MM-Internships

These fall into two categories:

1. All students MUST take MMI 702 in order to graduate with their degree
   o MMI 702 is a 3 credit course
   o Students must complete a minimum of 240 hours of work at the internship
   o Students are also required to complete a number of different internship-related assignments, such as a journal and a paper, as outlined in the course syllabus.
   o Students are generally not permitted to begin work on this internship until they have completed at least 1 MMI course. However, if you have already had some exposure to the music business, via undergraduate courses, past internships, or job experience, we will consider waiving the requirement that you must have taken some MMI courses before you undertake your required MM-Internship.
   o Students may work at any type of entertainment company, as well as law firms with an entertainment industry practice. This internship is not governed by ABA requirements.
     ▪ NOTE: As a matter of MBEI Program policy, students are not permitted to perform an unpaid internship at the same law firm for more than one semester.
   o When a student enrolls in MMI 702, they must also enroll in UMI 605
     ▪ UMI 605 is a 0 credit course set-up by the Toppel Career Center
     ▪ UMI 605 is used to facilitate the administrative paperwork related to the internship
     ▪ This internship may be completed any time after a student has begun taking MMI courses
   o Students may consider taking this during any semester (Spring, Fall or Summer)
   o It is not unusual for students to complete all of their coursework, including walking in the graduation ceremony, before completing this requirement
     ▪ If this is the student's intention, the student must enroll in MMI 702 during a Fall, Spring or Summer semester, and take an "I" (incomplete) as their grade until the requirements are complete
     ▪ In this case, the student would take UMI 605 when they actually DO the internship
1. Paid work experience may count towards this requirement. A student need not choose between an unpaid internship and a paid job.

2. All students are welcome to complete as many additional internships as they choose
   - For each of these, the student must enroll in UMI 605
   - For each of these, the student will NOT enroll in MMI 702
   - There is no paper requirement associated with these internships
   - Students must complete a minimum of 160 hours of work at the internship
   - Students must notify Professor Elton, the MBEI Program Director regarding the internship (selton@miami.edu)
   - The internship will be entirely supervised by the Toppel Career Center
   - For more information about Toppel Career Center internships, go to http://www.sa.miami.edu/toppel/mainSite/students/toppellInternshipProgram.aspx

**JD-Externships**

The University of Miami School of Law Externship Program ("Externship Program") places second year (2L), third year (3L) and domestic LL.M. students in a direct working relationship with local, national, and international corporations, government agencies, public interest organizations and the judiciary for academic credit. Students gain practical legal experience by working under a lawyer’s supervision. The Externship Program Course is a pass-fail course that covers the skills requirement, which is necessary to graduate from law school. Please note students are not required to complete an externship to graduate from law school; pursuing an externship is completely voluntary and the Externship Program Course is considered an elective course. Students are given the ability to apply for a placement through the University of Miami School of Law Career Development Office or students may secure their own placement subject to the Externship Program Committee’s approval. Please note that law firms do not qualify for the Externship Program. The Externship Program is governed by ABA requirements and UM Law policies. Work hour requirements will be dictated by the particular semester. Please note that there is a 9-credit cap as to the number of academic credits a student can earn through externship placements during his/her law school tenure. Additionally, students may receive academic credit for a specific externship placement only once; as such students cannot repeat externship placements for academic credit. Please also note that there is an academic/classroom component to this course. For more information about the Externship Program, please go to: http://www.law.miami.edu/cdo/externship_program.php?op=3.

**Combining the MM-Internship with the JD-Externship**

Students may complete both requirements at the same time, so long as the following requirements are met:
1. The student must work enough hours in total at the approved placement (for both the Music School and Law School) to fulfill the sum of the 240 hours required by the MM-Internship plus the required hours of the JD-Externship. Students will be responsible to maintain a log of hours and any other documentation that is necessary to insure that the requirements of both MM-Internship and JD-Externship were achieved independent of each other.
   a. For the JD-Externship work-hour requirements for a particular semester, please go to: http://www.law.miami.edu/cdo/externship_program.php?op=3.
2. The student must fulfill all of the other requirements of the MM-Internship.
3. The student must fulfill all of the other requirements of the JD-Externship

Possible scheduling options

The following are possible times to complete an MM-Internship or a JD-Externship:

- You will officially register for MMI 702 in Spring 3L; however, you may complete the actual MM-Internship (and enroll in UMI 605) at any of times listed below.
- These options assume you will sit for the bar exam in the Summer after Spring 3L, assuming you have completed all of your law school requirements and obtained your JD.
- You could complete a JD-Externship during any semester after you have completed your 1L year. As such, you would be able to complete an externship during the summer before your 2L year, fall 2L, spring 2L, the summer before your 3L year, fall 3L or spring 3L.
- You could complete your required MM-Internship during spring 2L, the summer before your 3L year, fall 3L, spring 3L, the summer after your 3L year (we do not recommend this option if you are studying for the bar exam), fall 4L, or spring 4L.
- You could complete your required MM-Internship during the summer before your 3L year, in addition to taking LAW classes, which may include the Externship Program Course if your placement is approved for same and if student works enough hours to independently complete MM-Internship and JD-Externship
- You could complete a combination of your required MM-Internship and JD-Externship during the summer before your 3L year, per the above bullet point.
- You could complete your required MM-Internship during the fall semester after you complete the bar exam. This would leave you with the option of walking in the MM graduation ceremony in May of your third year, but you would not get your official MM degree until the internship is completed.
- Additionally, you can take an optional additional MM-Internship any time beginning with Spring 2L
• Please note if you have already had some exposure to the music business, via undergraduate courses, past internships, or job experience, the MBEI Program will consider waiving the requirement that you must have taken some MMI courses before you undertake your required MM-Internship.