

# ELR (Experiential Learning Requirement) Questions?

## **Q: Can I do an internship over winter break?**

**A:** Although winter break is an excellent opportunity to gain experience and network, all internship opportunities require a minimum of six consecutive weeks and at least 70 hours. Winter break does not allow enough time to meet the six-week requirement. Internships over winter break **do not qualify** for ELR credit. However, winter break is an ideal time to consider a study abroad experience which does not require six weeks. See the [Stetson WORLD website](#) to explore these.

## **Q: I plan to study abroad in Innsbruck next summer. Can I count that as an ELR?**

**A:** All Stetson faculty-led study abroad trips can count as an ELR. Stetson's study abroad options can be found through this link: [STUDY ABROAD](#). Non-Stetson study abroad opportunities may also count toward ELR. Please discuss your plans with the ELR office at [sobaehr@stetson.edu](mailto:sobaehr@stetson.edu) prior to departure.

## **Q: I heard I could join Green, White, and You to earn ELR credit. Is this true?**

**A:** To earn ELR credit for Green, White, and You, you must hold a position of VP or higher for a minimum of two consecutive semesters. Although membership is not enough to earn ELR, joining GW&Y is a great experience and an excellent addition to your resume.

## **Q: I'm doing a full-time Non-Academic Internship with an insurance company this summer. It'll last for 12 weeks. Can I count this as two separate Non-Academic Internships?**

**A:** Because the internship is assigned with a set of goals, responsibilities, and duties, this will count as one internship experience. You can intern with the same company the following summer, but you must be assigned a new set of goals, responsibilities, and duties. (Most internships exceed the minimum requirements.)

## **Q: I'm attending Stetson University but am not a US resident. Can I have an ELR waived?**

**A:** If you attend Stetson University on an [F-1 Visa](#), you qualify to have one ELR waived. Log into the [ELR Canvas](#) course and navigate to "F-1 Visa ELR Credit". Take the quiz, entering "yes" as your answer.

## **Q: I work at Publix. Can I count my job as a Non-Academic Internship or Full-Time Employment to earn ELR credit?**

**A:** In most cases, student jobs do not meet the depth of responsibilities required for professional experience. Additionally, for full-time employment to satisfy ELR credit, the job must be of a professional nature, and you must be in the position for a minimum of two consecutive years. Please verify eligibility with the ELR office at [sobaehr@stetson.edu](mailto:sobaehr@stetson.edu).

## **Q: My friend told me to join the JJ Master Center Professionalism Certificate Program to get ELR credit. Does this qualify?**

**A:** Yes, if you also complete a 10-hour micro-internship. Once you participate in the program, you must complete a micro-internship at any point prior to graduation to receive ELR credit for the program. The program requires attendance at all meetings and completion of all deliverables. Micro-internship opportunities can be arranged on your own or found through [Parker Dewey](#). The [Career Success](#) office can assist with this process. Click [HERE](#) to apply.

**Q: I'm starting a Student Employment position in the fall. Can I use Student Employment as an ELR experience?**

**A:** Possibly. *Some* Student Employment positions can qualify for ELR credit. Your Student Employment position must be pre-approved using the form found on the ELR [Canvas](#) page. Navigate to "Student Employment" and find the "Student Employment Step 1: Pre-Approval Form". Please submit this form and wait for approval before proceeding with additional documents.

**Q: I recently joined a fraternity. Can I count my involvement as an ELR?**

**A:** Possibly. ELR credit for involvement in Greek Life requires a minimum of a board member position. In addition, not all Greek Life board member positions qualify for ELR credit. ELR credit for Greek Life must be pre-approved using the form found on the ELR [Canvas](#) page. Navigate to "Significant Leadership" and find the "Significant Leadership Step 1: Pre-Approval Form". Please submit this form and wait for approval before proceeding with additional documents.

**Q: I recently participated in VITA and completed the needed sessions. Does this count as an ELR?**

**A:** Successfully participating in VITA can count as an ELR when coupled with a program reflection and submitting a Career Success-approved resume. Upload your resume through HatterJobs to start the editing process. Once approved, upload your final resume into the ELR [Canvas course](#). To complete the program reflection, view the VITA reflection requirements in the ELR Canvas course.

**Q: I was recently offered a paid summer internship. Can a paid internship qualify as an ELR?**

**A:** Yes, internship opportunities may be paid or unpaid but must meet our guidelines about career/educational alignment, minimum weeks, and minimum hours.

**Q: I am not a typical college student. I served four years in the military and am coming to Stetson to earn my degree. Do I have to complete the Experiential Learning Requirement with my background?**

**A:** As a "non-traditional" student, your military service can give you credit for ELR with four-years' service. Please email a copy of your DD 214 to the ELR office at [sobaelr@stetson.edu](mailto:sobaelr@stetson.edu), and your ELRs will be satisfied.

Other experiences in the "non-traditional student" category are those who have spent more than two years working in a professional/ career position or made a living by owning and operating a functioning, ongoing business for at least two years. If you are in these categories, please contact the ELR office directly at [sobaELR@stetson.edu](mailto:sobaELR@stetson.edu) or visit our office in the Lynn Business Center, LBC 432-G.