

OPTIONAL COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Cooperative education offers students the opportunity to integrate classroom theory with practical work experience by alternating between full-time study semesters and full-time paid work experiences. This results in early career identification and greater academic motivation, as well as, providing a source of income. All students majoring in engineering and engineering technology may participate in the cooperative education program. Qualifications for the program are to be a full-time undergraduate student, have a declared major in an engineering program of study, be in good academic standing, and be making progress toward your degree during each study term following each full-time work term.

Our Cooperative Education Program is a hybrid that combines flexibility with professional support services. Pursuing co-op placements is completely voluntary, but for those who choose co-op, a full complement of education and support is available from our team of engineering professionals. Students take a class to prepare them for the co-op experience, attend on-campus interviews as well as, have an engineering staff liaison to answer questions and provide guidance. Co-op jobs are available in the Dayton area and across the country. Typically, students work 3-5 work terms/semesters (including summers) and are eligible to live in campus housing and participate in campus activities if they are working locally. Students are encouraged to begin their co-op experience after their third or fourth semester of academic study. The Co-op Program requires that the student's employment be related to the academic discipline being pursued. It should be diversified enough to afford a broad learning experience while allowing subsequent work periods increasing in difficulty and responsibility. Employer evaluations of jobs performance and student feedback are integral parts of the program.