

Texas A&M University-San Antonio
College of Business, Department of Accounting and Finance

FINC 3328: Internship in Finance

A. MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

This is an experiential learning class where the student applies at an external site the skills learned in different finance courses.

B. CLASS TIME AND LOCATION:

This class meets off campus, at the employer's location.

"An internship is a form of experiential learning that integrates knowledge and theory learned in the classroom with practical application and skills development in a professional setting. Internships give students the opportunity to gain valuable applied experience and make connections in professional fields they are considering for career paths; and give employers the opportunity to guide and evaluate talent." -National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE)

In a nutshell, students serve an internship to perform agreed upon tasks for an employer. The employer acts as a mentor. The student performs a specific function, not just being the office gopher for example. These experiences are recounted in a weekly report to the Professor assigned to the class. These weekly reports become the basis for a semester end report by the student. In addition the employer files an end of semester report on the student. In this particular case, the student will become a trainee in the wealth management department. Besides building interpersonal skills, the goal of the program is to prepare the trainee to take professional certification exams at the end of the training.

C. LECTURE OR DISCUSSION TOPICS:

The intern will prepare two short reflection papers about the internship experience. There is an exit survey to be completed by the employee and another by the intern.

D. REQUIRED & RECOMMENDED READINGS

None