The Michigan Internship Learning Environment

An online platform to support and enhance off-campus engaged learning and reflection

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Traditional classroom setting:

Off-campus internships:
The impetus for MILE:

- Off-site
- Off-schedule
- Non-conforming experiences
- Several stakeholders
- Puzzle pieces that needed a home
Welcome to MILE

MILE is the Michigan Internship Learning Environment: the hub for every aspect of earning internship credit in Program in the Environment, from before you secure a placement to after you have submitted the final assignment.

The internship process consists of four stages, with several goals to be accomplished in each stage. While this process is designed to be flexible and accommodate different students' calendars, for most it will unfold over three semesters.

- **Stage ONE:** understand the requirements of a credit-earning internship in PRIE. (Semester before internship)
  - Goal 1: Understand the internship process
  - Goal 2: Determine what internships are a good fit and how to secure an internship
  - Goal 3: Investigate what makes experiential learning unique and valuable
  - Goal 4: Learn about internship research and your role as the intern researcher

- **Stage TWO:** design an internship appropriate to PRIE's requirements. (Semester before internship)
  - Goal 5: Secure an internship placement.
  - Goal 6: Create a tentative internship research plan
  - Goal 7: Find a Faculty Advisor
  - Goal 8: Confirm Faculty Advisor & Finalize your research plan

- **Stage THREE:** complete your internship responsibilities, including data gathering for the research project.
  - Goal 9: Teach and learn from others participating in internships
  - Goal 10: Gather enough quality data for your research project
  - Goal 11: Meet the work expectations of the internship placement

- **Stage FOUR:** report on your internship and research to the PRIE community. (Semester after internship)
  - Goal 12: Synthesize the findings of your research
  - Goal 13: Present the findings of your internship research
  - Goal 14: Reflect on your internship experience

Every step that you need to complete is organized here in sequence. It is a good idea to click through each of the stages in the menu on the left to get a feel for what is involved, then go back and begin completing each goal in order. While visitors may browse this site, only students who have signed up for and attended the meeting in Stage ONE Goal 1 will be added to the site as participants.

Every MILE goal and activity **MUST** be completed before you can receive credit for an internship.
The Internship Network

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MILE: Advantages

• Customizable for any unit
• Flexible timing
• Full access for student, staff, internship host, and UM faculty
• Fully integrating internship experience into UM academics