Guidelines for Completing the Co-operative Education
Academic & Work Sequence Agreement

WHEN IS AN ACADEMIC & WORK SEQUENCE AGREEMENT REQUIRED?

- When applying to the co-op program as an in-course student (i.e. regular non-co-op student)
- When a current co-op student wishes to maintain their co-op status and change their specialization/major
- When a current co-op student changes their degree program and would like to be re-instated into the co-op program
- When a student has been admitted with more than 2.0 transfer credits, which may impact the student’s sequence
- When a current co-op student deviates from the sequence published in the Undergraduate Calendar (approval required)

WHAT CRITERIA DOES THE CO-OP OFFICE HAVE FOR APPROVING A SEQUENCE?

As per the Co-op Policy (Section B.1.b.iv.) students are required to follow the academic and work sequence as per the Undergraduate Calendar. If, for one of the reasons listed on the sequence form, this is not possible, a revised schedule may be proposed. A Program Counsellor approves the academic scheduling and the Co-op Office has final approval of the sequence as it relates to co-op requirements and management of the co-op program. It must include:

- COOP*1100, taken in the semester prescribed by the program
- one Fall co-op work term, unless otherwise prescribed by the program
- one Winter co-op work term, unless otherwise prescribed by the program
- one Summer co-op work term, unless otherwise prescribed by the program
- no more than five full-time academic semesters before beginning the first co-op work term
- the same number of co-op work terms as scheduled in the Undergraduate Calendar
- no more than two consecutive co-op work terms, unless prescribed by the program
- the final term as an academic term
- a list of courses scheduled for completion, clearly articulating the availability of courses in a particular semester
- full-time academic semesters, exceptions will be made for SAS registered students requiring an accommodation.

If a student is requesting a sequence revision for disability related accommodation, they are encouraged to connect with Student Accessibility Services, who will work with the Co-op team to determine next steps.

SCHEDULING COOP*1100

COOP*1100 is offered in Fall and Winter semesters based on the major and is taken in addition to a regular course load.

WHAT APPROVALS ARE NECESSARY?

If the proposed Academic & Work Sequence does NOT follow the Undergraduate Calendar OR you are transferring majors/changing your degree program, your Program Counsellor MUST approve your modified sequence in order to verify that degree requirements are being met and course availability has been taken into consideration. A Program Counsellor can assist you in the creation of a schedule.

If the Academic & Work Sequence follows the Undergraduate Calendar, you may return the form directly to the Co-operative Education Reception desk without any signatures required.

Prior to submitting to the Co-op Office for final approval it is advised that you make a copy for your own records.

- If you are applying to co-op or requesting a co-op transfer, instructions and associated deadlines can be found at www.uoguelph.ca/coop (guideline documents).
- Complete the Academic & Work Sequence Agreement to the best of your ability using the Undergraduate Calendar as a reference and contact a Program Counsellor for a meeting ONLY when approval is required for proposed sequence (if it does not follow the published schedule).
- If you are proposing a sequence that does not following the prescribed sequence, attach documentation explaining the reason.
- Submit to the Co-op Office with your completed application or transfer forms.

Revisions to the Co-op Academic & Work Sequence Agreement that does not follow the prescribed schedule published in the Undergraduate Calendar must first be approved academically by a Program Counsellor/Co-op Faculty Advisor and then submitted for approval by the Co-op Office. Sequences may be declined if both approvals do not occur.