



FAQs

1. What is an externship?

An externship is an opportunity for students to earn academic credit while gaining real-life legal experience. Student externs work at courthouses, organizations, or firms known as field placements. Student externs are supervised by a licensed attorney who is known as a field supervisor. The number of credits earned is directly related to the minimum number of hours students must work at their field placement. Fall and spring student externs typically work between 10 and 20 hours a week. Summer externs work between 11 and 40 hours a week.

Externships must create an educational environment. Neither the SLS nor the ABA permit the student to receive credit for photo copying or answering the telephone. While an extern may complete these or similar tasks they cannot be a regular part of the experience.

2. Does my firm or organization qualify as a field placement?

In order to qualify as a field placement an externship must be with a judge, government agency, or a legal non-profit organization. Placements with private firms or attorneys are approved on a limited basis and preference is given to firms or attorneys with pro bono cases.

3. What is required of the field supervisor?

All field supervisors must be licensed attorneys. Prior to the start of the externship the field supervisor must review and sign the Memorandum of Understanding. During the course of the externship the field supervisor must help the student develop their professional and practical skills. Students will submit weekly timesheets to the school and the field supervisors are encouraged to provide feedback. Field supervisors are required to complete a both a midterm and final evaluation. All forms are provided.

4. How are student externs chosen?

Every field placement is different and is free to determine its own selection process.

5. Will the field supervisor have contact with the faculty supervisor?

Yes. The Externship Office will provide you with your Field Supervisor Materials prior to the start of the externship and will the faculty supervisor will be in touch with you throughout the semester. The faculty supervisor will conduct on-site visits and will be available for any questions you may have.

6. How can I get my firm or organization involved in the externship program?

Email (lknight@savannahlawschool.org) or call (912-525-3919) the Savannah Law School Externship Office.