Top 10 Reasons to Take Externships

1. Externships offer the opportunity to learn through experience.

2. Externships are offered in many different areas of law and a wide variety of practice settings.

3. Students work on real cases under the supervision of experienced lawyers and the guidance of law school faculty.

4. Students have an opportunity to build professional relationships with practicing lawyers.

5. The real-world environment offers students unique opportunities to observe and experience legal culture and better understand professional norms.

6. Externship students observe and experience ethical issues in real time on real cases and can learn about these issues from both their supervisor and their professor.

7. Students are able to observe and experience work-life balance issues in the externship and explore the topics in class with the professor.

8. Externship students benefit from instruction and feedback from both their externship supervisor and the faculty member teaching the course.

9. Externship students examine supervision and feedback through a critical lens and learn how to solicit and respond to feedback.

10. The multi-layered supervision and feedback that students receive from supervisors and faculty contributes to students' professional identity formation and growth.