Field Experience/Internships

FCS 2020 Field Experience (3 credits)

Field experience offers students the opportunity to apply classroom learning in real world situations, as well as gain valuable work experience. Textile and Apparel Studies majors earn three semester credits by completing 300 hours of pre-approved, supervised field experience in apparel design and marketing firms. In addition to completion of required hours, students complete reflective assignments and receive periodic employer evaluations during the enrollment period. Field experience may be completed during the fall, spring or summer semester/sessions. It is possible to complete this requirement over more than one semester. Students may enroll for one, two or three credits per semester, with 100 work hours required for each enrolled credit.

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FCS 4290 Internship (3 to 6 credits)

Textile and Apparel Studies majors may elect to complete an internship as part of their program. Internships provide students with supervised, management-level training experience with leading industry firms during late-junior or senior year. Internships may be completed in fall, spring or summer semester/sessions, and must be approved by major faculty prior to enrollment. FCS 2020 Field Experience is a prerequisite, and must be satisfactorily completed prior to enrolling in FCS 4290. A minimum of three credits (300 hours) is required, with a maximum of six credits (600 hours). In addition to completion of required work hours, enrolled students complete reflective assignments and periodic employer evaluations during the semester of enrollment.

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To plan a Field Experience or Internship, Textile and Apparel Studies majors should contact Dr. Barbara Frazier at barbara.frazier@wmich.edu or (269) 387-3719.