

HFT 3941 Management Internship

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Course Goal: The purpose of this course is to offer students an opportunity of on-the-job management experience under the direction of an approved industry professional and a faculty coordinator.

Course Objectives: 1) Supplement theoretical and academic subject matter with practical management experience; and 2) Guide students in choosing career opportunities.

Pre-requisite: Three Dedman School of Hospitality classes at either the 3000 or 4000 level (each class must be 3 credits, and excludes HFT 4905, Directed Individual Study).

Grading: S/U grade according to university guidelines. Specific grading to be determined by the faculty coordinator in consultation with the industry professional and student.

Course Description: An internship should be an opportunity for a student to gain in-depth experience in a particular hospitality and tourism organization, or at a specific property. The internship can be used by the student to fulfill the work experience requirement of the degree program. Students interested in pursuing an internship should work closely with one of the faculty members assigned to internships; Dr. Ernie Lanford, 644-0886 (PGM Program); or Mrs. Pam Monnier, 644-8245 (general department internships).

While the internship may be paid (or not), it is the experience that counts. Ideally the student gains an in-depth perspective of the organization or property chosen. The internship should provide experiential learning beyond entry-level line positions. In many cases, a successful internship provides the student with a future job offer.

Specific student responsibilities in HFT 3941 include 1) coordinating internship choice with faculty coordinator; 2) completing all required forms/papers as designated by faculty coordinator; 3) having Internship Rating Form completed by industry professional and 4) participating fully in the internship, representing the program in a professional manner.

Specific faculty responsibilities in HFT 3941 include 1) discussing internship opportunities with students; 2) reviewing forms/reports related to the internship; 3) assisting students with any questions/concerns/issues during the internship; and 4) reviewing internship program regularly to ensure compliance with university/college/school standards.