

Professional internship

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Office hours: by appointment

Course Type: Elective

Credits: 6 ECTS

Term: 3rd and 4th term

1. COURSE PRESENTATION

Course Description

Professional internships are activities of a formative nature carried out by students. The main objective of internships is to allow students to apply and complement the knowledge acquired in their academic training, favoring the acquisition of skills that prepare them for carrying out professional activities, facilitating their employability and promoting their entrepreneurial skills.

Internships in this Master's program can take two shapes:

- a) Curricular internships: These are part of the academic contents of the master's degree, that is, they are considered another subject that students must pass to pass the program. If students choose to do a curricular internship, they should do 4 electives.
- b) Extra-curricular internships: These are not part of the academic content of the master's program but considered a complement to the teaching sessions. They are not mandatory. If students choose to do a curricular internship, they should do 6 electives.

The number of hours for any kind of internship is a minimum of 150h and a maximum of 1000 hours. To be completed between the start of classes and the 15th of September 2025. For those who cannot meet this deadline, registration to the following academic year to complete the internship will be required to obtain an extension.

An educational cooperation agreement must be approved by the professor in charge and signed by the school, the firm, and the student.

Students obtain a final grade of between 0-10.

Objectives

The main objectives of the course are:

- Apply classroom knowledge to the work world.
- Gain experience related to your master's degree and interests.
- Explore possible careers and learn about career paths.
- Add real-life skills and experience to your resumes.
- Take responsibility for your own learning and create a more rewarding experience.
- Develop job search skills such as interviewing techniques.
- Establish a network of professional contacts, mentors and references for after graduation.

2. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Receiving a passing grade for the internship is a result from the evaluation report from the business guardian receiving the student.

3. SCHEDULE

Date	Procedure
October to December	Selection of elective courses
March 1 st 2025	Deadline to sign agreement for curricular internship, or validation of existing or new job experience
September 15th 2024	Deadline for all internship agreements to finish whether curricular or extracurricular

4. PROFESSOR

Erola Palau is a researcher in the Operations, Technology and Science department at UPF Barcelona School of Management, and she is also the coordinator of the Sustainability Observatory of the same institution. Prior to joining UPF-BSM, she was International Key Account in the export department of a private company.

Erola is a graduate in International Business and Languages from the Rotterdam Business School, Master of Science in Management and Business Analytics from UPF-BSM. She is specialized in E-Commerce and Data Analytics from EDHEC Business School and is a PhD candidate in Law, Economics, and Business from the University of Girona.

She has focused on researching the equality of women in companies, the social and economic impact of organizations in their environment and on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in companies.

5. BIBLIOGRAPHY/RESOURCES/ READING MATERIALS

- Students will be called to the Internship & Careers' services seminars and individual meetings.
- Internship offers will be posted on the JobTeaser Platform.
- Besides the programmed meetings, individual tutoring will be offered when required with a career advisor.