

Pre-Requisite Modules code(s)	Co-Requisite Modules code(s)	ECTS Credits	Module Code	Module Title
		20	CMPU3021	Internship (Third Year)

8.6.1. Stage 3 Internship

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Module Description:

This module is linked with SPEC4901 and is the first half of a 2 year industrial placement which provides students with the opportunity to obtain professional industry experience for 2 days per week.

Module aim

The goal is to give students the opportunity to gain a structured learning experience within a professional / industrial environment so that they may consolidate and broaden the knowledge that they have gained in their academic studies to date.

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this module, the learner will be able to

- Work in a professional environment
- Demonstrate an understanding of a particular project or area of work that they have been involved in
- Reflect on the learning experience and outcomes of their Internship
- Produce a professional report describing the details and experiences of their placement
- Describe the mission statement for the placement company
- Demonstrate an understanding of the company's business model

Learning and Teaching Methods:

The students are brought through a six week, hour long induction course on writing a professional CV and preparing for interviews prior to obtaining an internship. For students who are offered an internship with a company, the learning experience is taken offsite as an industrial placement. During that time students may be working as part of a team or individually at the placement company, depending upon the individual requirements of the company. Students are assigned a DIT Internship Monitor for the duration of their internship.

Module content:

- Professional Development
- Structured reporting on work performed
- Teamwork within a professional organisation
- Reflective writing and reporting

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- Presentation of work
- IT skills specific to the Internship

Module Assessment

Assessment will be based on continuous assessment. Marks will be allocated as follows

- Continuous Assessment (100%)

The continuous assessment element of this course is comprised of regularly submitted reports by students on internship, an end of year written report and an end of year presentation. The end of year presentation and report is jointly assessed by the Industrial placement monitor and the industrial placement coordinator.

Essential Reading:

Jennifer A. Moon, 2004 A Handbook of Reflective and Experiential Learning: Theory and Practice ,
Paul Doyle, DIT School of Computing Industrial Placement Handbook

Supplemental Reading:

David Boud, Reflection : 1985, Turning Experience into Learning, Routledge

Dannelle D. Stevens , Joanne E. Cooper, 2009, Journal Keeping: How to Use Reflective Writing for Learning, Teaching, Professional Insight and Positive Change , Stylus Publishing

Web references, journals and other:

<http://www.comp.dit.ie/industrialplacement>

<http://www.dit.ie/careers/>

Further Details:

Duration: Placement covers year 3 and year 4. This descriptor covers Stage 3 and is linked to **SPEC4901**

Contact Hours: Students will work in industry for 2 days per week

Date of Academic Council approval