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Academic Program: Undergraduate Studies COOPERATIVE EDUCATION and INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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Cooperative Education (Co-op) and Internships are optional learning experiences that take place in a work setting rather than in a classroom. Co-op and internships are the result of partnerships between the University and employers in business, industry, government and human services. The program is flexible, allowing students to work full-time or part-time. They may work locally, nationally or internationally. This work experience becomes part of the total learning experience, giving the student's academic program a sense of reality and relevance. As a result of the cooperative education program, students in any major can receive work experience, earn income and apply learned theories. Co-op also provides the opportunity for students to gain greater insight into their chosen career, either strengthening or redirecting their career choices.

The Millersville student may begin to show his/her interest in the Cooperative Education program as early as the first semester, freshman year. Sophomores and juniors (in some instances, seniors, too) are also highly encouraged to take the first steps to find out more about Cooperative Education by completing an online orientation.

At the discretion of the department, a minimum of three (3) credits up to a maximum of 12 credits may be counted in the major or as electives toward normal graduation requirements. Additional credits will be counted over and above the normal graduation requirements. A Cooperative Education/Internship student may participate in a maximum of four (4) cooperative experiences. As with any course, there are academic requirements as well as appropriate tuition for each experience

The Cooperative Education program is optional for most Millersville majors. Students must, however, meet the following criteria for participation:

1. Be enrolled in a degree program at Millersville University.
2. Have successfully completed at least 24 college credits (transfer and second degree students must successfully complete 12 credits at MU).
3. Have a GPA of at least 2.0 (individual departments may stipulate higher GPA requirements).
4. Have approval from the appropriate academic department to participate.