

Policy on Internships Fulfilling Entrepreneurship and Innovation (E&I) Elective Credits or E&I Experiences

Undergraduate Entrepreneurship and Innovation
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The undergraduate entrepreneurship and innovation (E&I) program has adopted the following policy, beginning July 1, 2019, for all students enrolled in the [Minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation](#).

The minor requires that students complete ESHP 190 (3 credits), CAS/AL 114 (3 credits), and nine (9) credit hours of elective credits selected from the E&I [course list](#) or with approval of the director of undergraduate entrepreneurship. Note that the list on the link above is authoritative. The list of electives on the registrar's website is only updated once per year and often will not contain newer courses. Students are also required to complete two [E&I Experiences](#) to earn the minor.

One internship, up to three (3) credit hours, **may count** toward the nine (9) elective credits required for the completion of the minor. One internship, but not the same one, can count toward the completion of one E&I Experience. For the sake of clarity, a student can apply up to two internships toward the E&I Minor—one as elective credit and one as an E&I Experience. Both are subject to the following:

1. The student *must* plan out the internship and what it will count toward *before* they start the internship (internships will not be retroactively considered as fulfilling an E&I requirement).
2. Generally, the internship must include some component, duties, responsibilities, opportunities, etc., that fit under entrepreneurial engagement.
3. The Director of Entrepreneurship and Innovation will review the project for conformance to the learning objectives of the minor in entrepreneurship and innovation. **For review, the student must provide a description of the internship and the request that it count toward fulfilling an E&I requirement before the internship begins.** The description and request should be sent to the Director of E&I (eship@msu.edu) by email; a Qualtrics form for this process will be available soon on the eship web site.
4. The E&I program defers to the student's major and college related to what "counts" as an internship and how the internship experience is set-up, managed, documented, and assessed.
5. If a student takes an internship **for academic credit**, the student may count the academic credit toward either the completion of elective credits for the minor *or* toward the completion of an E&I Experience.
6. If a student takes an internship **without academic credit**, the student may count the internship only toward the completion of an E&I Experience.
7. Regardless of whether the student completes the internship for credit or not, if the student wants to count the internship for an E&I Experience, the student must have a faculty member who signs off on the E&I Experience in the Registrar's Office system. Further details are at: <https://entrepreneurship.msu.edu/experiences/>.