

## Course analysis GEOC91 Internship Course June 2022

Our internship course, which was upgraded with a new syllabus in 2021, has so far never been given a proper course evaluation. The course is open for both BSc. and MSc. students and is followed by 2-6 students each year. An evaluation questionnaire was created in June 2022 and sent to 21 students who completed the course between 2017 and 2022. Six students responded (three at BSc. level and three at MSc. level), whose answers are assessed briefly below (see below for statistics and detailed comments). From now on, a link to the questionnaire will be sent to every student following their examination, and course analyses will be performed about every second year. Course representatives are not elected due to the low numbers of students on the course and the lag between examination and course analysis.

### Summarised comments and potential improvements:

1. Four students found their internships by contacting potential external workplaces and two made their internships at the department following contacts with teachers or researchers. The vast majority do their internships at external workplaces, which must be based primarily on their own contacts. It seems to be relatively easy for the students to receive offers from external partners.
2. The information (provided mainly on the course webpage) seems to be satisfactory. *However, we will from now on more systematically inform about the internship course at programme introductions and follow-up meetings.*
3. The students are generally very pleased with the introductory information, mentoring, collegiality, and advice they receive at the workplaces. The logistics and safety arrangements also seem to be appropriate.
4. The students seem to be generally satisfied with how previous courses prepared them for future working life. *But by providing more information about the possibility of doing an internship we can probably make our students more aware of the relevance of specific learning activities for their future careers.*
5. A completed internship plan is a requirement for registration on the course, but detailed internship plans are not always realistic at consultancy companies and other workplaces where internship tasks must be adapted to relatively quickly changing contracts.
6. More than half of the respondents were offered some form of employment after their internships, and it is clear that the students consider their internships as valuable for their continued careers.



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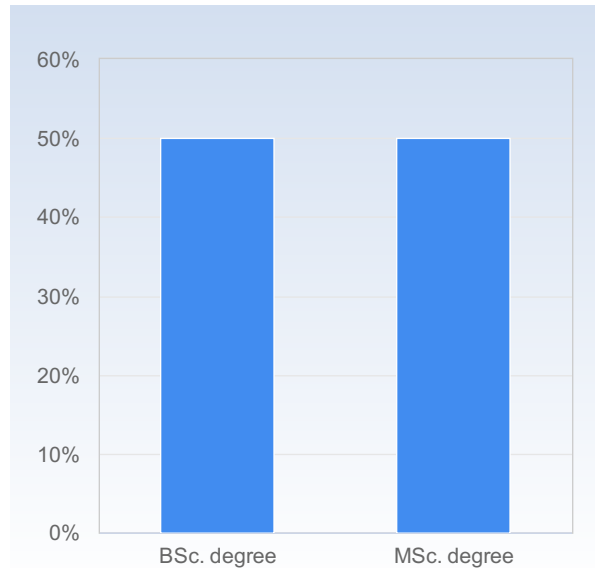
# Course evaluation internship course (GEOC91)

Answer Count: 6

Kursvärdering Praktikkurs Geologi, juni 2022

## I did my internship as part of my:

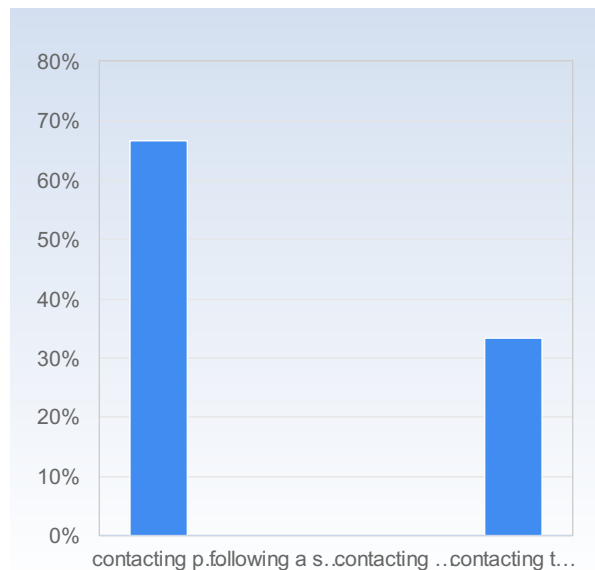
I did my internship as part of my:	Number of responses
BSc. degree	3 (50,0%)
MSc. degree	3 (50,0%)
Total	6 (100,0%)



I did my internship as part of my:	Mean	Standard Deviation
I did my internship as part of my:	1,5	0,5

## I found my internship project by:

I found my internship project by:	Number of responses
contacting potential workplaces myself	4 (66,7%)
following a suggestion by the department	0 (0,0%)
contacting Miljöbron	0 (0,0%)
contacting teachers at the department	2 (33,3%)
Total	6 (100,0%)



I found my internship project by:	Mean	Standard Deviation
I found my internship project by:	1,7	1,0

Please elaborate if needed

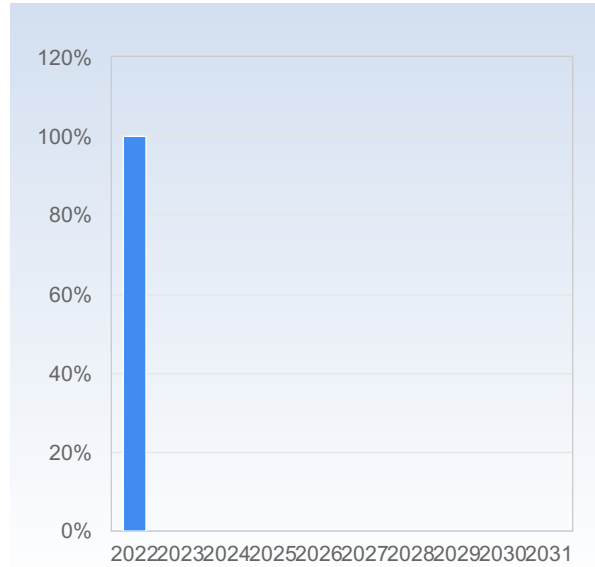
My internship was completed in the year: 2019, could not choose years before 2022 below...

I contacted a former course mate who works at the company, but he could not give me contact info to his boss due to GDPR. However, my boyfriends father works at the same company and he called that boss and asked if they were interested in an internship. I was able to get contact info to that boss through him and talk directly to the boss.  
completed in the year 2020

I got in contact with Sydsten AB, the company I did my intership at, through a friend (also a geologist who studied at the department of Geology) who used to work there during summers. During this time they needed a summer worker. So I thought it was a great opportunity to get some work-experience and at the same time get an income. The intership was completed in 2018 (note this!! because I can't pick this on question 3)

## My internship was completed in the year:

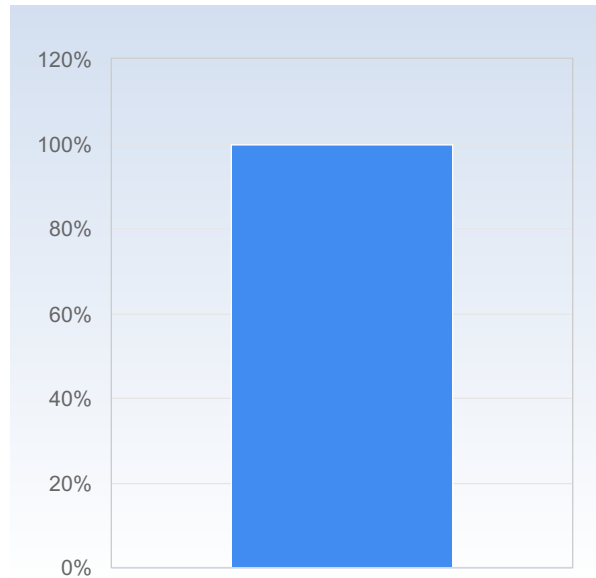
My internship was completed in the year:	Number of responses
2022	6 (100,0%)
2023	0 (0,0%)
2024	0 (0,0%)
2025	0 (0,0%)
2026	0 (0,0%)
2027	0 (0,0%)
2028	0 (0,0%)
2029	0 (0,0%)
2030	0 (0,0%)
2031	0 (0,0%)
Total	6 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
My internship was completed in the year:	2,0	0,0

## Respond to the following statements by scoring from 1 (=I totally disagree) to 5 (I totally agree):

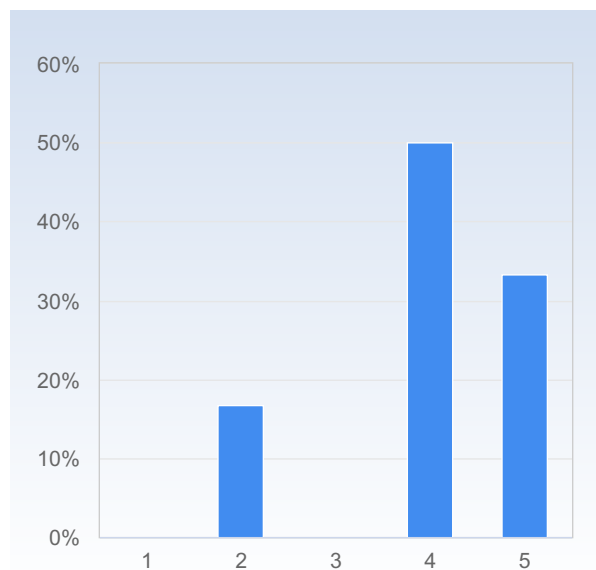
Respond to the following statements by scoring from 1 (=I totally disagree) to 5 (I totally agree):	Number of responses
	3 (100,0%)
Total	3 (100,0%)



Respond to the following statements by scoring from 1 (=I totally disagree) to 5 (I totally agree):	Mean	Standard Deviation
	1,0	0,0

## The information about how to conduct the internship project was good

The information about how to conduct the internship project was good	Number of responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	1 (16,7%)
3	0 (0,0%)
4	3 (50,0%)
5	2 (33,3%)
Total	6 (100,0%)



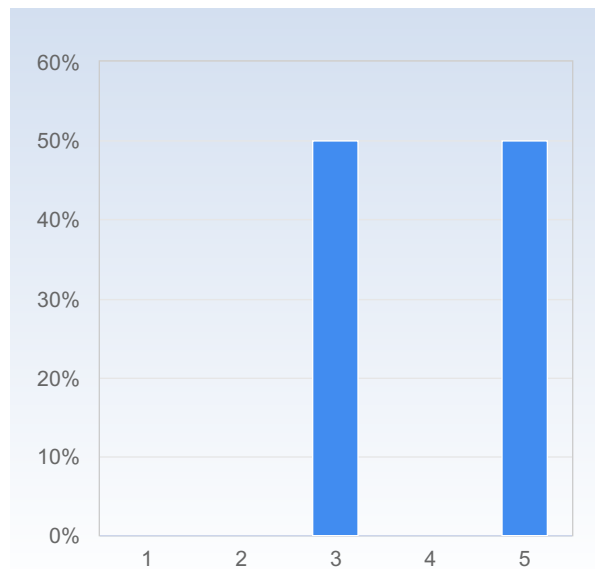
The information about how to conduct the internship project was good	Mean	Standard Deviation
	4,0	1,1

### Comment

In my case I already new about the course and only needed to check, with Dan Hammarlund in this case, whether it is allowed to get payed during the intership.

## It was easy to find an internship project

It was easy to find an internship project	Number of responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	0 (0,0%)
3	3 (50,0%)
4	0 (0,0%)
5	3 (50,0%)
Total	6 (100,0%)



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### Comment

I only asked one workplace and they accepted the internship.

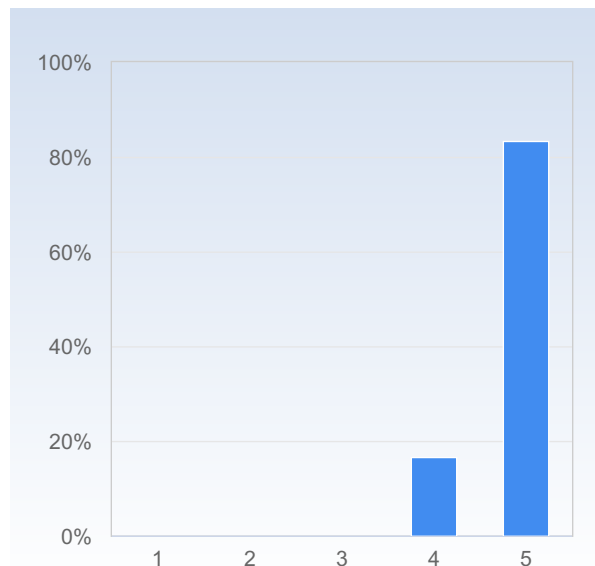
I had my internship here at the institution, so I guess it was kind of easy.

I contacted several companies and got a yes from two companies in less than one week.

In my honest opinion, I have no idea therefore I answered "3". In my case I was lucky to know someone who more or less introduced me to the company.

## I am pleased with the supervision/mentoring I got

I am pleased with the supervision/mentoring I got	Number of responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	0 (0,0%)
3	0 (0,0%)
4	1 (16,7%)
5	5 (83,3%)
Total	6 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
I am pleased with the supervision/mentoring I got	4,8	0,4

### Comment

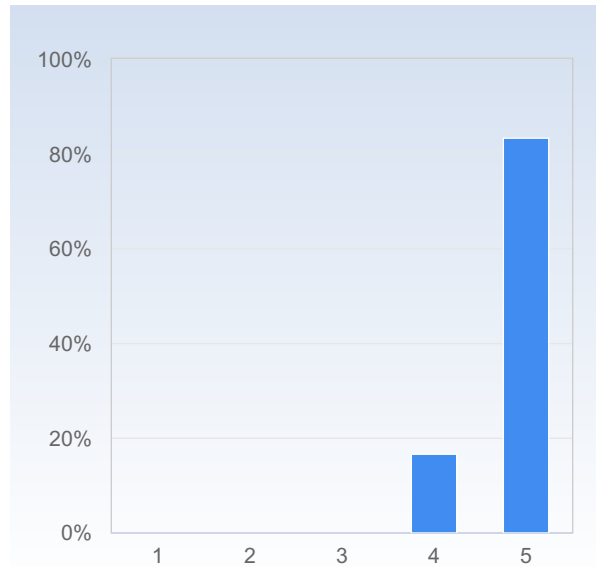
What I remember, the supervision at the company was good enough for me. kind and helpful people.

They were quite busy at the department where I did my internship. So there were a couple of small things that we planned for my internship that they did not have time to do with me. However, overall I got good mentoring and work tasks that weren't too easy or too hard.

During my intership at Sydsten AB I worked both with the macadam (quary in Hardeberga) and concrete (factory, in Malmö) division. My supervisors/mentors were absolutely great! Great guys with many years of experience within their respective field. Great at supervising and teaching. However, it is equally important that you yourself show interest and are willing to learn. Great experience which opened doors for me and probably one of the reasons to why I was hired at Sweco Sverige AB in Malmö (who are hired as consultants by Sydsten AB within the field of hydrogeology).

## The collegial environment where I made my internship was good

The collegial environment where I made my internship was good	Number of responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	0 (0,0%)
3	0 (0,0%)
4	1 (16,7%)
5	5 (83,3%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 (100,0%)</b>



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### Comment

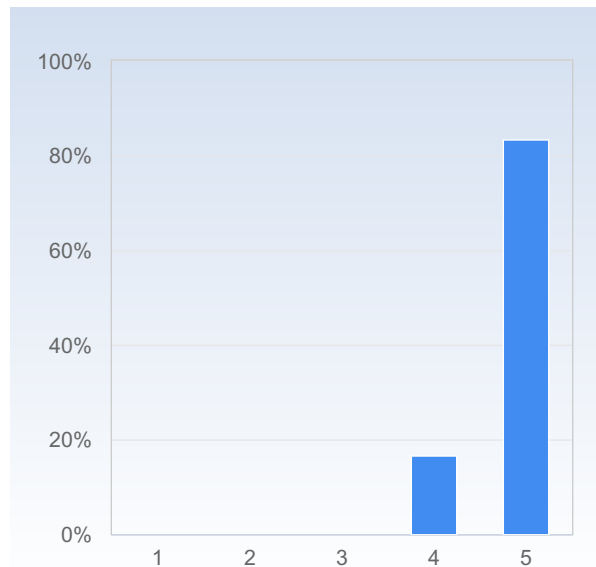
Yes, it was welcoming, nice and helpful people.

It was good, but only one of the people belonging to my department was at the same office. And the majority of them worked at another office /home.

Great supervisors, great co-workers! Couldn't be more thankful.

## I was well taken care of in terms of introduction at the workplace

I was well taken care of in terms of introduction at the workplace	Number of responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	0 (0,0%)
3	0 (0,0%)
4	1 (16,7%)
5	5 (83,3%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 (100,0%)</b>



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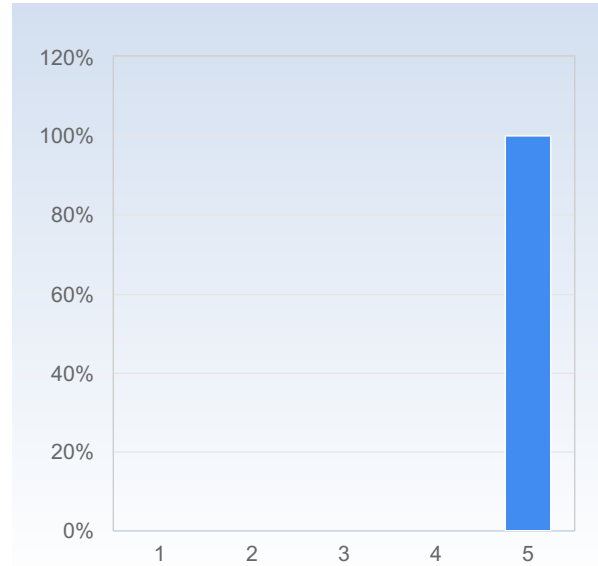
**Comment**

The introduction was very good, I got a good insight to the company as a whole.

No question about it! Whenever I had doubts or needed help, I could always rely on my supervisors or sometimes even my co-workers to help me out.

## I was well taken care of in terms of necessary safety training

I was well taken care of in terms of necessary safety training	Number of responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	0 (0,0%)
3	0 (0,0%)
4	0 (0,0%)
5	5 (100,0%)
Total	5 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
I was well taken care of in terms of necessary safety training	5,0	0,0

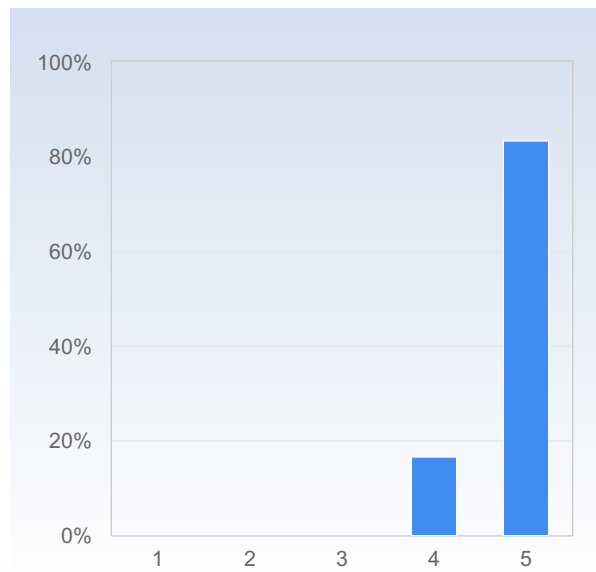
**Comment**

We did a risk analysis for work in the lab, to make sure I would be as safe as possible.

There weren't many dangerous tasks in this work, but I got enough information for those that existed.  
100%.

## I was well taken care of in terms of deskpace and equipment

I was well taken care of in terms of deskpace and equipment	Number of responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	0 (0,0%)
3	0 (0,0%)
4	1 (16,7%)
5	5 (83,3%)
Total	6 (100,0%)



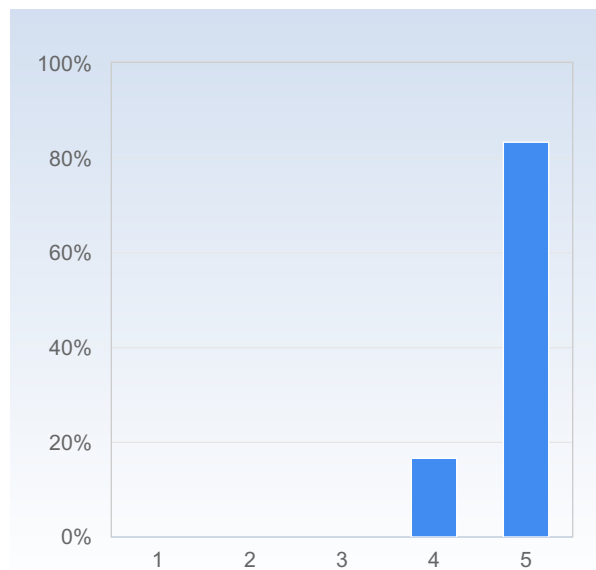
	Mean	Standard Deviation
I was well taken care of in terms of deskpace and equipment	4,8	0,4

### Comment

Most of the work was done practically and I had everything I needed.

## I was well taken care of in terms of advice and feedback

I was well taken care of in terms of advice and feedback	Number of responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	0 (0,0%)
3	0 (0,0%)
4	1 (16,7%)
5	5 (83,3%)
Total	6 (100,0%)



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I was well taken care of in terms of advice and feedback	4,8	0,4

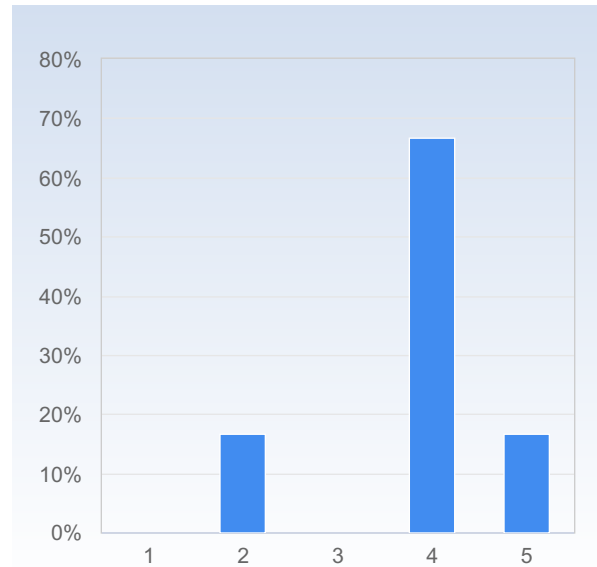
### Comment

100%



## The courses I have taken made me well prepared for the internship

The courses I have taken made me well prepared for the internship	Number of responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	1 (16,7%)
3	0 (0,0%)
4	4 (66,7%)
5	1 (16,7%)
Total	6 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The courses I have taken made me well prepared for the internship	3,8	1,0

### Comment

Think so, but I don't really remember...

The research I did had not been covered in any previous course, so I had to do some literature research, but that was also meant to be part of the internship.

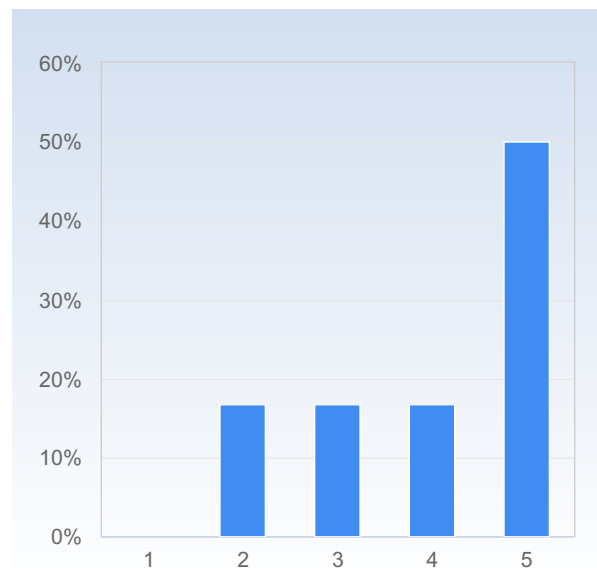
I haven't read much in this subject before, but I learned what I needed to know during my internship. It would also take more time at the company to learn everything that would be good to have as a background for this particular job.

My internship was at the University, if it had been in industry etc., i might've not felt quite as prepared.

This was a very special case here since I did more or less a lot of non geological work despite working at a quarry and a concrete factory. However, once again the work experience was invaluable! This led to future contacts and once again a reason to why I was hired at Sweco Sverige AB as environmental consultant within hydrogeology.

## The internship plan that was set up was useful

The internship plan that was set up was useful	Number of responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	1 (16,7%)
3	1 (16,7%)
4	1 (16,7%)
5	3 (50,0%)
Total	6 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The internship plan that was set up was useful	4,0	1,3

## Comment

I followed the plan during my internship and it was good to have that to look back on some times.

I knew what I had to do, because we had discussed what activities I could partake in.

A little bit, but we couldn't have a time plan for this internship. This is because the workers there don't really know their work more than a week beforehand. So we followed the plan regarding tasks but we had no time plan.

To be fair here, we didn't quite have a plan, however we did follow procedures and started with the easier parts and worked my way up until I could work on my own without supervision. Further, the reason I ended up working at the concrete factory too (was hired at first only as a summerworker at the quarry) was because I showed interest and took the opportunity to ask whether it was possible to do some work there as well during my summerwork period and get to know more about their concrete division. This is because during July most of the work at the quarry stops and there's very little work happening. So I figured I could be useful and learn more about concrete and maybe in the future increase my chances to maybe get hired at Sydsten until I find myself geology related work.

## I have especially appreciated this during my internship:

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Mångsidigt arbete där jag fick arbeta med ett flertal arbetsuppgifter.

The internship workplace and the people there.

Friendly co-workers. Free reign on what to investigate.

Learning the program AutoCAD and being in the field.

Getting to know my "colleagues" (as those relationships will likely be useful in the future), learning about how the average day looks like and realizing that I definitely want to pursue a career in research.

I think I've answered most of the things already in previous sections. But to quickly summarize:

\* Invaluable work-experience

\* Made myself good future contacts which lead to me getting hired at Sweco

\* Great supervisors passionate about their respective field and extremely good at what they're doing - learned a lot from them

\* Learned a lot about both macadam but also a lot about concrete from production to use in various construction projects (which I was lucky to be a part of/visit)

\* In the future I can tell to friends and others: "you see this concrete here, I was the one who approved it!" and this was concrete used in projects such as ESS (European Spallation Source in Lund), Fyra spår Lund-Arlöv etc.

\* I made lots of concrete castings for myself and other co-workers such as teddybears, birds, Christmas related figures, skulls etc. Awesome FUN STUFF

There's much more to say that I probably don't remember at the moment.

## This could have worked better during my internship project:

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IT. Det var lite problem att få tillgång till saker då man inte var anställd.

Some times the tasks were changed rapidly and in the end I did not get all of the practice I had in my original project plan. Some times the communication on the workplace could have been better.

Perhaps a more thorough introduction to some of the practical parts.

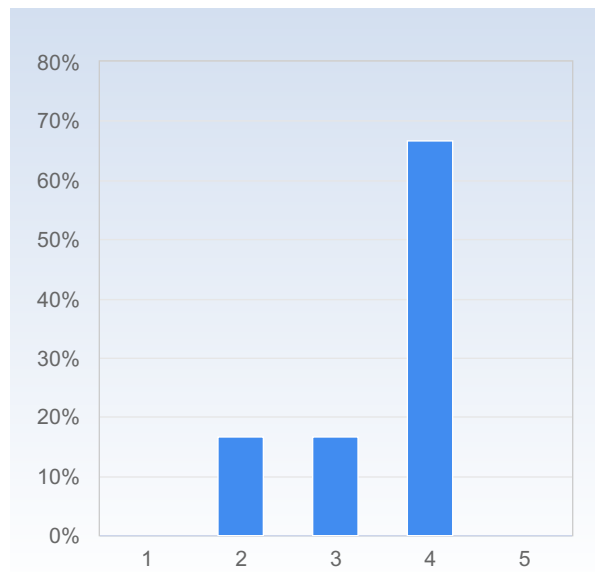
Having a bit more time with the boss or another person with more experience, this since my supervisor had only worked there for 7 months.

Nothing that comes to mind.

Nothing!

## The writing of an internship report was rewarding

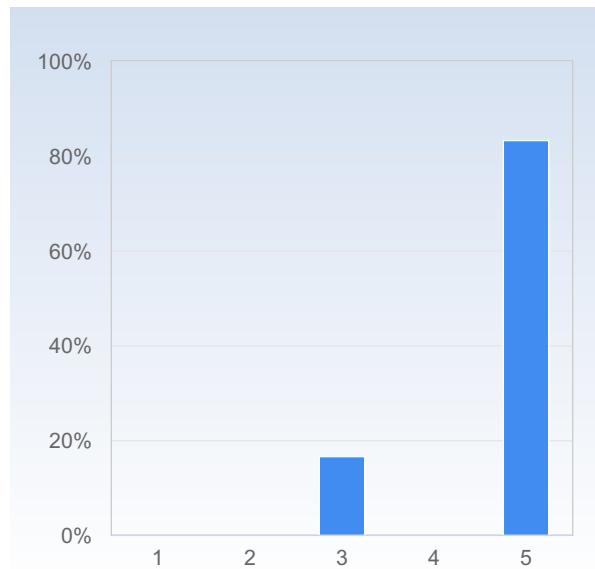
The writing of an internship report was rewarding	Number of responses
1	0 (0,0%)
2	1 (16,7%)
3	1 (16,7%)
4	4 (66,7%)
5	0 (0,0%)
Total	6 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
The writing of an internship report was rewarding	3,5	0,8

## My internship has made me better prepared for future working life/career

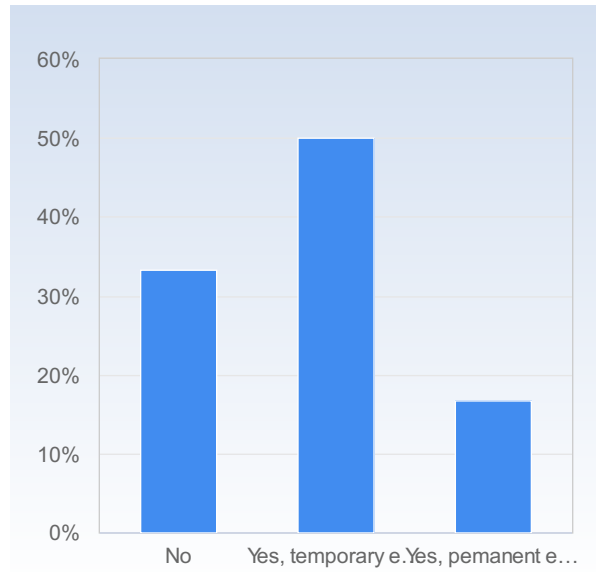
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	Mean	Standard Deviation
My internship has made me better prepared for future working life/career	4,7	0,8

## I have been offered employment at the workplace where I conducted my internship

I have been offered employment at the workplace where I conducted my internship	Number of responses
No	2 (33,3%)
Yes, temporary employment	3 (50,0%)
Yes, permanent employment	1 (16,7%)
Total	6 (100,0%)



	Mean	Standard Deviation
I have been offered employment at the workplace where I conducted my internship	1,8	1,0

Thank you so much for your contribution!