

### What?

- It exposes students to a **professional** experience or research laboratory related to Bioenvironmental Sciences. Students can work with a company, government agency (local, state, national, international), or on a science-based project with a faculty member in a research lab. All experiences are *subject to departmental approval*.
- BESC 484 is a **REQUIRED** course for the BESC/ENST/USAL-ENB degree plans. It must be completed in order to graduate.
- BESC 484 aligns with a supervised **INTERNSHIP** or **RESEARCH** experience. The 484 course is *writing-intensive*, 3 credit hours, and taken over a full academic term (fall, spring, or 10-week summer).

### When?

- Students applying for the 484 course must have a junior or senior classification, or instructor approval.

### How?

#### **STEP 1** *Students identify an internship or research opportunity*

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- [Examples from previous students](#)
- [Speakers from NAEP meetings](#)
- Facebook pages for [TAMU](#), [BESC](#), and [NAEP](#)
- [BESC Professional Board job board](#)
- TAMU [Career Center](#), and [Jobs for Aggies](#)

#### **STEP 2** *Students apply for BESC 484 approval*

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- For the semester associated with the internship or research experience
- Visit the department website to fill out the [BESC 484 Approval Form](#)
  - Applications are due two (2) weeks before the start of the semester
  - Review is done by BESC 484 approval committee

#### **STEP 3** *Students watch their official TAMU email for course instructions*

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- One to two weeks before the academic term begins, the academic advisor will register students with approved experiences into appropriate sections for BESC 484 and assign faculty
  - o Once approved and registered, students must pay required tuition/fees for the course.
  - o Students are instructed to contact their assigned faculty members for course syllabus, outline course expectations, and due dates.

#### **STEP 4** *Students engage in the BESC 484 course*

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- Communicate 484 expectations to supervisor, and complete work as assigned by instructor
- All 484 assignments will be submitted electronically— there is no physical class. Use of e-mail or eCampus is currently at the discretion of assigned faculty members.

### Questions???

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