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What is Co-op?

Co-operative education, a form of work-integrated learning, is a model of education that integrates and alternates a student's academic learning with workplace learning in fields relevant to the student's academic and personal goals. The Co-op Office approves full-time jobs that will provide students with the opportunity to learn while performing productive work. Employers supervise co-op students and evaluate their performance while co-op coordinators monitor students' progress on the job. Students are paid by their employers.

WHY CHOOSE LAURIER CO-OP?

- A way to integrate your academic studies with practical experience
- An opportunity to gain marketable skills
- The consistently high employment rate
- A chance to clarify your career goals
- Valuable contacts
- Personal assistance with your employment search
- A salary to help defray costs

ADMISSION PROCESS

Co-op at Laurier is popular with students and the admission process is competitive for limited-enrolment programs.

- Applicants to Business & Economics Co-op programs are selected on the basis of their grades, work experience, volunteer and extracurricular activities and performance in an interview.
- Successful applicants are offered admission in the fall term of their second year.
- Students in the double degree programs in business and computing and business and financial mathematics at Laurier are offered automatic entry to co-op. Participation in co-op is compulsory for students in the double degree programs where students take business at Laurier and math or computer science at the University of Waterloo.
- Students on study permits may apply to and be admitted into co-op programs at Laurier. Please note, however, that we may limit the number of spaces available to international students.

EMPLOYMENT LOCATIONS

Most Laurier co-op students obtain positions in Toronto, the Kitchener-Waterloo area and other cities in Ontario, but are willing to work anywhere in Canada. Some students find co-op employment overseas.

JOB SEARCH

We support participants in their career planning, job search efforts and preparation for interviews through workshops and individual attention. We market the program to employers, advertise positions to students, process applications and schedule interviews.

WORK TERMS

We provide advice on successful business conduct and instruction on writing work term reports. Co-op co-ordinators conduct work term visits to assess whether the expectations of students and employers are being met. Supervisors complete a written performance review at the end of each work term, while students submit reports discussing their work term experience.

ENROLMENT FEES

Students pay fees to enroll in co-op. Co-op fees support the administration of the Laurier co-op program.

ACCREDITATION

Laurier's BBA and Economics co-op programs are accredited by the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education. Laurier's School of Business & Economics has also received the highest form of accreditation from the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, whose standards are recognized internationally.

Business & Economics Co-op

School of Business & Economics (SBE) Co-op consists of three work terms of four months' duration, between second and fourth years, enabling students to obtain 12 months of practical, full-time work experience. It has been designed to allow employers to have a position filled year-round by Laurier Co-op students. Students apply for SBE Co-op at the end of their first year.

HONOURS BUSINESS

Business Administration is a practical discipline that prepares students for management roles in the private and public sectors. Laurier's business program equips future managers with the ability to adapt to changing business realities and with the problem-solving skills crucial to Canada's economic future.

HONOURS ECONOMICS

Laurier's Economics programs emphasize a balance between knowledge of modern economies and skill development. Students learn how to access existing knowledge about concepts like inflation and productivity, and are taught how to use this knowledge to make sense of economic events for business and government decisions.



Mohsin Cheema, BBA, PwC



Klara Raic, BBA, ATS Automation

DOUBLE DEGREES IN BUSINESS

Our innovative double degree programs combine our highly respected business program with our leading edge science programs. This combination allows students to develop the skills needed to become experts in the technology sector while also providing the business skills needed to excel.

Double Degree Programs: Laurier

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL MATHEMATICS

Participants gain a sound understanding of business management practices and knowledge of mathematical models and computational methods used in business, industry and government.

BUSINESS AND COMPUTING

Participants develop expertise in business and, depending on their program, either develop a strong understanding of the basic principles of computer science or an in-depth understanding of computer hardware, microprocessors, microelectronics, digital systems and software design.

“Co-op at Laurier has been an integral part of my studies. It has given me the opportunity to apply knowledge I learned in the classroom, on the job. It has also helped with my academics as I had real-life examples to draw from on projects and exams. Additionally, it expanded my network, as I worked with several vice presidents and directors at RBC.”
Gabriel Pirvu, BBA

SAMPLE CO-OP POSITIONS

- **ConAgra Foods**, Financial Analyst
- **Desire2Learn**, Software Developer
- **Manulife**, Actuarial
- **KPMG**, Staff Accountant
- **Samsung**, Sales and Marketing Coordinator
- **Scotiabank**, Investment Banking Analyst
- **Suncor**, Logistics Intern

Double Degree Programs: Laurier and Waterloo

All students in the double degree programs at Laurier and Waterloo begin to participate in co-op in their second year, and most pursue work terms in the fall and winter. Students complete both degrees within five years.

BUSINESS AND MATHEMATICS

Students take business courses at Laurier and mathematics courses at the University of Waterloo. In senior years, students may specialize in Actuarial Science, Applied Mathematics, Combinatorics and Optimization, Mathematical Finance, Operations Research, Pure Mathematics or Statistics.

BUSINESS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Students take business courses at Laurier and computer science courses at the University of Waterloo. Some of their courses cover fundamental mathematics, computer programming, data structures, algorithms, computer organization, software engineering, operating systems and social implications of computing.

“During one term in an investment role at the Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan and two terms in corporate finance positions at Procter & Gamble, I applied the leadership and teamwork skills I’ve gained from business courses and the creative and analytical skills I’ve developed through mathematics courses.”
Matthew Stein, BBA and Mathematics

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Michael Zandbergen, BBA & Financial Math, D2L



Jennifer Nguyen, Economics, Ontario Public Service

Laurier Business & Economics Work/Study Sequence

Year	Fall	Winter	Spring
1	Study Term	Study Term	Break
2	Study Term	Study Term	Work Term 1
3	Study Term	Work Term 2	Study Term
4	Work Term 3	Study Term	Study Term

Notes: Some students working for accounting firms may complete their second and third work terms in the Winter. BBA students are able to complete an eight-month work term from May through December.

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Business Sequence (4-month work term)

2	Study Term	Study Term	Study Term
3	Work Term 1	Study Term	Work Term 2
4	Study Term	Work Term 3	Study Term

Business Sequence (8-month work term)

2	Study Term	Study Term	Study Term
3	Work Term 1	Work Term 2	Study Term
4	Study Term	Work Term 3	Study Term



Matthew Bagin, Business and Math, Brock Solutions

Laurier Double Degree Work/Study Sequence

Year	Fall	Winter	Spring
1	Study Term	Study Term	Break
2	Study Term	Study Term	Work Term 1
3	Study Term	Work Term 2	Study Term
4	Work Term 3	Study Term	Study Term
5	Study Term	Study Term	

Business and Computing students may complete an optional fourth work term.

5	Work Term 4	Study Term	Study Term
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Laurier and Waterloo Double Degree Work/Study Sequence

Year	Fall	Winter	Spring
1	Study Term	Study Term	Break
2	Study Term	Work Term 1	Study Term
3	Study Term	Work Term 2	Study Term
4	Work Term 3 or Study Term	Work Term 3 or Study Term	Study Term
5	Work Term 4 (optional)	Study Term	

- OR -

5	Study Term	Study Term	
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