COB students:

As you know, the world, and higher education specifically, is undergoing massive transformation as we work to combat COVID-19 exposure and continue to deliver an outstanding education to students.

OHIO’s College of Business remains committed to you and a positive learning experience that prepares you for the future. To this end, we are asking ALL business majors to complete the following virtual learning survey: https://ohio.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ctIRVuauy5s2Hf7.

Although the response from our COB community has been encouraging, we continue to monitor the unfortunate impact of the situation. Our corporate partners and employers also face difficult decisions as they respond to the crisis and plan for future economic recovery.

Undergraduate students around the globe have experienced internships being withdrawn for the summer and we anticipate that it may be difficult for some students to secure internships in the near future. As you can imagine, this is causing considerable anxiety – but we hope to reassure you that the college is doing everything possible to be flexible while continuing to provide experiential learning opportunities that prepare you for your career.

The College of Business has made the following decisions regarding internship requirements for business majors. Note that these updates will most likely NOT impact most sophomores and first-year students.

**Students Graduating in May and August 2020**
- Students graduating in May or August 2020 may have their internship requirement waived if they have been unable to secure an internship or have had one withdrawn by an employer.
- Students who have less than 120 credit hours to graduate will need to complete summer classes and are encouraged to complete one of the pre-approved internship substitutions - MGT 3730 Entrepreneurial Consulting (SU1); MKT 4500: Promotion Management (SU1); MKT 4250: Business-to-Business Marketing (SU2).
- There is no action necessary for students who have 120 or more credit hours and who have met their internship requirements.

**Students Graduating in December 2020 and May 2021**
- The College of Business is NOT waiving the internship requirement for students who are planning to graduate in December 2020 or May 2021.
- However, students completing a summer 2020 internship will complete a one-credit-hour course in fall 2020 (BA 3910) and have two credit hours of the internship requirement waived.
- Students whose internships have been withdrawn or who are having difficulties securing an internship will be allowed to select from a list of approved experiential courses as a substitution for internship credit.
- A list has been developed and approved by Department Chairs for each major and shared with student advising. The list includes classes approved from Spring 2020, and for Summer 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021.
Additionally, the college continues to offer the OHIO International Consulting Program (OICP). The program counts towards internship credit requirements and also towards a student’s global requirement.

It’s important that all students stay in close contact with their academic advisors and career coaches regarding these graduation requirements. General questions and inquiries about internship waivers can be directed to CSSC@ohio.edu and will be responded to as quickly as possible.

There is nothing more important to us than your safety, health, and success. Please be sure to let us know if there’s anything we can do to assist you as we finish the 2020 academic year. We’re in this together!

Thank you,
Dr. Luke Pittaway
Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs

PS – Don’t forget to check out the College of Business virtual career fairs that are happening next week!