

CO-OP PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

Will I be considered a full time student while at work?

Yes. A small registration fee is charged to continue your school enrollment during work terms.

Can I quit the Co-op Program at any time?

Students should not enter the program unless they plan on finishing all scheduled work periods. As a co-op student, you are expected to fulfill your original employment agreement as outlined in "The Co-op Handbook". Of course, unusual problems should be handled through the co-op staff.

Can I change majors?

Yes. As a matter of fact, the co-op program allows students to realistically evaluate their curriculum choice. A change, if necessary, can then be made with little loss of credit and time in school.

When can I work?

Students will alternate terms of work and school. See Alternation Schedules.

When can I start work?

You may be assigned at the beginning of any term between your second term as a freshman and first term as a junior.

Can I bring in a company not currently working with co-op?

Yes, if the work is related to your major area of study, and the employer is acceptable to the co-op office.

Will I earn enough money to pay my expenses while in school?

That depends. Salaries vary widely depending upon location and field of study. In any case, you should not plan on a co-op job supporting all your college needs. Cooperative Education is designed to emphasize academic and professional experiences rather than provide financial aid. What you save is directly proportional to your willpower.

Can co-op students participate in ROTC?

Co-op students may choose between Air Force, Army and Navy ROTC, both basic and advanced. Summer camps must be coordinated by the ROTC Department and the Co-Op Program.

Can I change employers?

No! The only time this is allowed is if you change to another field of study or your original employer can no longer employ you.

Am I required to work for my co-op employers after graduating?

No! Your co-op employer is also not obligated to offer you permanent employment.

Will I receive any special recognition for completing the Co-op Program?

Yes! Your work experience is a permanent part of your transcript. You are also awarded a co-op certificate signed by the President of Auburn University to accompany your diploma upon graduation.