CLASSROOM PREPARATION + WORK EXPERIENCES = COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

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What Is Co-Op?

Penn State Schuylkill Co-Op is an elective, four-year undergraduate experience that will connect your classroom learning with meaningful, workplace experiences. Combine that with co-op’s career and soft skills training, and you’ll graduate with both a diploma and a résumé – ready to contribute in the workplace from day one, and prepared for a lifetime of success.

Components of Co-Op

Penn State Schuylkill Co-Op is so much more than your average internship program. It’s a four-year immersion in integrated career preparation and workplace skills development. And it will help you find your individualized path to career success and satisfaction.

YEAR I
• Foundational coursework
• Career skills development
• Interview for Internship I

SUMMER I
• 3-month, full-time Internship I

YEAR II
• Foundational and major-specific coursework
• Soft skills development
• Interview for Internship II

SUMMER II
• 3-month, full-time Internship II

YEAR III
• Intensive major coursework
• Major-specific career skills development
• Interview for co-op

SUMMER III
• 3-month, full-time co-op; followed by 3-month, part-time co-op during Year IV

YEAR IV
• Intensive major coursework
• 3-month, part-time co-op
• Job search and interviews

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE
Graduate with a full year of workplace experience from:
• 3-month experiential internship
• 3-month major internship
• 6-month Co-Op

SUBJECT MASTERY
Choose one of the following majors:
• Accounting
• Administration of Justice
• Business
• Corporate Communication
• Health Policy and Administration
• Project and Supply Chain Management

SOFT SKILLS
Learn valuable skills that will help make you a star employee:
• Communicating effectively
• Working well with people
• Leading and following
• Researching and analyzing
• Solving problems

CAREER SKILLS
Get practice with career skills that will help your job search during your Penn State experience and beyond:
• Networking
• Interviewing
• Job searching
A Collaborative Effort Focused on Your Success
Many different people come together for Co-Op, all to help you become job-ready for today and the future.

WHAT BUSINESS LEADERS ARE SAYING:

“Combining classroom preparation with work experiences, co-op will help employers build talent pipelines while showcasing opportunities for students to stay in Schuylkill County after graduation.”
Robert Carl, Jr. President and CEO Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce

“Penn State Schuylkill Co-Op will prepare students with the skills needed to perform better in the workplace and thrive in a world of constant change and challenges.”
Darlene Robbins President Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers and Employers Association

“Penn State Schuylkill Co-Op is the beginning of a true public/private educational partnership that will help our regional companies grow and expand in Schuylkill County.”
Frank Zukas President Schuylkill Economic Development Corporation

Ready to Jumpstart Your Career?
Learn more about Penn State Schuylkill Co-Op at sl.psu.edu/co-op, and when you’re ready to come see us, schedule your visit at sl.psu.edu/visit. We’ll see you soon!
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