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Introduction

Co-operative Education integrates academic study with relevant, supervised, paid work experience. It is based on the principle that relevant work experience, combined with academic programs, plays an important part in the effective professional and personal development of students. In the Co-operative Education program, students alternate periods of academic study with periods of applicable work experience.

Co-operative Education programs are currently available for a variety of programs on the Okanagan campus. The respective co-operative education offices help in securing potential employers, arranging interviews, and generally managing the work placement process.

Admission

Admission to a Co-op program is based on academic performance and employment suitability. Students wishing to enrol must meet all the requirements of their department and faculty. Enrolment is subject to the availability of appropriate work placements.

Courses and Fees

Students admitted to a program must register in, and pay Co-op fees for, a Co-operative Education course for each work term. Co-op courses marked Pass/Fail are recorded on student transcripts. All students accepted to a Co-op program must also pay a Co-op workshop fee (see Program and Course Fees (Calendar page: http://appleton.ad.students.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=14,3,1341,10#15360).

Employment

Although every effort is made to find work-term positions for students enrolled in Co-op programs, no guarantee of employment can be made. The employment process is competitive, and a student's academic performance, skill set, attitude, motivation, maturity, and potential all influence employment offers.

Graduation from Co-op Programs

To graduate with a "Co-operative Education" designation noted on the transcript, a student must successfully complete the minimum number of work terms required for the respective program and obtain a grade of Pass (P) for each work term.

International Students

Co-operative Education programs are available to international students. Admission criteria for international students are the same as for Canadian students. International students are responsible for ensuring that their student work visas are in good standing during their Co-op work terms.

Transfer Students

Students transferring from another institution may receive credit for Co-op placements at their former institutions. This decision is made through the respective co-operative education offices.
Access Studies

Access Studies is a program that offers flexible post-secondary learning options to people of all ages and backgrounds. Through Access Studies, professionals, distance learners, and people with varied academic curiosities have a new opportunity to pursue knowledge.

Access Studies students can enrol in university-level courses without registering in a degree program or undergoing the standard admissions process. Students take up to 24 credits in courses in areas of interest. These credits may be later applied to other programs of study. See Classification of Students for more information.

Other non-degree study options offered through Access Studies include Concurrent Studies, Aboriginal Access, and specific study options for Senior Citizens.

Unclassified Studies

Unclassified Studies is a study option for students who have a previous university degree and want to enrol in courses not intended to lead to a particular UBC degree or diploma.

Enrolment can be full- or part-time and can include a wide variety of credit courses that will appear on the student's UBC transcript.

See Classification of Students for more information.

Visiting Students

Visiting Students are students who are enrolled in studies at the UBC Okanagan campus for transfer back to their current home post-secondary institution which is recognized by UBC.

To be eligible, students must be in good standing at their home university and must submit an official transcript and a Letter of Permission with their application.
See Classification of Students (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,32,0,0) for more information.

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