

### Academic Credit for Economics-Related Internships

**Overview:** Academic credit for internships, listed as ECN 092 and ECN 192, is generally allocated for students working as unpaid interns in an economics-related field within a program that involves a heavy research element, or intensive training in a field such as accounting, financial analysis, market research, or economic consulting. This can include tax preparation and work involving balance sheet analysis at non-profit organizations, as well as some other types of research or policy-based analysis.

**Requirements:** To receive any credit under ECN092 or ECN192, students must obtain the Academic Senate’s form “Request to Teach an Undergraduate Variable-Unit Course,” available at the Economics Advising Office in SSH 2216 (in the History Department), and complete the bottom half. In addition, they must attach a letter of invitation to this form from the employer verifying their employment as an intern. The letter should indicate the minimum number of hours of work per week, mention whether the position is paid or unpaid, and provide the job title and description.

Credits	Hours per week working as intern	Other requirements
1	unpaid: 3-5 paid: 5+	5-7 page report describing how concepts and practices learned during the internship relate to economic theory or econometric techniques learned in regular Economics coursework
2	unpaid: 6-8	5-7 page report describing how concepts and practices learned during the internship relate to economic theory or econometric techniques learned in regular Economics coursework
3	unpaid: 9-11	internship with a heavy research and educational component, plus a 10-page research paper containing at least 10 fact-checked citations (not blogs or Wikipedia), a full formal bibliography, and proper internal citations (Chicago or MLA). Page count does not include bibliography. GPA of 3.0 or higher
4	unpaid: 12+	internship with a heavy research and educational component, plus a 15-page research paper containing at least 10 fact-checked citations (not blogs or Wikipedia), a full formal bibliography, and proper internal citations (Chicago or MLA). Page count does not include bibliography. GPA of 3.0 or higher

**Notes on paid internships:** One unit of ECN 092 or ECN192 credit can be granted for paid work when it is research-focused or has a heavy training emphasis in certain key fields relevant to the Economics major. It must meet the following criteria:

-The work involves a heavy training component in accounting, financial analysis and research, or statistically based market research or consulting, including tax accounting.

-The work is entirely focused on accounting, financial analysis and research, or statistically based market research or consulting, including tax accounting, or market research and strategy.

**Exclusions:** Paid work in translation or in-store retail activity, and other fields not directly related to economics do not qualify for ECN credit. According to University policy, "Work that is clerical in nature or involves routine maintenance or service responsibilities does not qualify for academic credit." There is a limit of 6 credit units earned through internships for any individual student (total, across all quarters).

**Activity Reports and Research Papers:** Reports and research papers must be written in addition to any work done on the job. For example, it is not permissible to turn in a market research report written as part of the internship in place of an activity report or research paper. Activity reports should relate work or training done during the internship with concepts or methods learned in the regular Economics coursework at UC Davis. Research reports can be on any topic relevant to work or training done during the internship. These reports and papers are an opportunity to go deeper into some aspect of the field of work, grounding new training or job responsibilities in a discussion or survey of pertinent economic theory or econometric analyses in the existing academic and policy literature.