What is Internal Auditing?

“Internal Auditing is an independent and objective assurance and consulting activity that is guided by a philosophy of adding value to improve the operations of the organization. It assists an organization in accomplishing its objectives by bringing a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of the organization’s risk management, control, and governance processes.”

- Institute of Internal Auditors Professional Practices Framework

LSU’s Center for Internal Auditing in the E. J. Ourso College of Business

- Offers a multidisciplinary program that can enhance career possibilities, regardless of what major a student has declared. Currently, students from more than 30 different business and non-business majors are part of the program.

- Is considered the premier internal audit program internationally. The program offers a unique and dynamic curriculum which emphasizes tactical, strategic, and operational auditing as a value-added consultative function. The program provides training on corporate governance, risk, and controls. Students who complete the program develop an understanding of the internal audit profession.

- Is recognized as one of five schools in the world deemed a “Center for Internal Auditing Excellence” by the Institute of Internal Auditors. Only two of these programs are in the U.S.

Internship

An optional internship program is available for internal auditing students. Each summer, 75-100 students work on internal audit staffs in New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas, Washington, D.C., Houston, and elsewhere. Some internships involve international travel.

Career Head Start

Internal Auditors are exposed to a broad scope of business processes and it is the best position to fast-track a career. Many organizations use internal auditing as a training ground for managers.