Wayne State University is Michigan’s only urban research university, fulfilling a unique niche in providing access to a world-class education at a great value. Wayne State’s 13 schools and colleges offer more than 350 major subject areas to our approximately 33,000 students.

WSU is located in the heart of Detroit’s University Cultural Center, the home of renowned museums, galleries and theatres, most within walking distance. The WSU main campus encompasses 210 acres of beautifully landscaped walkways and gathering spots, linking 100 education and research buildings. Our six extension centers in the metropolitan area provide convenient access to a wide selection of courses.

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Career Services’ Cooperative Education Program

About the Program

Wayne State University’s Cooperative Education Program provides students with comprehensive professional preparation. Alternating semesters of full-time, paid work experience and full-time class attendance or parallel semesters of part-time, paid work experience and class attendance are available.

Assignments are in business, industry, government and private agencies and organizations and are closely related to the students’ areas of study or career goals.

The Cooperative Education Program is primarily an undergraduate, voluntary program open to all students. However, the majority of the co-op work assignments are from the following disciplines:

School of Business Administration
Accounting, Finance, Global Supply Chain Management, Information Systems Management, Management and Marketing.

College of Engineering

College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Who Can Apply

To qualify for co-op, students must meet the following requirements:

- Students must be enrolled in a WSU degree program and making satisfactory progress toward that degree.
- Students must possess at least a 2.0 grade point average. However, employers, when making selections, place emphasis on academic achievement.
- Students must have attained junior status (60 semester hours).
- Transfer students must successfully complete one academic semester prior to admission into the program, in addition to the above requirements.
- International students must be working toward their undergraduate degrees.

How to Participate

Employers

Employers may contact Career Services to post job openings, request resumes, set up interview schedules, or arrange for a cooperative education coordinator to visit the employer’s office to discuss specifics of the program.

Students

Students should attend a co-op information workshop the semester prior to expected placement. Workshop schedules are posted at www.careerservices.wayne.edu. After attending a workshop, each student will schedule an individual appointment with the appropriate co-op coordinator. The coordinator will explore available opportunities with the student. Students are referred to employers by the coordinator and are also encouraged to apply directly to individual employer postings. They are then selected by the employer on the basis of individual merit.

Benefits of Cooperative Education

For the Student

- Practical application of classroom studies
- Accumulation of related, professional experience
- Help in determining general and specific career goals
- Improved prospects of career employment and higher earnings potential upon graduation
- Development of interpersonal skills and professional growth

For the Employer

- An opportunity to select and test talented professional personnel in advance of a permanent commitment
- An opportunity to utilize students to productively contribute to either short- or long-term projects, thus offering assistance to other employees
- An opportunity to have input into the college’s educational framework
- Combined recruiting and training at a large savings in cost
- An opportunity to enhance the company’s image on campus through the cooperative education student

For the Faculty

- Feedback on current practices in the working community
- An opportunity for faculty’s professional development through contact with practitioners in the field
- Valuable input into developing progressive, accountable academic programs