

TMSL EXTERNSHIP
PROGRAM
INFORMATIONAL

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EXTERNSHIP- MANDATORY?

- NOT FOR THE 2016-2017 graduating class.
- YES, if you are a 2L YOU WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO HAVE 6 HOURS OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING.

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WHAT IS AN EXTERNSHIP?

- Externships are *experiential* learning opportunities.
- Students gain *practical work* experience in exchange for course credit.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF AN EXTERNSHIP?

- *Practical* work experience.
- Puts you an *even playing field* when competing for post-law school jobs.
- Makes you *relevant* to employers.
- Shows you are an *asset* to future employer because you will have demonstrated skills in this profession.

DO YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR THE EXTERNSHIP CLASS?

- Yes
- Because you earn course credit, you have to register for the course and pay for the externship course just like any other course.

CAN I GET PAID IN MY EXTERNSHIP?

- No
- Students Earn academic credit instead of financial compensation.
 - You cannot GET PAID, and earn credit.
 - ABA rule.

CAN I WORK FOR MY FAMILY ?

- No
- Students may not earn externship credit by working with a family member or relative.

CAN I WORK FOR A PRIVATE LAW FIRM ?

- See Professor Ledesma

HOW MUCH CREDIT DO I GET?

- Students Earn academic credit .
 - Fall or Spring (6 Hours)
 - 4 hours of course credit-placement
 - 240 hours for the semester
 - 17 hours per week *PLUS*
 - 2 hours of course credit- classroom
 - Class meets one every 2-3 weeks

HOW MUCH CREDIT DO I GET IN THE SUMMER?

- Students Earn academic credit .
 - Summer
 - 3 hours of course credit-placement
 - 180 hours for the summer
 - 40 hours per week is the expectation
 - 4.5 weeks approximately

CAN I HAVE MULTIPLE EXTERNSHIPS?

- No
- Students Earn academic credit .
 - If you work more than 240 hours during the Fall or Spring or more than 180 hours for the Summer, you *DO NOT EARN MORE CREDIT.*

CAN I HAVE MULTIPLE EXTERNSHIPS?

- Multiple Externships
 - You can work in multiple placements, but you can only earn externship credit ONCE.
 - There is no EXTERNSHIP I AND EXTERNSHIP II

WHERE ARE THE EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENT OPTIONS?

- Placements:
 - ◆ County Judges
 - ◆ State Judges
 - ◆ Federal Judges
 - ◆ Non-Profits
 - ◆ Governmental Offices
 - ◆ Private Firms with Pro Bono opp.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM?

- 3L's or Rising 3L's
- Taken or Taking Professional Responsibility

HOW TO APPLY: REQUIREMENTS

- *Two Steps*

HOW TO APPLY: REQUIREMENTS

- **STEP 1**
- **COMPLETE EXTERNSHIP APPLICATION**
 - **Completed Application**
 - **Current Résumé**
 - **Current Writing Sample**
 - **Statement of Intent**
 - **Current Transcript**
 - **Passport Photo**
 - **Copy of Driver's License**

HOW TO APPLY: REQUIREMENTS

- *STEP 2*

- ◆ **INTERVIEW:**

- **Sign up sheets available.**

FAQ'S

- **I already have a job, and I like it... can I get externship credit for it?**
 - *No.*
 - *You **HAVE TO REGISTER FOR THE COURSE**, just like any other course. You cannot register retroactively.*

FAQ

- **When is the deadline to apply?**
 - **First come, first served.**
 - **The most highly coveted opportunities fill up fast, example Judicial Externships for the summer.**

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- If I have questions about after this meeting who can I contact
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