



The Mastery Project- The Eleventh Grade Internship

The purpose of the **Mastery Project** is to encourage upper school students to learn new skills from different members of our community. This project primarily occurs in the students' junior year and spans the months of October through May. Examples of different areas explored through internships include computer graphics, woodworking, bicycle maintenance, and guitar making. The goal is for each student to average two hours a week working in an internship position with an expert in a local organization or company. All students create a blog, which they update after each day of work. By the end of the year, students should be prepared to verbally present their experience and newly gained knowledge to our school community. They are also required to complete a paper that fully describes their experience. Many students also choose to show what they learned in their internship through a creation of a physical product related to their project.

The **Mastery Project** counts for one credit each trimester, equaling it to any of the core courses. It takes a great deal of independence and initiative, but there are many people within our community who are happy to help students get started. This project should involve something the student is really interested in and wants to learn more about. Students should spend time finding the project that best fits their personality and passions.

Timeline

May-September 2018:

- Meet as a group with Katie Lamarre to talk over the project and its requirements.
- Brainstorm different ideas for internships.
- Communicate with possible mentors.
- Communicate with Katie Lamarre to receive approval on internship.

- Turn in company/organization name and contact information to Katie Lamarre.
- Work through logistics: check with schedule at school to ensure any missed time is during appropriate classes, confirm transportation, confirm length of internship.
- Complete assignments on Canvas, which include a description of your internship and your blog address.

October-December 201

- Turn in individual permission slip for company/organization before commencement of internship.
- Keep mentor sign-off sheet somewhere safe.
- Start internship in early October.
- Blog each day (See Canvas for blog requirements)
- Before winter break, discuss the second half of the internship with Katie Lamarre and start brainstorming final presentation.
- Complete first term reflection (See Canvas for assignment guidelines).

January-March 2019

- Continue internship.
- Continue blogging.
- Complete second term reflection (See Canvas for assignment guidelines).

April 2019

- Complete internship by the end of April.
- Hand in mentor sign-off sheet to Katie Lamarre.
- Surveys go out to mentors for feedback on students.
- Start working on first draft of Mastery Paper(see Mastery Project paper outline).
- Start preparing presentation.

May 2019

- Turn in final draft of Mastery Paper.
- Prepare presentation (see Canvas for requirements).

June 2019

- Present Mastery Project in front of community.