COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Description
Students in Kent State University's Cooperative Education Program (co-op) enhance their degree program by relating theory to practice and applying what they have learned in the classroom to real-life workplace scenarios. This process of “learning by doing” increases student motivation and employability after graduation and maximizes student growth and development. Through a co-op experience, students explore career and academic options, test career choices, increase professional skills and earn money to contribute to educational expenses. Cooperative education experiences are highly desired, selective and in the student’s chosen field.

All students participating in a co-op experience must register for COOP 20092 (non-credit, offered through University College) and pay the co-op fee. Enrollment in the course is restricted by special approval, and students may only register after submission and approval of all application forms. Enrollment in the course will ensure the student is designated and reported as a full-time student and permit the student to have access to all student services and resources during the co-op semester.

Fully Offered At:
• Ashtabula
• East Liverpool
• Geauga
• Salem
• Stark
• Trumbull
• Tuscarawas
• Regional Academic Center at Twinsburg

Admission Requirements
• Students must have received a completed grade and have resolved any outstanding non-completed grades for previous co-op rotations.
• International students must receive work authorization prior to enrolling in each co-op rotation.

The University College will work with the student’s college to assess all applicants holistically, considering their academic progress, related experience, academic and extracurricular activities, among others, to evaluate the student’s likelihood of success in the program.