

Auburn Co-Op Program



"The best preparation for work is not thinking about work, talking about work, or studying for work: it is work."

-- Former Massachusetts Governor William Weld

What is Co-Op?

Cooperative education can confirm or redirect career decision-making through on-the-job experience in a chosen field. . . since co-ops "TEST DRIVE" their career! Cooperative Education enhances classroom learning and adds relevance to education by integrating academic theory with real world work experience. Co-Ops have the opportunity to test classroom learning in the laboratory of the real world.

How does Co-Op work?

By alternating terms of school and work, students obtain paid, practical work experience in the career of their choice. Experience that means better qualifications when competing for a job at graduation.

The Co-Op Advantage

- Co-Op experience improves employment prospects at graduation.
- Co-Op graduates are in possession of transferable, relevant work experience.
- Many employers hire only graduates with strong experience in the field.
- Co-Op grads have established relationships with potential employers.
- Co-Op grads often receive higher starting salaries at graduation than regular graduates.
- Professional confidence is increased when students know they can successfully perform in the workplace . . . where it really counts!



When do I apply?

Students are eligible to begin co-oping as early as the summer after their freshman year! To learn more, visit our website.



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Typical Work / School Co-Op Alternation Plans

School Term	Plan A	Plan B	Plan C	Plan D	Plan E
1st year - Fall	School	School	School	School	School
1st year - Spring	School	School	School	School	School
1st year - Summer	<i>Work #1</i>	*	*	*	*
2nd year - Fall	School	<i>Work #1</i>	School	School	School
2nd year - Spring	<i>Work #2</i>	School	<i>Work #1</i>	School	School
2nd year - Summer	School	<i>Work #2</i>	School	<i>Work #1</i>	*
3rd year - Fall	<i>Work #3</i>	School	<i>Work #2</i>	School	<i>Work #1</i>
3rd year - Spring	School	<i>Work #3</i>	School	<i>Work #2</i>	School
3rd year - Summer	*	*	<i>Work #3</i>	School	<i>Work #2</i>
4th year - Fall	School	School	School	<i>Work #3</i>	School
4th year - Spring	School	School	School	School	<i>Work #3</i>
4th year - Summer	*	*	*	*	*
5th year - Fall	School	School	School	School	School
5th year - Spring	School	School	School	School	School

* Optional Term(s) - Extra Co-Op Work Term(s), Internship(s), Study-Abroad, Summer Job(s), etc.

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