

# Cooperative Education/Internship Experience Course " Co-op " Frequently Asked Questions

## **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 2.5 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**

**What is the difference between a Co-op and an internship at Florida Tech?**

At Florida Tech, Co-op is a term used for a program that allows students to earn credit for their major-related work experience, internships being a common type of “work experience” students use to register for Co-op. Some companies may advertise their work experience as a Co-op, which typically indicates an internship-type experience that takes place over multiple semesters. This type of employer-specified “Co-op” is not required to register for Co-op at Florida Tech.

**Do I have to register for Co-op if I get an internship/work experience?**

No. Though we hope students choose to apply their work experience to gaining Co-op credit, it is optional.

**How do I find a work experience to participate in Co-op?**

Students independently apply to any internships or work experience in their field, we do not have set placements. You can register Co-op once you receive a company offer letter. Florida Tech’s Career Services offers several employment events and appointments in Handshake to assist you in your job search.

**How is Co-op graded? What assignments are required?**

This course will appear on your transcript, with a final Pass/Fail grade assigned. Assignments are detailed on the course syllabus and will be reviewed by the Co-op advisor, these include:

- Midterm check-in survey and self-reflection
- Performance evaluation completed by your employer
- Final report

**Can I get academic credit**

No, academic credit is not awarded retroactively for Co-op. Credit is also not awarded for hours the student has worked prior to registering for co-op.

**Can I register myself for Co-**