

Frequently Asked Internship Questions

Do I have to earn internship credits to work in my field?

- Most students are not required to earn internship credits, but typically choose to do so for various reasons.
- The following students **ARE REQUIRED** to complete the process to earn internship credits:
 - “Students Interns” who are employed by the college working directly in their field. *This does not include “Student Workers”*
 - Students who have requested to live on campus over the summer or during winter break so they can work (in their field)

Is there a cost/tuition for the internship credits?

- No, there is no cost to students to earn internship credits.

Do the internship credits replace any of my gen-ed electives?

- No, internship credits cannot replace any of your required general education courses.

Are internships required for graduation?

- Unless your specific program major has an internship/work study embedded in curriculum, **internships are not required for graduation**. CSET is the only program major that has a “required” 4-credit internship during the 4th semester.

Will the credits I earn for an internship/work experience transfer to another college?

- Yes, the internship credits you earn will appear on your transcript and can transfer into a Bachelor’s program. Typically, the credits are accepted as one of your required 3-credit electives and/or to satisfy an internship requirement at the 4-year institution.

Will I receive a grade for my internship experience?

- Yes. If you complete all required components (see [Internship Program Overview](#)) of the internship, you will earn an A. You have the option of earning 1, 2, or 3 credits depending on the number of hours worked. For example, if you work 150 hours and complete all paperwork, you will earn a 3 credit A which will get averaged into your “overall” GPA. It will not affect your “major” GPA. If you do not complete the required paperwork, you will not earn the credits.

What is required of me to earn the internship credits?

- In addition to meeting student eligibility requirements (see [Internship Program Overview](#)), you must do the following:
- Complete the online [Internship Application Form](#)
- Submit bi-weekly log sheets (for work up to a maximum of 150 hours) – for many of you, your required hours will be completed within the first several weeks of employment. 😊
- Submit a 1-page essay of your experience.

What are the benefits to earning internship credits?

- A boost to your overall GPA – think of an extra 3-credit A averaged into your overall GPA
- Credits that can transfer to a 4-year program
- Written confirmation of work in your field on your transcript
- The credits are free
- It will be the easiest 3-credit A you ever earn!! 😊

How many internship credits can I earn?

- 1 credit for every 50 hours worked up to a maximum of 3 credits in any given semester.

Will I get paid during my internship?

- Most often, Yes. It is highly unusual for a TSCT student to work in an “unpaid” internship. During the summer of 2018, more than 300 students worked directly in their field. 100% of them were paid. Institutionally, the median Internship hourly rate that summer was \$13.95 per hour.
- **Exception:** Internships that are embedded in curriculum and a “**required**” component for graduation are often not paid. Currently that only holds true for CSET’s required 4th semester work-study/internship.

Can anyone apply to earn internship credits?

- Any currently enrolled student who has completed a minimum of 12 credits in their major and earned a minimum of a 2.5 in their major and a 2.0 overall is eligible to apply to earn internship credits for work in a field related to the major.

**Special Notes regarding Internships:

- Currently, [Computer Software Engineering Technology](#) is the ONLY program major with a 4th semester 4-credit work-study/internship embedded in curriculum as a “requirement” for graduation. That specific internship is **coordinated through the Sophomore CSET program Instructor** and ONLY applies to the 4th semester work study as a part of the CSET curriculum. CSET students working in their field during the summer between freshman and sophomore year follow the same guidelines/criteria as all other students who choose to earn internship credits for their work.
- [Computer Integrated Machining](#) has an “optional” 3-credit internship available to qualified students allowing them to work in their field in lieu of a 3-credit CIM course during the 4th semester. This is NOT a requirement for graduation and **students MUST be recommended by their CIM Technical Instructor** to participate. CIM students working in their field during the summer between freshman and sophomore year follow the same guidelines/criteria as all other students who choose to earn internship credits for their work.

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