

# Wentworth

## Co-ops & Careers

### Co-op FAQs

Here are answers to some co-op frequently asked questions. For more information, visit our website: [coopsandcareers.wit.edu](http://coopsandcareers.wit.edu).

#### What Is Co-op?

A co-op is full-time, temporary employment in a student's field of study that enables students to apply classroom learning to professional work experience. At Wentworth a co-op must be 30+ hours per week and generally is completed between the first day of classes and the last day of finals during the semester students are working.

Wentworth offers one of the most comprehensive cooperative education (co-op) programs of its kind in the nation. Unlike most schools, co-op at Wentworth is a requirement: all undergraduate day students must successfully complete two co-op semesters in order to graduate.

#### When Do I Go on Co-op?

One co-op lasts for the duration of the semester. When students go on co-op depends on their major. See chart below:

Major	First Mandatory Co-op Semester	Second Mandatory Co-op Semester
Most Majors (All Engineering Majors and all 4-Year Computer Majors plus Applied Science, Business Management, Construction Management, Industrial Design, and Interior Design)	Spring of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Fall of 4 <sup>th</sup> Year
Architecture, Applied Math 3-Year, & Computer Science 3-Year	Summer of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Spring of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
Applied Math 4-Year	Summer of 3 <sup>rd</sup> year	Spring of 4 <sup>th</sup> Year

#### How Do I Get a Co-op?

Students apply to co-ops just like jobs. The Co-ops & Careers team provides resources and support for students as they search, apply, interview, accept, and take part in their co-ops. A student's first step is to enroll in and complete Co-op Institute, a co-op preparation course that is offered in the spring and fall semesters.

#### Who Do I Talk to About Co-op?

Each major has a dedicated Co-op & Career Advisor who works with students on résumé writing, job-search strategies, and interviewing techniques. The Co-ops & Careers team also provides online job search tools, annual career fairs, and on-campus recruiting opportunities. See the list of advisors by major on our website here: [coopsandcareers.wit.edu/advising-team](http://coopsandcareers.wit.edu/advising-team).

#### Are Co-ops Paid?

Co-ops are paid (there are exceptions for non-profit organizations) using standards set forth by the U.S. Department of Labor.