Cooperative Education

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 1800 is open to all students who are working in a job. In a student’s freshmen year, the 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. In a student’s sophomore year, they are encouraged to have a declared major and to relate their job to their chosen career plan. The 3rd and 4th times taking COOP they must be able to show a relationship between their job and their desired major in order to participate in the program.

Students enrolled in co-op classes meet with the instructor and employer at the beginning of the course to determine objectives, number of credits hours, hours to work, and to sign a work agreement form.