

## **Engineering Internship Formats:**

### **A) Zero Credit, Zero Cost, University Transcript Recognition Only Arrangements-Most are Paid Positions (forms attached)**

**Standard summer engineering internship/job (WTSN 495):** Internship Form 1 is filed with the Watson School Advising Office, with Form 2 filed by job supervisor at end of summer. At that time the student is registered for the fall semester in the above course---a zero credit, pass/fail situation. The pass grade is posted at the end of the semester. That way there is no cost associated with the pseudo course, but it is recognized by the University on the official BU transcript. This often represents a full time or nearly full time job.

The above can be done in the same **zero-credit format during a regular semester (WTSN 493)** but represents a part time situation and, again, mere University acknowledgement of the effort. This is rarely used.

**Summer research internship (WTSN 496):** Uses same forms as above. This represents University acknowledgement of summer research experiences usually done at other locations like NIST, Brookhaven Labs, or various universities.

**Patent Law internship, summer or regular semester (WTSN 494):** This represents part time work at a local law firm and is most often done during the regular semester and not usually for pay. (Students use the same form as above unless they choose to register for the Off Campus College (OCC) official course for academic credit to be placed on their record. OCC credits are useful as free elective only but do cost the usual amount for each credit. )

**OR**

### **B) For Academic Credit-Whether Paid or Not and Done Entirely Through the Departments**

With department approval (DARS exception form, plus appropriate independent study form) any engineering student can register for academic credit either during summer or a regular semester, using that credit in any manner the department deems appropriate—professional, technical, open/free, or substitute credits. Whether the experience is a paid situation or not is unimportant unless specifically prohibited by the department. The key is that such work is monitored and graded by a faculty member, with documentation of this in the department file. Please note that the Mechanical Engineering Department allows, with DARS exception, one internship to be used in the open elective area only. No other type of credit is allowed for internships in that major.

**The various Watson School numbers associated with either Industrial Internship or Independent Study are:**

**EECE 496 Industrial Internship or EECE 497**

**ME 496 Industrial Internship**

**ISE 497 Independent Study**

**For BE majors: refer to Option A (above) as only zero-credit internships are allowed.**

**NOTE: Any independent study or Industrial Internship which is registered for during summer requires tuition payment and is subject to all described above.**

**ZERO CREDIT**  
**INTERNSHIPS IN ENGINEERING: PROCEDURES**

**Step 1:**

- Student or employer files the completed Form I (Position Description) to be filed with the Watson School Advising Office.
- This identifies the student, employer, and the agreed upon position expectations.
- Copies will be retained in both the Watson School Advising Office and the student's department file.

**Step 2:**

- At the end of the summer Form II, the Internship Completion Form is signed by the industrial/research contact to whom the intern reports and mailed or faxed to the Watson School Advising Office.
- Copies of the form will be retained in both the Watson School Advising Office and the student's department file.

**Step 3:**

- Upon receipt of Form II, noting successful completion of the internship, the appropriate course (summer engineering internship, research internship, patent law, or engineering internship) is added to the student's official University transcript.
- This is not a credit-bearing course, but serves as proof of the experience.

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**(ZERO CREDIT) Semester or Summer Internship/Co-op Program**  
**Form I - Position Description**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone/e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Intern/Co-op Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Salary: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Est. hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Responsibilities/Essential functions:**

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**(ZERO CREDIT) Semester or Summer Internship/Co-op Program**  
**Student Registration Form II – Evaluation**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Internship Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Person reporting to: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Did the student intern/co-op meet your expectations of performance for the position responsibilities as noted in the initial position description? \_\_\_\_\_yes  
\_\_\_\_\_no
  - Please provide your comments on this person's work performance or anything relevant to the experience:
  - Would you like to be contacted to discuss any aspect of this internship? \_\_\_\_\_yes  
\_\_\_\_\_no

*Thank you for your interest in a Watson School intern and for providing this valuable experience.*

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