

STEM 4890 - STEM Internship

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 10, CRN 42670,

Credit hours: 6

Instructor

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Course Description

4890. STEM Internship. Integrate theory and practice jointly supervised by working professional and STEM mentor for part-time assignment at approved employer. This academic experience encourages examination about and beyond daily professional related work, in order to broaden students' horizons intellectually, professionally and personally. Students meet with a STEM Career, Internship & Co-op professional staff member and either a Department Chair/ Program Coordinator/designated faculty internship advisor, submit assignment proposal for approval, and file weekly work logs for faculty mentor review. In order for the student to receive academic credit the student must also complete an academic component consisting of research and reflection in the form of a written paper and presentation. May be repeated up to two semesters. Prereq.: Junior or Senior standing, 3.00 GPA in STEM program, 2.75 GPA overall, and approval by STEM Career, Internship & Co-op professional staff in consultation with student's Department Chair/ Program Coordinator/designated faculty internship advisor. 1-6 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
	No readings		

No Text, just Assignments found at: stem.ysu.edu/internship-co-op-reu

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	As this is an industrial work experience opportunity, there are no assigned readings from the professor. It is expected that the supervisor will provide appropriate readings as necessary for the position.	As this is an industrial work experience opportunity, there are no proposed topics from the professor. It is expected that the supervisor will cover necessary topics for the position.	Learning Objectives due within (2) weeks of internship/co-op/REU start
8/31			Journal Entry #1
9/7			Journal Entry #2
9/14			Journal Entry #3
9/21			Journal Entry #4
9/28			Journal Entry #5
10/5			Journal Entry #6
10/12			Journal Entry #7 Employer Mid-Semester Evaluation Due
10/19			Journal Entry #8

10/26	Journal Entry #9
11/2	Journal Entry #10
11/9	Journal Entry #11
11/16	Journal Entry #12
11/23	Journal Entry #13
11/30	Journal Entry #14
12/7	Journal Entry #15
	Final Report
	Final Presentation
	Employer End of Semester Evaluation
	Student Evaluation
	Work Activity Log

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