

Cooperative Education

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In the Cooperative Education Program, the student performs a portion of his/her university education program as an employee in business, industry, government, or a service organization, where the work is directly related to his/her academic major. The program is based upon the philosophy that gainful employment in the student's chosen field before graduation affords a number of opportunities not otherwise available: to apply methods and principles learned in the classroom to actual work situations and problems; to enhance academic motivation; to help defray the costs of education; to assist in career selection; to improve job preparation and accelerate professional maturity; and to develop better opportunities for employment upon graduation.

Requirements

To enroll in the program, a student must

1. have an MTSU cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or better (undergraduate);
2. have completed at least two semesters of college work;
3. be a degree-seeking student at MTSU in good standing (not on probation or under suspension);
4. be willing to work a minimum of three work periods;
5. file an application with the director of Cooperative Education one semester prior to the semester in which the first work experience starts;
6. obtain the approval of the department Cooperative Education coordinator and the director of Cooperative Education.

Students should consult departmental listings for course number and credit hours. If the student's major department has no listing for cooperative education, he/she should refer to the cooperative education courses listed below.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the
 Director, Office of Cooperative Education
 Box 31
 Middle Tennessee State University
 Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37132

Courses in Cooperative Education [COED]

2930, 2940, 3970, 3980 Cooperative Education. Three credits. Experiential learning that occurs in real employment situations. Must be taken in sequence or approved by the director of Cooperative Education. Graded on a pass/fail basis.