

**Marine Sustainability Internship
Syllabus**

Term: Spring 2010

Course Number: FISH/MSL/ANTH/NRM 680

Course Credits: 2 (0+0+2)

Grading Scheme: Letter

Timing: The Internship is generally completed in the summer and academic credit is offered in the

following fall semester.

Description: Students of the Marine Ecosystem Sustainability in the Arctic and Subarctic (MESAS)

The proposal and planning of the Internship:

Each student works with the MESAS Director, who is the course instructor, and his or her UAF thesis supervisor to identify an appropriate Internship. It is the responsibility of the student to draft and

negotiate an Internship proposal that notes the key contact people and organizations. The proposal identifies who from the sponsoring organization(s) will serve as the student's on-site supervisor. The proposal specifies the roles of the student and the on-site supervisor during and after the Internship.

MESAS faculty recognize that there will be significant variation in Internship arrangements among trainees. Some projects will require in-residence (or in the field) obligations in the early part of the Internship with writing or analysis in the latter part. Other projects may require travel. Some projects

may involve data collection and data analysis while others might focus on policy development or

outreach. MESAS faculty will be flexible in reviewing Internship proposals.

MESAS will provide students with fellowship support, and a small amount of money is available to support travel. Hosts are expected to provide a work venue and standard workplace amenities such as desk, telephone, computer and access to specialized equipment. Hosts should plan on covering any significant travel, equipment, or supply costs that might be incurred. Hosts should clearly instruct trainees concerning hours of operation, safety, behavior or dress codes, and other matters germane to the Internship workplace.

The Internship proposal (max 3 pages) specifies:

1. The names and contact information (job title, institution, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail) of the key people and organizations involved
2. number of credits desired
3. duration and dates
4. location of activities

5. A brief description of the proposed Internship, include how this project bears on marine ecosystems

Supervision:

The student works closely with his or her on-site supervisor and the Internship course instructor to ensure

conducting Internships to share experiences, frustrations, progress, etc. The student must submit a two- to

MESAS retreat after the Internship. This will be a celebratory event where students will share the scholarly work accomplished in the Internship. It will also include a reflective component on their perceptions of the Internship.

The presentations will:

Describe the work accomplished in the Internship and the results obtained.

- Synthesize the social, scientific, and human dimensions of the problem addressed during the Internship.
- Reflect on the overall experience and how it has changed (or not) the trainee's view of marine ecosystem science and management.

Details on the length of the presentations, venue, and other logistical matters will be provided later.

Evaluation:

The course grade will be based on:

- Proposal (25%)
- One Month Progress Report & Communication with MESAS students & course instructor during

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