

Specialized Academic Opportunities

Cooperative Education/Internships

The Cooperative Education/Internship Program offers qualified undergraduate students an opportunity to gain valuable practical work experience, explore career options, develop contacts in the industry, and earn college credit. Requirements and benefits vary by degree program and by employer. Students should discuss their co-op/internship plans with their academic advisor, Career Services Program Manager, and the Faculty Co-op Advisor in their degree program.

For domestic students, one upper-level open elective credit hour is awarded for every 100 clock hours of relevant work completed, with up to a maximum of six credit hours in one semester. Additional information, including eligibility requirements, is available from Career Services on the Career Services ERNIE page, and in Handshake.

International students must verify their eligibility to work in the U.S. with International Student & Scholar Services BEFORE accepting a co-op or internship, and may not register for a co-op or internship after having completed their educational requirements, according to the regulations of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. A co-op or internship must be required in the curriculum or fulfill a required elective.

Students who register for a co-op/internship to earn academic credit will be charged tuition for one credit hour plus applicable mandatory and program fees.

The Co-op Assistance Award Program offers the opportunity to apply for financial assistance to eligible students planning to participate in a co-op or internship for credit through the university.