BESC 484—FIELD STUDIES ("The Internship Course")

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
- 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
- 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
- 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
  - Once approved and registered, students must pay required tuition/fees for the course.
  - 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
- 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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