



ENGR 395 (a-d): Internship & Cooperative Education Work Experience Syllabus

Units: (1 unit during summer, 2 units during fall/spring semesters, total of 5 ENGR 395 units can be taken)

Spring 2025

Location: Office

Course URL: <https://brightspace.usc.edu/d2l/home>

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

Contact Info: engrinternshipcourses@usc.edu

COURSE DESCRIPTION

What is an Internship?

An internship is any short-term, supervised work experience usually related to a student's major field, for which the student may or may not earn academic credit. The work can be full- or part-time, on- or off-campus, paid or unpaid.

What is Cooperative Education?

Cooperative Education, or Co-op, is an academic program designed to provide undergraduate engineering students the opportunity to enhance their engineering curriculum through practical, industry-appropriate, work experience. Co-op is similar to an internship, however, it is a longer, often recurring, experience.

The typical co-op assignment is 4 to 8 months long with the student working an adjacent summer and semester. Students participating in the program receive academic credit (often technical elective credit) and get paid. In addition, co-op satisfies CPT for undergraduate F1 students.

PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS:

- To participate in an internship/co-op, we recommend that the student has completed at least three semesters of engineering curriculum.
- The student must have at least a 2.6 grade point average. (On a case-by-case basis, students with a cumulative or major GPA below 2.6 may be permitted to take this course).
- The work experience **must** be directly related to the student's respective major. (Experiences related to minors are not accepted.)
- The student must be working at least 10-20 hours per week during fall/spring semesters and 10-40 hours a week during summer.

Required texts: None.

Required class meetings: None.

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 take ownership of completing all the assignments within the due dates of this course. The quiz will be located in Brightspace, and students must log in to Brightspace to complete this assignment by the end of the first week of their internship or **March 21, 2025** whichever comes first. Students will receive unlimited attempts to pass the quiz with 100%, so please review the entire syllabus before taking the quiz. This is not an optional assignment and must be completed to receive credit for this class.

2. Technical Report:

Students are expected to submit a technical report of at least **10 pages (double spaced-Times New Roman, 12-point font)**, which should include detailed information on the engineering projects undertaken during the internship/co-op assignment. The paper should give a brief evaluation of the overall work experience and a discussion of the value of the work, particularly about the student's curriculum.

- The student must review the ENGR 395 Syllabus with the professor so both parties are aware of all course requirements.
- Students are encouraged to provide their professor with a copy of a sample report and can access sample technical reports on our [Google Drive](#)
- Students should review the [Technical Report Guidelines](#) for this assignment
- At the end of the semester, you will submit your report directly in Brightspace and your faculty will grade your report in Brightspace
- Your Turn-it-in score should be 20% or less

3. Training Plan

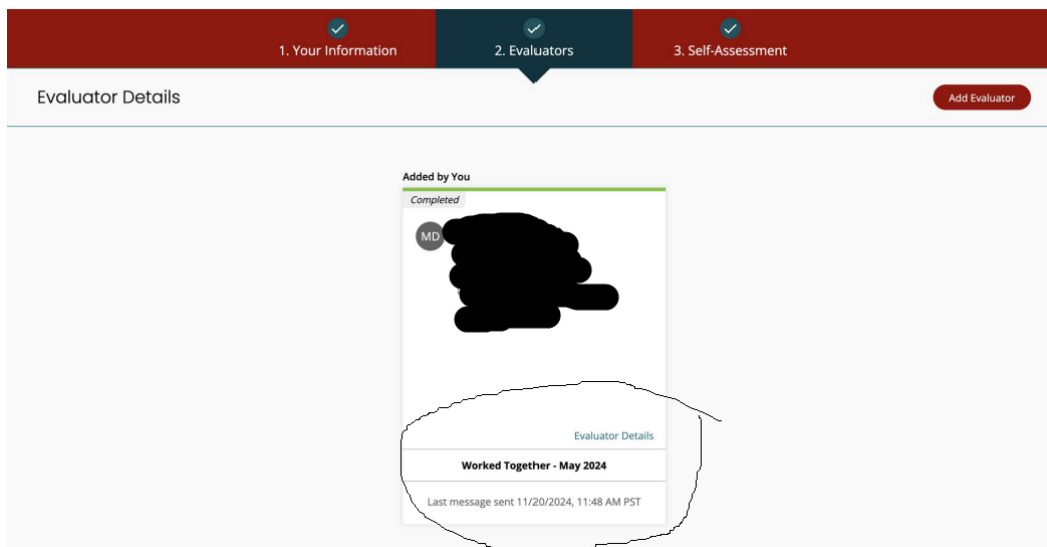
Each student is **required** to submit a training plan that must be filled out with their supervisor within the first 2-weeks of the internship. You can use the following [training plan template](#) or use one provided by your employer. This is not an optional assignment and must be completed in order to receive credit for this class. **If you have completed a training plan from the same employer previously you will still need to complete this again for this semester at the beginning of the semester.**

4. Skill Survey (Performance Evaluation):

Viterbi Career Connections utilizes SkillSurvey for the online evaluation process for ENGR 395. 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.

Near the end of the semester, you will receive an email from Skill Survey directing you to enter your supervisor's contact information. 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 that the performance evaluation is required for course credit. Once you provide your supervisor's contact information into Skill Survey you will be able to complete the self-assessment. After you complete the self-assessment, take a screenshot of the completed self-assessment and upload it into (Bright Space). **Steps to complete this assignment:**

- Respond to email sent to you by Skillsurvey and provide your supervisor's contact information by the due date assigned.
- Students must complete the SkillSurvey Career Readiness Self-Reflection Assessment by the due date assigned.
- Once you provide your supervisor's contact information to SkillSurvey and complete the self-assessment, take a screenshot of the completed process and upload it into Brightspace. Make sure the date you completed the self-assessment is available, this is the only way our office will know that you completed the skill survey assignment for this current semester



- At the end of the semester, the completed SkillSurvey Career Readiness report information will be directly emailed to you through the SkillSurvey platform.

This is not an optional assignment and must be completed to receive credit for this class. **If you have completed a skill survey from the same employer previously you will still need to complete this assignment again for this semester.**

*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 will be sent on March 28, 2025. If you can not find the email after the date mentioned and reviewing your spam box please email Jacquelyn Gourley, Jacquelyn.Gourley@icims.com Please make

sure you provide your USC email address, your course number, and semester (ENGR 395, Spring 2025)

If you work for an organization that DOES NOT complete external performance evaluations, when you receive the email from SkillSurvey put Joey Leon as your Supervisor using the email address enrinternshipcourses@usc.edu. Then complete the self-assessment portion of this assignment based on the information provided to you in the email sent to you by enrinternshipcourses@usc.edu

GRADING POLICY

ENGR 395 is a 2-unit course in the fall and spring semesters; 1 unit in summer. The course is graded Credit/No Credit. The student must complete all assignments outlined in this syllabus. Technical elective credit is determined by the department faculty member who grades the technical report. Be sure to pay attention to grammar and punctuation. Poorly written papers will need to be rewritten.

All components listed are required to pass this course. This course is graded credit/no credit. Failure to meet 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/>.

Please Note:

We will not accept reports previously submitted for an assignment from another class. In addition your Turn-it-in Score should not exceed 20%. **You will receive *No Credit* if this is found to be the case.**

ALL ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSIONS:

In addition to providing your faculty with the technical report, all assignments for this class will be uploaded to the course management system, Brightspace, and in a Word or pdf format with a Turnitin score, assignments without a Turnitin score can not be graded. **NO ASSIGNMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL.** Please do not send your assignments by email to the course coordinator or your faculty as it will not be accepted. You need to upload your final report to Brightspace directly ONLY. 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 nor can they edit any supervisor information you may have submitted in Skill Survey.

GRADING TIMELINE:

- Syllabus Quiz - Due **March 21, 2025** or at the end of the first week of your internship, whichever comes first
- Training Plan uploaded to course management system – Due **03/28/2025, or after the second week of your internship, whichever comes first**

- SkillSurvey Career Readiness Assessment Site Supervisor contact information upload - Upload Due April 11, 2025 Link given March 28, 2025
- SkillSurvey Career Readiness Self-Assessment - Due April 25, 2025
- Final Report - Due April 25, 2025

Students must complete all components listed above to receive credit in this course.

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 April 25**
- Training Plan – **By end of 1-2 weeks of internship but no later than April 25**
- SkillSurvey Supervisor Contact Information – **Upload by 1-2 weeks after starting the internship, but no later than March 28, 2025 to give your supervisor time to complete**
- SkillSurvey Career Readiness Self-Assessment – **Due April 25**
- SkillSurvey Career Readiness Employer Assessment – **Due April 25**

Extension requests for dates after April 25 will not be granted unless you have a personal/family medical reason that you must provide documentation. If students have a legitimate emergency they must make the request prior to April 25, 2025 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 submissions will not be approved. It is the student’s responsibility to ask their employer during the first week of their internship if their employer requires them to submit their assignment in advance for review prior to course submission deadlines. The student should have all assignments completed in advance for their employer to review, calculating additional time before the due date of the assignment. Some employers will ask students to provide them 10-15 business days to review before allowing the student to submit their assignment. Please prepare in advance as extensions will not be granted for this reason.

Course Schedule: A Weekly Breakdown

	Topics/Daily Activities	Deliverable/ Due Dates
Week 1 - 9 Jan 13- Mar 10	Internship work	

Week 10 March 17	Internship work	<input type="checkbox"/> Syllabus Quiz Due March 21, 2025, or after the first week of the internship whichever is first
Week 11 March 24	Internship work	<input type="checkbox"/> Training Plan Due within the first 2-weeks of the internship or by 11/4/24, whichever comes first
Week 12 March 31	Internship work	
Week 13 April 7	Internship work	<input type="checkbox"/> SkillSurvey Supervisor Contact Information Upload Due 4/11/25
Week 14 April 14		
Week 15 April 21	Internship work	<input type="checkbox"/> Submission of Technical Report 12/2/24 <input type="checkbox"/> SkillSurvey Supervisor Assessment Due 12/2/24* <input type="checkbox"/> SkillSurvey Self-Assessment Due 12/2/24
April 28-May 16	Internship work	

IMPORTANT NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT INFORMATION:

Many students enrolled in University internship courses complete Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs) with their employer; which is very typical of engineering organizations that hire for engineering or technical roles. This should not impact your ability to complete in-class assignments. If you are collaborating on research with a faculty member, it is your responsibility to inform them of your NDA.

Students who have completed NDAs can still complete assignments with general details on the work completed as part of their internship; not disclosing any project specifics or sensitive information. Note that the University also has NDAs with many engineering organizations employing our students, and is extremely mindful of sharing 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 student's report to demonstrate meaningful experience and that work has been completed.

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 enrinternshipcourses@usc.edu.

Frequently Asked Questions (& Answers)

1. How do I submit my assignments?

All assignments will be submitted in BrightSpace at <https://brightspace.usc.edu/d2l/home> .

Assignments can not be submitted by email to the course coordinator.

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

The course coordinator 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.

3. 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 will be sent on March 28, 2025. If you can not find the email after reviewing your spam box please email Jacquelyn Gourley, Jacquelyn.Gourley@icims.com Please make sure you provide your USC email address, course number, and semester (ENGR 597 Spring 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

4. 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

5. I submitted my final report on Brightspace but it has not been graded in Brightspace. What should I do?

Please contact your faculty directly as they are the one person who has access to your final report to grade. If and when your faculty grades your report you will see the results in Brightspace.

6. I'm not sure how to complete the Training Plan assignment, is there a form you can provide or do I need to ask my employer?

You are not required to use the Training plan template found in Brightspace if your employer uses their version of a training plan. However, it is the student's responsibility to speak with their supervisor to discuss a training plan and to use the template provided should your employer not provide a training plan at their organization.

7. My internship site does not complete student evaluations, how will I obtain a passing grade for this assignment?

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 engrinternshipcourses@usc.edu. You will then put Joey Leon as your supervisor in the Skill Survey System so you can complete the self-assessment portion of this assignment. When you email engrinternshipcourses@usc.edu they will provide you additional information to complete this process. After you complete the self-assessment, please take a screenshot of this in Skill Survey and upload into Brightspace.

8. 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.

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

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

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

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, emergency.usc.edu](https://dps.usc.edu/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

Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice - (323) 442-3340 or otfp@med.usc.edu, 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.