Cooperative Education

The General Cooperative Education (Co Op) course COOP 1800R provides a beneficial three-way partnership between the employer, the student, and the University. Cooperative Education provides the opportunity to apply classroom learning to practical problems on the job. It allows students to work with professionals in the field they are preparing to enter. Students learn the competitive nature of the job market and what is needed to prepare for the best career positions. Students also gain the competitive edge in the new graduate job market by having work experience.

Co-op is designed to help the students in their career development process. Students will identify their strengths and interests, resulting in a more focused approach to their academic journey at DSU. They will also build a strong connection with their on-campus mentor.

The General Cooperative Education course COOP 1800R is open to all students who are working. The first time taking Co-op, student can have an undeclared or general education major status, but they must be working toward declaring a major. They will be encouraged to meet with a Career Counselor who will help them identify their strengths, values, and skills in order to make an informed decision. The second time a student takes Co-op the job must be related to their chosen major. The student can choose between 1 to 3 credits based on the number of hours worked during the semester.

Students enrolled in Co-op classes meet with the instructor and employer at the beginning of the course to establish learning objectives based on the number of credits the student is taking.