

# Cooperative Education/Internship Experience Course

## “Co-op” Frequently Asked Questions

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### What are the eligibility requirements for participating in Co-op (CWE 1001, 2001, 3001, 4001, 5000)?

- Enrolled full time in a degree program at Florida Tech
- Maintain a 2.0 undergraduate GPA or a 3.0 graduate GPA
- Complete at least 24 semester hours at Florida Tech, or one full-time semester at Florida Tech if a transfer or graduate student
- Receive a job or internship offer from an employer in your field

International students must be enrolled in a program of study and must have maintained lawful F1 or J1 student status for two consecutive semesters, and have completed a Curricular Practical Training (CPT) workshop offered by the Office of International Student and Scholar Services

### What are the registration requirements for an undergraduate technical Co-op (CWE 3003)?

In addition to the core requirements for all Co-ops listed above, undergraduate students should be at least a junior (class level may be waived by Co-op advisor) and **must** work at least 30 hours per week, as CWE 3003 exclusively offers 3 credits. Limited 1-time registration per student.

### Do I have to enroll in a Co-op course if I am an international student?

Co-op is one of three options for international students to obtain Curricular Practical Training (CPT): Co-op, thesis/dissertation, or a required internship for their major. CPT may be authorized by the institution (NOT by USCIS) for F-1 students participating in curricular-related employment such as Cooperative Education (Co-op). The work experience used to apply for Co-op must be deemed an integral part of an established curriculum in the student's course of study. International students should discuss their options with their academic advisors and International Student and Scholar Services.

### Can I enroll in a Co-op course if I am an online, extended studies, or continuing education student?

No. Co-op is only available to students attending the main Florida Tech campus.

### I am a main campus student, but my work experience is remote. Can this apply to Co-op?

Yes. As long as the work experience is deemed relevant to your major by your academic advisor.

### Will I get credit for co-op?

Undergraduates receive academic credit based on their total hours worked per 15-week semester.

- 450+ hrs/semester (minimum 30 hrs/week) = 3 credits
- 151 - 449 = 2 credits
- Less than 150 hrs/semester = 1 credit

**Example:** Student is scheduled to work 25 hours per week.  
25 hours x 15 weeks = 375 total hours, earning 2 credits

Graduate students receive 0 credit for Co-op.

