Enhance Your Degree With a CIS Co-Op

Earn Credit

Earn Money

Gain Experience

Monte Ahuja College of Business

Department of Computer & Information Science

Today's job market is extremely competitive. Employers are looking for more than just a degree. They want to hire the candidate who has both the strong education and work experience in their desired field. The CIS Co-Op will help you achieve your goals of a career in CIS/IT.

The CIS Co-Op is a formal, accredited academic program that integrates classroom theory with work experience. You alternate semesters of work and study, beginning the summer after your freshman year. You will complete a minimum of two and a maximum of four Co-Op semesters. Your degree will be completed in five years with the equivalent of at least one year of meaningful CIS/IT experience.

Participating in the CIS Co-Op is extremely enriching, rewarding and beneficial for your CIS career.

- Earn academic credit towards your degree
- All Co-Op positions are salaried which can help pay for tuition
- Receive a certificate upon graduation
- Explore different areas of professional experience and career opportunities
- Develop and apply communication skills
- A unique networking opportunity – companies often use Co-Op programs to recruit full-time, entry-level IT professionals

Current immigration laws allow international students to participate in cooperative education if they are part of an academic program. The CIS Co-Op's accredited program satisfies this requirement.

Scholarship students, athletes, international students and students receiving financial aid should notify the appropriate CSU offices of their participation in the CIS Co-Op program and inform the CIS Co-Op office of their status.

Program Requirements

It's never too early to apply – you may apply for the CIS Co-Op as early as your freshman year, when you are accepted into the Monte Ahuja College of Business. To be accepted into the program you must meet the following requirements:

- Minimum 2.2 GPA and be in good academic standing
- Two completed semesters of CIS coursework
- Complete CSC 121 Career Orientation, typically taken freshman year.
- Where you learn interview techniques, resume preparation through Careerline and other employment skills
- Work full-time (40 hours per week) during Co-Op semesters

CIS Co-Op Education Experience (CIS 300/400)

When you are ready to begin Co-Op assignments, typically the summer after your freshman year, you will register for CIS 300/400 CIS Co-Op Education Experience. You will also work closely with the CIS Co-Op office and utilize CSU Careerline to obtain a Co-Op assignment.

CIS 300/400 is a pass/fail academic course that must be taken every Co-Op semester and requires no classroom time away from the job.

- Course instructor is the student's Co-Op Faculty Advisor
- Together with the course instructor and company supervisor, develop and submit Co-Op Learning Objectives
- The student prepares a final report summarizing the experience that is graded by their Faculty Advisor
- Complete and submit an evaluation of the Co-Op experience

Alternating Work/Study Schedule

The Co-Op track degree completion is five years. Students have the option of starting their semester the second half of Summer after freshman year or the Spring of sophomore year.

Co-Op starting in Spring and ending after the first half of Summer

	Summer 2	Fall	Spring	Summer 1
Year 1 (Freshman)		Courses	Courses	
Year 2 (Sophomore)		Courses	Co-Op	Co-Op
Year 3 (Pre-Junior)	Courses	Courses	Co-Op	Co-Op
Year 4 (Junior)	Courses	Courses	Co-Op	Co-Op
Year 5 (Senior)	Courses	Courses	Courses	

Co-Op starting in the second half of Summer and continuing through Fall

	Summer 2	Fall	Spring	Summer 1
Year 1 (Freshman)		Courses	Courses	
Year 2 (Sophomore)		Courses	Courses	Courses
Year 3 (Pre-Junior)	Co-Op	Co-Op	Courses	Courses
Year 4 (Junior)	Co-Op	Co-Op	Courses	Courses
Year 5 (Senior)	Co-Op	Co-Op	Courses	

Ready to begin or want more information?

Visit the CIS Department in the Monte Ahuja College of Business or visit us online at www.cis.csuohio.edu/coop.

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