**Mechanical Engineering**

The following table summarizes the various internship models for the mandatory internship. It shows which status must be specified in the academic registration form (FRAC) when the internship takes place during the academic semester. A correct FRAC status is required to ensure a smooth academic registration. Please read the table and notes below carefully.

**Internships taking place during academic breaks should not be mentioned in FRAC.**

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<th>Internship models</th>
<th>Credits</th>
<th>Status to be specified in FRAC</th>
<th>Semester taken into account in the duration of the studies</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<td>STAP, min. 8 weeks (max 6 months), during the academic semester</td>
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<td>Credited with the master’s project</td>
<td>Internship</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>PDME (25 weeks)</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>Present</td>
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**Important note:**
- if, during the internship, the student would like to register for a course, s/he must set the FRAC status to PRESENT.
- if the internship has not been validated by the internship coordinator, the semester when the internship takes place will be taken into account in the duration of the studies. In that case, please select « **Personal internship, not registered in the EPFL internship portal** ».
- the extension of the duration of the mandatory internship beyond one semester will be considered like a personal internship.

**SCS:** Internship with separate credits obtained during the Master’s cycle
**STAP:** Internship not related to the Master’s project, credited with the Master’s project
**PDME:** Master’s project in industry