

Birmingham-Southern College
AC 499 – Senior Internship in Accounting
Assignment Details and Instructions
Winter 2021

Weekly Reflection Papers – Due Each Week No Later Than 11pm Sunday Night

DESCRIBE your experience objectively:

Please describe your work as an Intern.

- What happens?
- When does it happen?
- Where does it happen?
- Who is there?

EXAMINE experience per the reflection prompts below:

Personal Growth

- What personal strengths/weaknesses/assumptions emerged as a result of this internship?
- How can this internship inform my future goals? A potential career?

Civic Engagement

- Identify two or more perspectives you encountered during the internship.
- What is the interest of the common good in this internship experience?
- In what ways is the individual good (mine or that of other people) linked to and/or contrary to the common good?

Academic Enhancement

- Identify specific academic material related to your internship that you now understand better or that you know realize you still need to learn or become proficient in as a result of the internship.
- In what ways did your internship confirm or conflict with your initial understanding of the academic material you have been taught in the classroom?

ARTICULATE LEARNING

Finish the following sentence stems:

- As a result of this internship, I learned that...
- I learned this by/when...
- This learning matters because...
- As a result of what I learned, in the future I will...

Five Professional Articles – Due BiWeekly No Later Than 11pm Sunday Night (First is Due 1/17, 11pm)

WRITE a critical review of the articles selected. Relate your specific internship work to the professional article selected. Each article review paper should address the following learning goals, which are similar to the final paper but targeted at the particular article:

- Connection - Connects relevant experience and academic knowledge: Insightfully synthesizes connections between the selected article and the internship.
- Synthesis of Theory and Knowledge - Applies theories, frameworks, and methodologies.
- Interpretations are insightful and well supported. Clear, detailed examples are provided, as applicable.

Final Paper

Write a 2-3 page reflective paper at the end of the internship which relates your particular internship work to your academic work and the Learning Objectives listed within the syllabus. The paper should address the following learning goals:

- Connection - Connects relevant experience and academic knowledge: Insightfully synthesizes connections between knowledge gained from the experiential learning opportunity and academic knowledge.
- Synthesis of Theory and Knowledge - Applies theories, frameworks, and methodologies.
- Interpretations are insightful and well supported. Clear, detailed examples are provided, as applicable.
- Personal Growth - Develops a sense of self in relation to potential professional careers- Provides an in-depth analysis of the learning experience's value to an understanding of self and potential career options. Envisions a future self and justifies personal goals.
- Civic - Engages in matters of public interest- Examines multiple perspectives in addressing matters of public interest. Discussion reflects nuanced analysis; author voices own perspective in relation to other views.

Presentation

At the conclusion of the internship a presentation will be given about your experiences on the internship . . . the good, the bad, and the ugly. The use of PowerPoint slides would be appropriate and you will upload your presentation materials to Moodle. The audience for the presentation will include faculty, accounting majors from all levels, and possibly representatives from the firms where students interned. Presentations will take place after you return to campus and the date will be given to you at least two weeks prior to the presentation. The senior presentation is REQUIRED for graduate and your course grade will be submitted after your internship presentation. Failure to complete the presentation will result in failure of the course.