

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Cooperative Education is a unique educational plan that brings together the University, the business and professional community, and students in collaborative effort to blend theory with the practical application of the work place. Through the Co-Op program students combine periods of academic study with periods of paid, off-campus work. Co-Op results in a three-way partnership that benefits the student, the employer, and Jacksonville State University. Academic credit is not awarded for participation in the Cooperative Education Program. A pass/fail notation is entered on the transcript upon completion of the semester's work experience.

In order to qualify for Cooperative Education, a student must apply at www.cps.jsu.edu and meet the following qualifications:

1. The student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 24 semester hours prior to entering the program.
2. The student must meet and maintain a 2.5 (4.0 scale) Grade Point Average. Employers may establish higher GPA requirements.
3. The student must have the recommendation of two professors and a completed file with the Co-Op office.

Upon approval of the Cooperative Education Coordinator and the employer, the student will register for the following alternating or parallel Co-Op education courses.

CEA-001 Through 012. Alternating Co-Op Education (0 hrs.) Cooperative Education experience of full-time employment (approximately 40 hrs./week) is equivalent to full-time student status, with the exception of financial aid. (Contact Financial Aid for additional information).

CEP-001 Through 012. Parallel Co-Op Education (0 hrs.) Cooperative Education experience of part-time employment (15-30 hrs./week) in an approved Co-Op position while enrolled in a minimum of 6 semester hours.