



**ENGR 597** – Internship in Engineering with Professional Writing and Communication

**Units:** 0.5

**Fall 2024**

**Course URL:** <https://brightspace.usc.edu/>

**Location:** Virtual

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is for the first internship taken by Viterbi master's students. Within two course components, students will gain practical work experience in a professional internship and develop their communication skills.

#### **Please note the sections of this syllabus:**

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**Students must successfully complete both the 'Professional Writing and Communication' and the 'Internship' components listed below to receive credit in this course.**

International students must additionally adhere to Curricular Practical Training (CPT) guidelines. The internship's purpose must be academic, not just for employment purposes, and integral to the student's degree program. **Successful completion of the course is required to be considered for future CPT authorizations.** For more information regarding CPT policies, please refer to <https://ois.usc.edu/employment/>.

## COURSE SCHEDULE: Weekly Breakdown

**Check each of the deliverable boxes to ensure that you will receive credit for this course. Any boxes left unchecked will result in a No Credit grade.**

**Yellow** = Writing Component Assignment Due Date

**Blue** = Internship Component Assignment Due Date

**Note: The communication component is offered concurrently with the internship**

	Weekly Activities	Communications Textbook Reading	Deliverables/Due Dates
<b>Week 1-9</b> Aug 26-Oct 27	<b>Internship work</b>		
<b>Week 10</b> Oct 28	<b>Internship work</b>  <b>10/30: Communication Lecture #1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COURSE OVERVIEW</li> <li>WORKPLACE WRITING</li> <li>WRITING SAMPLE &amp; VM ASSGT.</li> <li>MEMO BASICS</li> </ul>	Tebeaux & Dragga <b>Ch. 1: Writing at Work</b> <b>Ch. 2: Writing for Readers</b> <b>Ch. 7: Emails, Texts, Memos &amp; Letters</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Syllabus Quiz Due October 30 or the first week of your internship</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Academic Integrity Video and Quiz Due Nov 1</b>
<b>Week 11</b> Nov 4	<b>Internship work</b>  <b>11/6: Communication Lecture #2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WRITING ASSIGNMENT 1</li> <li>AVOIDING PLAGIARISM</li> <li>MEMOS (HEADINGS)</li> <li>COHERENCE &amp; CLARITY</li> </ul>	Tebeaux & Dragga <b>Ch. 5: Designing Documents pp.36-39</b> <i>Recognizing Unethical Communication</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Internship Reflection #1 Due after completion of the first week of your internship or by Nov 4, whichever comes first</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Writing Sample Due Nov 9</b>
<b>Week 12</b> Nov 11	<b>Internship work</b>  <b>11/13: Communication Lecture #3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WRITING ASSIGNMENT 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>EMPHASIZING IMPORTANT INFO</li> </ul>	Tebeaux & Dragga <b>Ch. 4: Achieving a Readable Style</b> <b>Ch. 12: Resumes &amp; Job Apps Appendix B: citing and sources</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Writing Assignment #1 Due Nov 16</b>
<b>Week 13</b> Nov 18	<b>Internship work</b>  <b>11/20: Communication Lecture #4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REVIEW OF WA1 &amp; 2</li> <li>COVER LETTERS</li> <li>ELEVATOR SPEECHES</li> </ul>	Tebeaux & Dragga <b>Appendix A: brief guide to grammar, punctuation and usage (optional)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Internship Reflection #2 Due after completion of half of your internship or by Nov 18, whichever comes first</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SkillSurvey Supervisor</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DOCUMENT DESIGN</li> </ul>		<p><b>Contact Information Upload Due 11/18</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Writing Assignment #2 Due Nov 23</b></p>
<p><b>Week 14</b> Nov 25</p>	<p><b>Internship work</b></p> <p><b>11/27: Communication Lecture #5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WA 2 FEEDBACK</li> <li>WRITING ASSIGNMENT 3</li> <li>INFO PLACEMENT</li> <li>PROPOSALS</li> <li>PARAPHRASING</li> </ul>	<p>Tebeaux &amp; Dragga</p> <p><b>Ch. 9: Proposals</b></p> <p><b>Ch. 5: Designing Docs</b></p> <p><b>Appendix C:</b> <i>proposal example</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Writing Assignment #3 Due Nov 30</b></p>
<p><b>Week 15</b> Dec 2</p>	<p><b>Internship work</b></p> <p><b>12/2: Communication Lecture #6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COURSE WRAP-UP</li> <li>ADDING IMPACT TO YOUR WRITING</li> </ul>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Internship Reflection #3 Due after completion of the internship or by 12/2, whichever comes first</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>SkillSurvey Supervisor Assessment due 12/2*</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>SkillSurvey Self-Assessment due 12/2</b></p>
	<b>Weekly Activities</b>	<b>Communications Textbook Reading</b>	<b>Deliverables/Due Dates</b>

# PROFESSIONAL WRITING AND COMMUNICATION COMPONENT

Students must successfully complete both the 'Professional Writing and Communication' and the 'Internship' components to receive credit in the course.

## **INSTRUCTOR:**

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## **COMMUNICATIONS COMPONENT OBJECTIVES**

We will be working to improve your communication skills in this course: understanding different audiences and their needs, concision and organizing information to maximize your effectiveness. Short oral commentaries on your written communications are also included to give you practice explaining your ideas and recommendations to colleagues and supervisors. Emphasis is placed on readiness for writing and speaking in a professional engineering environment. Developing your communication skills comes from effort: writing/speaking, feedback and revision. This course is designed to give you practice, personalized guidance and support. To get the most out of this opportunity you should carefully consider the feedback you receive on each assignment and try to apply it to your next efforts.

The course will cover:

- writing and speaking concepts and strategies for communicating to public and professional audiences
- standard conventions for industry communications
- skills to prepare effective documents and oral communications for professional purposes

## **COMMUNICATION COMPONENT OUTCOMES**

At the end of ENGR 597, you will be better equipped to:

- write for professional audiences
- revise and edit to professional standards
- compose accurate and precise documents
- analyze and adapt to varied professional writing contexts
- speak in a professional but conversational manner about your ideas, findings, information, and recommendations

## **COMMUNICATION LECTURES**

Video lectures will be posted on the course website on Wednesdays. These lectures explain what is needed to complete assignments and to learn the requirements of the course. The lectures also provide general instruction for improving your professional communication skills.

## **COMMUNICATION ENGAGEMENT**

You are expected to watch all the lectures posted by the instructor, correspond with your grading consultant when necessary, and stay up to date on readings and assignments.

## **COMMUNICATION REQUIRED TEXT**

The Essentials of Technical Communication, Elizabeth Tebeaux and Sam Dragga, Oxford University Press, Fourth Edition, 2017.

Additional readings, guides, schedule and PPTs accompanying the video lectures are found on Brightspace.

## **COMMUNICATION ASSIGNMENTS**

You will be asked to complete four writing assignments. Pre-writing, research, and revision are elements of each assignment. Each writing assignment has a short oral component (one minute) based on your written document. You must pass Writing Assignments 1, 2, and 3 to pass the course.

**Turn in your work on time.** If you submit late, you risk failing the assignment. However, you may request an extension from your grading consultant for any of the assignments **before** the deadline. Missing assignments will not be accepted after the class concludes and you may not turn in multiple assignments at the end of the course.

All assignments must pass the 70% threshold (see below). The course will be organized around the introduction of the course assignments and the specific requirements for each. The prompts for each assignment are posted on Brightspace.

Please note: For every written submission, students are required to add a "Statement of Originality." Details are found on the course website.

**Important: You have the opportunity to revise each assignment, so your work achieves an appropriate professional tone and content. If you do not pass an assignment, you need to revise and submit it again. You need to submit your revision within three days after you get the returned assignment. Make sure to notify your grading consultant by email when you resubmit.**

**If you do not notify your grading consultant, you may not get credit for the assignment. It is up to you to check to see if you have received credit for all assignments in a prompt manner, and then submit the revision in line with the grading consultant's comments if you have not passed. Do not wait until the end of the course to ask about the status of an assignment.**

## **COMMUNICATION EVALUATION POLICIES**

This course is Credit/No Credit. Credit for this course is based on the following criteria:

- Completing writing assignments 1, 2 and 3 to a 70% level of approval
- Submitting all assignments sequentially at the required deadlines. You cannot turn in all work at the end of the course. Your assignments will not be graded if you do this and you will not pass the course.
- One upload of an assignment is allowed. If multiple uploads are made only the first effort is graded.
- Written assignments go through Turnitin, and a similarity score will be generated. A score above 10% can result in failing an assignment. Sources used for the submission will be investigated, and a report will be made to the USC's Office of Academic Integrity: <https://academicintegrity.usc.edu/>
- You may not turn in a writing assignment that you have previously submitted to another class. If you do this, you will not pass the assignment.
- If Turnitin identifies your assignment as having high similarity to another student's submission or an external source that is not attributed such as a natural language processor you risk failing the course. A report will be submitted to USC's Office of Academic Integrity, and appropriate actions will be taken.
- Do not use any form of NLP (Natural Language Processor) such as Chat GPT. Even simple forms of AI assistance such as Grammarly will detract from what you can learn and may constitute plagiarism.
- In sum: work submitted must be your individual effort and any external sources must be attributed. Failure to do so is considered plagiarism and constitutes an academic integrity violation.

### **COMMUNICATION COMPONENT GRADING**

The course is graded on a credit/no credit basis. To receive credit, you must achieve a score of 70% on all assignments. Guidance and criteria will be provided to you for each assignment.

Expectations for each assignment will be made clear, and they will be evaluated as fairly and objectively as possible. You will review the requirements for effective writing in the video lectures, and you can refer to the writing rubric on the course website.

**All required assignments must be completed to pass the course. It is your responsibility to check and make sure you have received credit for your work and to communicate with your grader before the end of the course if any assignment needs grading.**

**If you cannot meet a deadline, email your grading consultant and request an extension before the due date.**

**Your grading consultant will email you at the beginning of the course. Email addresses for grading consultants are on Brightspace.**

**All required assignments must be completed to pass the communication component of this course. Successful completion of the course is required to be considered for future CPT authorizations.** For more information regarding CPT policies, please refer to <https://ois.usc.edu/employment/>.

## INTERNSHIP COMPONENT

**Course Coordinator: Joey Leon, Assistant Director**

**Office:** Viterbi Career Connections, RTH 218

**Office Hours:** [Zoom Monday & Wednesday from 1pm-1:30pm](#)

**Contact Info:** [engrinternshipcourses@usc.edu](mailto:engrinternshipcourses@usc.edu) (Any emails sent to VCC staff or [vcareers@usc.edu](mailto:vcareers@usc.edu) will be forwarded to [engrinternshipcourses@usc.edu](mailto:engrinternshipcourses@usc.edu))

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

In the internship component of the course, students must gain part-time or full-time practical work experience in his/her/their field of study. By the end of the semester:

- Students will produce three (3) internship reflections of his/her/their work activity, problems investigated, significant results, and any follow-up projects they may engage in.
- Students must complete the SkillSurvey Career Readiness Self-Assessment.
- Students' internship supervisors should also complete the SkillSurvey Career Readiness report, acknowledging students' work and communication skills.

### **INTERNSHIP COMPONENT DESCRIPTION**

The student must gain part-time or full-time practical work experience in his or her field of study. The internship must be located at an off-campus facility. Students must provide three (3) internship reflections before the conclusion of their internship. The student and internship site supervisor must also complete a SkillSurvey Career Readiness Assessment as part of this course's internship component requirements.

### **COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:**

#### **1. Syllabus Quiz**

Students must complete a syllabus quiz and pass with a score of 100% to obtain credit for this assignment. This quiz was designed to ensure all students read the entirety of their syllabus and takes ownership of completing all the assignment within the due dates of this course. The quiz will be located in Brightspace and students will need to login to Brightspace to complete this assignment by the end of the first week of their internship or **October 30, 2024** whichever comes first. Students will only receive 3 chances to pass the quiz with 100%, so please make sure you review the entire syllabus before taking the quiz. This is not an optional assignment and must be completed in order receive credit for this class.

#### **2. Reflections**

During the semester, the student will submit three internship reflections based on his/her/their internship progression. Internship reflections may include work activity, problems investigated, significant results, and any follow-up projects they may engage in. These reflections must meet all of the following criteria.

- Internship reflections must thoroughly answer each question in paragraph format with a minimum of 2-3 sentences for each question.
- All reflection submissions must generate a Turnitin Similarity. The course coordinator

will review the Turnitin grade and students will be expected to write new statements or reflections if your answers show a significant amount of your response is highlighted (words highlighted in red means it is copied from previous submissions). Samples of internship reflection questions are available for review at the end of this syllabus.

### 3. Skill Survey (Performance Evaluation):

Viterbi Career Connections utilizes SkillSurvey for the online evaluation process for ENGR 597. SkillSurvey is part of the Career Readiness Project which leverages proven HR technology to improve the evaluation process and provide students with feedback on how “career-ready” they are following an internship. Review this [infographic](#) to see how the process works.

Near the end of the semester, you will receive an email from Skill Survey directing you to enter your supervisor’s contact information. You do not upload your contact information in Brightspace, you must enter this information from the link you get from SkillSurvey directly. This link can only be provided by Skill Survey and it is unique to you. The course coordinator can not send you this link, please do not email them to ask for the link. Your supervisor will then receive an email with an electronic link along with instructions on filling out the performance evaluation. They will also be given a deadline and informed the performance evaluation is required for course credit. Once you provide your supervisor’s contact information into Skill Survey and complete the self-assessment, take a screenshot of the completed process and upload it into Brightspace (Bright Space). **Steps to complete this assignment:**

- SkillSurvey Career Readiness report information will be directly emailed to you and submitted through the SkillSurvey platform. Will be sent on November 4, 2024.
- Students must upload the supervisor’s contact information in SkillSurvey by the **November 18, 2024 (There will be no assignment to submit on Brightspace, this is to make sure you give your Supervisor at least 2 weeks time to complete survey)**
  - This is not in Brightspace, please find the email sent by Skill survey,
  - You will need the following information about your supervisor
    - Name of Manager/Supervisor (please do not use a co-worker)
    - Your Supervisor’s Phone Number (if you don’t have this, put any number as it is not important for the survey)
    - Your supervisor’s email address (this is how skill survey will send your supervisor the survey)
- Students must complete the SkillSurvey Career Readiness Self-Reflection Assessment by **December 2, 2024.**
- **Once you provide your supervisor's contact information to SkillSurvey and complete the self-assessment, take a screenshot of the completed assessment and upload into Assignments in Brightspace.**
  - You will get automated reminder messages from Brightspace if you complete this assignment only in SkillSurvey but do not upload a screenshot into



Brightspace.

\*Please do not email the course coordinator to request the Skill Survey link, they do not have access to it. Please review your USC email inbox to find the link sent by Skillsurvey. This was sent on November 4, 2024. If you can not find the email after reviewing your spam box please email Jacquelyn Gourley, [Jacquelyn.Gourley@icims.com](mailto:Jacquelyn.Gourley@icims.com) Please make sure you provide your USC email address, your course number, and semester (ENGR 597 Fall 2024)

**If you work for an organization that DOES NOT complete external performance evaluations, you must inform the Course Coordinator at least one week in advance of the deadline by emailing Joey Leon at [enrinternshipcourses@usc.edu](mailto:enrinternshipcourses@usc.edu). You will then put the following information in Skill Survey:**

**First Name:** Joey

**Last Name:** Leon

**Email:** [enrinternshipcourses@usc.edu](mailto:enrinternshipcourses@usc.edu)

**City:** Put the City of your Company

**State:** Put the state of your company

**Work Phone:** Put your company work phone (they will not be contacted)

**Evaluator's Relationship to Student:** (Manager/Supervisor)

**Worked Together:** Put the start and end dates of your internship

**Company Name:** Put the Name of Company you are working at

#### **INTERNSHIP COMPONENT ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSIONS:**

All assignments must only be submitted through Brightspace. **NO ASSIGNMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL.** In addition, all reflection submissions on Brightspace must be in Word or pdf format with a Turnitin score, assignments without a Turnitin score cannot be graded. Please do not send your assignments by email to the course coordinator as it will not be accepted. SkillSurvey Career Readiness report information will be directly emailed to you and submitted through the SkillSurvey platform only. Your Course Coordinator does not have access to this link or edit any supervisor information you may have submitted.

Some students enrolled in this course may sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with their employer, common in engineering organizations. **If the employer must review any assignments before submission, it is the student's responsibility to plan accordingly to avoid late submissions.**

If a different standard or format is used other than an internship reflection, it must meet the same intellectual standard described in this syllabus. This is typically only applicable in the case of an unexpected cancellation or shortened internship. In this case, the internship component course manager will document the definition of an alternative deliverable of intellectual merit equivalent to an internship reflection.

#### **Non-Disclosure Agreement Information**

**If you are collaborating on research with a faculty member, it is your responsibility to inform**

**him/her/them of your NDA.**

An NDA should not impact your ability to complete class assignments. Students who have NDAs produce reports with general details on the work completed as part of their internship, not disclosing any project specifics or sensitive information. Assignments can focus on your professional skills and career development attained during your experience.

In the course of the internship, the student must not violate the company's policies on Intellectual Property and/or confidentiality. However, sufficient responses must be included in the students' internship reflections to demonstrate meaningful experience and work has been completed.

**INTERNSHIP COMPONENT PREREQUISITE(S):**

This course may not be taken until the student has completed at least two semesters of enrollment in the graduate program. Students must be in good academic standing (cumulative and degree GPA of at least 3.00 in the Spring and Fall & 2.75 in the Summer). The student must have a verifiable internship offer letter from a company.

**INTERNSHIP COMPONENT TECHNOLOGICAL PROFICIENCY AND HARDWARE/SOFTWARE REQUIRED:**

You must have access to the internet to submit required internship reflections and SkillSurvey Career Readiness surveys.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INTERNSHIP COMPONENT:**

- Students must complete all CPT-related paperwork with the supervising professor by the drop/add deadline of the semester. (International students only.)
- Students must be employed at a company for a minimum of 8 weeks.
- Students must submit three (3) internship reflections on Brightspace.
- Students must complete the SkillSurvey Career Readiness Self-Reflection Report by the due date assigned.
- Students must complete the upload of the supervisor's contact information in SkillSurvey by the due date assigned. Students will receive an email with the SkillSurvey link 2 weeks before it is due.
  - In the event the student works for an organization that DOES NOT complete external performance evaluations, the student must inform the internship component course manager at least one week in advance of the deadline by emailing [engrinternshipcourses@usc.edu](mailto:engrinternshipcourses@usc.edu).

**GRADING POLICY**

All components listed are required with a passing score in order to pass this course. This course is graded credit/no credit. **Students missing any assignments, submits late work without prior approval, and/or submits assignments without a passing score will receive NC (No Credit).** Failure to meet any of the criteria in this syllabus is grounds for receiving a grade of NC (No Credit). **Successful completion of the course is required to be considered for future CPT authorizations.**

For more information regarding CPT policies, please refer to <https://ois.usc.edu/employment/>.

**INTERNSHIP COMPONENT GRADING BREAKDOWN:**

- Syllabus Quiz, completed on Brightspace - **20%**

- Internship reflection #1 uploaded to course management system - **20%**
- Internship reflection #2 uploaded to course management system - **20%**
- Internship reflection #3 uploaded to course management system - **20%**
- SkillSurvey Career Readiness Report - **20%**

#### **INTERNSHIP COMPONENT ASSIGNMENT RUBRICS:**

Reflection is an integral part of the learning process. Students will submit three (3) internship reflections throughout their internship. These reflections will ask students to review their internship location responsibilities and think critically about their professional growth. Each reflection will ask for updates and outcomes of the work and prepare them to discuss with their site supervisor or future interviews. While there is no required word count, internship reflections must

- Thoroughly answer each question in paragraph format and have a Turnitin Similarity score below 10%.
- Do not use any form of NLP (Natural Language Processor) such as Chat GPT. Even simple forms of AI assistance may constitute plagiarism.
- Work submitted must be your individual effort and should not come from external sources as these are reflections. Failure to do so is considered plagiarism and constitutes an academic integrity violation.

#### **INTERNSHIP COMPONENT GRADING TIMELINE:**

- Syllabus Quiz - **Due by Oct 30 or 1st Week of the start of your internship**
- Internship reflection #1 uploaded to course management system – **Due by Nov 4**
- Internship reflection #2 uploaded to course management system – **Due by Nov 13**
- SkillSurvey Supervisor Contact Information – **Upload Due Nov 18, Link given Nov 4**
- Internship reflection #3 uploaded to course management system – **Due by Dec 2**
- SkillSurvey Career Readiness Self-Assessment – **Due Dec 2**
- SkillSurvey Career Readiness Employer Assessment – **Due Dec 2**

#### **LATE STARTING INTERNSHIPS & EXTENSIONS**

If you are starting your internship late, and the first, second or even third assignment listed above is past your internship start date, adhere to the following timeline:

- Syllabus Quiz - **1st Week of the start of your internship but no later than Dec 2**
- Internship reflection #1 uploaded to course management system – **By end of 1-2 weeks of internship but no later than Dec 2**
- Internship reflection #2 uploaded to course management system – **By end of 2-4 weeks of internship but no later than Dec 2**
- SkillSurvey Supervisor Contact Information – **Upload by 1-2 weeks after starting the internship, but no later than November 20, 2024 to give your supervisor time to complete**
- Internship reflection #3 uploaded to course management system – **by end of 3-4 weeks of internship but no later than Dec 2**
- SkillSurvey Career Readiness Self-Assessment – **Due Dec 2**
- SkillSurvey Career Readiness Employer Assessment – **Due Dec 2**

Extension requests for dates after December 2 will not be granted unless you have a personal/family medical reason that you must provide documentation. Students must make the request prior to Dec 2, 2024 unless you have documentation indicating that your emergency prevented you from communicating with us in advance.

In addition, extension requests due to employers requiring to review assignment submission will not be approved. It is the responsibility of the student to ask their employer the first week of their internship if their employer requires them to submit their assignment in advance for review prior to submission. The student should have all assignments completed in advance for their employer to review, calculating additional time prior to the due date of the assignment. Some employers will ask students to provide them 10-15 business days to review prior to allow the student to submit their assignment. Please prepare in advance as extensions will not be granted for this reason.

### **QUESTIONS & GETTING HELP:**

The majority of questions you might have can be answered in your Syllabus, so please review this document before contacting the course coordinator. If you want to request an extension, withdraw from the course, or have issues not mentioned in the syllabus please contact the course coordinator at [engrinternshipcourses@usc.edu](mailto:engrinternshipcourses@usc.edu).

#### **Frequently Asked Questions (& Answers)**

- 1. I don't know how to upload the supervisor's contact information for the skillsurvey assignment/I don't see where I can upload my supervisor's contact information on Brightspace, can you please help me?**

Uploading your supervisor's contact information is not submitted in Brightspace. To upload your supervisor's contact information you must find the email directly sent from Skillsurvey. The email sent from Skillsurvey provides you with a unique link to enter this information and the course administrator can not send you a copy of the link. Please review your USC email inbox to find the link sent by Skillsurvey. This was sent on November 4, 2024. If you can not find the email after reviewing your spam box please email Jacquelyn Gourley, [Jacquelyn.Gourley@icims.com](mailto:Jacquelyn.Gourley@icims.com) Please make sure you provide your USC email address, course number, and semester (ENGR 597 Fall 2024). Once you complete this process you will **upload a screenshot of your completed self-assessment in Brightspace under assignments**. If you do not upload a screenshot on Brightspace you will continue to get reminders your course is incomplete even if you completed the process on Skill Survey platform

- 2. I entered my Skillsurvey contact information and completed my self-assessment, but I got an email saying I did not complete the assignment, can you please check to see if you received that information?**

You received an automated email message from Brightspace indicating you have not completed the assignment because you only completed the process on Skillsurvey. To

complete your assignment, please complete the self-assessment portion on Skillsurvey and then take a screenshot of your completed self-assessment and upload it into Brightspace under assignments.

**3. I submitted my assignment/re-submitted my assignment, can you please grade/re-grade it?**

The course administrator for all ENGR courses does not review grades daily, in addition, due to the high volume of students and grade submissions, obtaining a new grade can take up to 8-10 business days. Please be patient as we review all student submissions.

**4. I think I completed all my assignments, can I ask the course administrator to review all of my submissions to check I did everything correctly?**

It is the sole responsibility of the student to review the course syllabus, and Brightspace to make sure all assignments are completed. The Course Administrator cannot review each submission you complete and respond to your email inquiries to check your work. Please do not email the Course Administrator each time you submit your work to check on the status. Due to the high volume of students enrolled in Internship Courses, it is not feasible to respond to email inquiries to check student assignment submissions.

**Still have questions?**

If you do not find the answer you are seeking please visit [D-Clearance/Internship Course Drop-in](#) before emailing the Course Coordinator your questions. **(Any emails sent to VCC staff or [vcareers@usc.edu](mailto:vcareers@usc.edu) will be forwarded to [engrinternshipcourses@usc.edu](mailto:engrinternshipcourses@usc.edu))**

**STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC CONDUCT AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS:**

**Academic Conduct**

Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Do not use any form of NLP (Natural Language Processor) such as Chat GPT. More information on the university’s policies regarding plagiarism are found at <https://academicintegrity.usc.edu/>

Discrimination, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, and harassment are prohibited by the university. You are encouraged to report all incidents to the *Office of Equity and Diversity/Title IX Office* <http://equity.usc.edu> and/or to the *Department of Public Safety* <http://dps.usc.edu>. This is important for the health and safety of the whole USC community. Faculty and staff must report any information regarding an incident to the Title IX Coordinator who will provide outreach and information to the affected party. The sexual assault resource center webpage <http://sarc.usc.edu> fully describes reporting options. Relationship and Sexual Violence Services <https://engemannshc.usc.edu/rsvp> provides 24/7 confidential support.

## Support Systems

A number of USC's schools provide support for students who need help with scholarly writing. Check with your advisor or program staff to find out more. Students whose primary language is not English should check with the *American Language Institute* <http://ali.usc.edu>, which sponsors courses and workshops specifically for international graduate students.

*The Office of Disability Services and Programs* <http://dsp.usc.edu> provides certification for students with disabilities and helps arrange the relevant accommodations. If an officially declared emergency makes travel to campus infeasible, *USC Emergency Information* <http://emergency.usc.edu> will provide safety and other updates, including ways in which instruction will be continued by means of Blackboard, teleconferencing, and other technology.

## Additional Support Systems:

*Counseling and Mental Health* - (213) 740-9355 – 24/7 on call,  
[studenthealth.usc.edu/counseling](http://studenthealth.usc.edu/counseling)

Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention.

*National Suicide Prevention Lifeline* - 1 (800) 273-8255 – 24/7 on call,  
[suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

Free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

*Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Services (RSVP)* - (213) 740-9355(WELL), press "0" after hours – 24/7 on call, [studenthealth.usc.edu/sexual-assault](http://studenthealth.usc.edu/sexual-assault)

Free and confidential therapy services, workshops, and training for situations related to gender-based harm.

*USC Emergency* - UPC: (213) 740-4321, HSC: (323) 442-1000 – 24/7 on call, [dps.usc.edu](http://dps.usc.edu),  
[emergency.usc.edu](http://emergency.usc.edu)

Emergency assistance and avenue to report a crime. Latest updates regarding safety, including ways in which instruction will be continued if an officially declared emergency makes travel to campus infeasible.

*USC Department of Public Safety* - UPC: (213) 740-6000, HSC: (323) 442-120 – 24/7 on call,  
[dps.usc.edu](http://dps.usc.edu)

Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice - (323) 442-3340 or [otfp@med.usc.edu](mailto:otfp@med.usc.edu),  
[chan.usc.edu/otfp](http://chan.usc.edu/otfp)

Confidential lifestyle redesign services for USC students to support health promoting habits and routines that enhance quality of life and academic performance.

### **SAMPLE INTERNSHIP REFLECTION:**

#### **Internship Reflection 1: Student Internship Profile**

Student Name:

Student ID number:

Company:

Department/Team:

Team Leader/Supervisor Name:

Team Leader/Supervisor Email Address:

Project name:

- Describe the company at which you are interning:
- Summarize your responsibilities:
- Describe your team and/or role to which you have been assigned
- Describe the project(s) you'll be undertaking:

#### **Internship Reflection 2: Student Progress Report**

Student Name:

Student ID number:

Company:

Department/Team:

Project name:

- Brief description of the project:
- Work done and progress made since Report 1:
- Problems encountered:

#### **Internship Reflection 3: Final Student Assessment**

Name:

Student ID number:

Company:

Department/Team:

Project name:

- How did you like working for this company? Briefly discuss your experience – both positive and negative - working for your company.
- Did you complete your project goals? Give a final summary of the work you accomplished.
- What experience did you gain? State what you can take away from this experience, both technical (e.g., learned about new technologies) and non-technical aspects (e.g., learned how to communicate better).
- In what ways do you feel you were well-prepared for this job? Did you know what you needed

to know to be effective? Also, if you can, tie this back to what it was that helped you prepare for it.

- In what ways do you feel you could have been better prepared? Describe areas where you did not feel strong (e.g., a particular technology or communication). And, if you can, tie this to what could have prepared you better for it (e.g., a specific course or program at school, studied harder, etc.)
- Other comments? Include any additional comments you would like to make about your internship.