along with a letter from the MIC or SOO indicating whether the student has successfully completed the expected work, must be turned in to the Department Office (attn: Christie Dunn) three days before the final grades of the class are due. For summer internships, this is typically early August.
5. The course requirements will be stated in a letter from the department to the NWS office if such a letter is required by the NWS office.

Course requirements for Broadcast Internships

1. Students doing internships at television or radio stations may choose to receive 1 hour of 485 credit. Up to 3 hours of 485 broadcast internship credit may be used to satisfy general electives and meteorological and technical electives. Only 1 hour of 485 credit can be earned for broadcast meteorology during a given semester or summer.
2. Students are expected to work at least 80 accumulated *supervised* hours during the internship to qualify for 1 credit hour.
3. The student's work will be supervised by a broadcast meteorologist. The student is also required to submit a 5-page report describing the techniques and procedures learned and practiced during the internship. The report must be approved and signed by the broadcast meteorologist.
4. The report, along with a letter from the broadcast meteorologist indicating whether the student has successfully completed the expected work, must be turned in to the Department Office (attn: Christie Dunn) three days before the final grades of the class are due. For summer internships, this is typically early August.
5. The course requirements will be stated in a letter from the department to the broadcaster if such a letter is required by the broadcaster.

I agree to my responsibilities according to the instructions and requirements described above.

Student signature _____ Date _____
Internship host signature _____ Date _____
Advisor signature _____ Date _____