

**AECN 495C**  
**Internship in Agricultural and Public Policy**

Department of Agricultural Economics  
College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources  
Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Course Details**

AECN 495C, Section 001  
Credit Hours: 1-3

Prerequisite: Departmental Permission

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**Course Objectives**

This internship is designed to give students hands-on experience in agricultural and public policy development. The course objectives are to:

- Develop practical experience in identifying, analyzing, and understanding agricultural and public policy issues and development.
- Establish and report on goals and learning objectives for the internship experience.
- Enhance leadership and professional networking abilities and improve written and oral communication skills.
- Analyze and evaluate the development, implementation, and impacts of selected agricultural and public policies and programs.

## Course Activities

This internship will include a number of activities and opportunities for hands-on learning and exposure to agricultural and public policy issues. The formal activities include:

- Students will complete the internship agreement and establishment of learning objectives prior to the beginning of the internship experience with direction from the course instructor and the internship sponsor.
- Students will complete a minimum of a 10-week full-time-equivalent internship with a Congressional delegation or committee; government agency; non-governmental organization; or a related group approved by the course instructor through the internship agreement to earn 3 credit hours (other credit hour levels based on pro-rated internship experience).
- Students will complete a final report on the internship that documents their fulfillment of learning objectives.
- Students will present a summary of the internship experience or an analysis of agricultural and public policies and programs developed during the internship to the Department of Agricultural Economics by the 15th week of the semester following the internship.
- Internship sponsors will complete and submit a report on the intern's experiences.

## Course Grade

The internship can be taken on a grade or a Pass/No Pass basis. A letter grade is earned based on an evaluation of the learning objectives, final report, and presentation expected of the student according to the following schedule. A passing grade is earned by completing the course activities at a level consistent with expected professional employment with the sponsoring entity and at a minimum level academically equivalent to a "C" grade.

Letter grades for the course will be assigned according to the following schedule:

<u>Weighted Average Score</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Weighted Average Score</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>
97-100	A+	77-79	C+
93-96	A	73-76	C
90-92	A-	70-72	C-
87-89	B+	67-69	D+
83-86	B	63-66	D
80-82	B-	60-62	D-