



## DIFFERENCES BETWEEN INTERNSHIPS AND CO-OP ASSIGNMENTS

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<p>The Center for Career and Professional Development offers opportunities for United States internships and international internships in all majors. Employers post their internships, interview students on campus, or view electronic resume books via ClemsonJobLink, an on-line job listing service.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> 864.656.6000, Recruit-L@clemson.edu  <a href="https://career.clemson.edu">https://career.clemson.edu</a></p>	<p>The Cooperative Education Program is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to learn under a mentor in his or her field of study. Students are employed full-time, with pay, by companies who participate in the program as teaching partners. Co-op students select a schedule of companies to interview. About 95% of co-op students match with a teaching partner.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> 864.656.3150  <a href="http://www.clemson.edu/coop">http://www.clemson.edu/coop</a></p>																				
<p><b>Length:</b> Students will complete their internship either part-time or full-time typically during one semester.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fall or Spring: U.S. Internships are offered during these semesters run 14-16 weeks. International Internship time frames may vary based on the country.</li> <li>2. Summer: U.S. internships during the summer run for 10-14 weeks. International Internship time frames may vary based on the country.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Length:</b> For engineering students, a minimum of...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Rotations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Two 18-Week Semesters</li> <li>-One Summer Semester</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>For non-engineering students, a minimum of...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Rotations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-One 18-week Semester</li> <li>-One Summer Semester</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Common for non-engineering students, such as Packaging Science and Business students, to complete back-to-back rotations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring-Summer or Summer-Fall</li> </ul>																				
<p><b>Assignments:</b> Interns enhance their career development while exploring interests and gaining work experience related to their field of study. Internships may involve a project that relates to a student's major and career interest.</p>	<p><b>Assignments:</b> Students' experiences are monitored and evaluated by an academic staff of co-op advisors to ensure a successful teaching and learning process. Engineering co-op students secure at least 1 year of full-time experience by graduation.</p>																				
<p><b>Compensation:</b> Most United States positions are paid, but some will be voluntary depending on the field. International internships are normally unpaid, because of visa qualifications.</p>	<p><b>Compensation:</b> Co-op assignments are paid positions. Of the co-op assignments that will require students to relocate, most provide assistance with housing. Some teaching partners provide other benefits, such as paid leave.</p>																				
<p><b>Location:</b> Most Clemson interns are in the southeast, while some are in other areas such as overseas. Companies in the U.S. are often willing to assist with locating housing and in some cases will contribute to housing expenses.</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> More than half of co-op assignments are in South Carolina, but there are co-op students on assignment throughout the United States. A small number of assignments are located in other countries.</p>																				
<p><b>Eligibility:</b> Varies. Employers determine necessary qualifications.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility:</b> A minimum Clemson University GPA of 2.50 is required to be eligible to enter the program, although some companies require higher GPA.</p>																				
<p><b>Important dates:</b> The Career Fairs are excellent recruiting tools and are held in mid-September and January to February each year. Positions are also posted in ClemsonJobLink, an online job listing service. For international internships, students are encouraged to participate in the International Study Abroad Fair in early February.</p>	<p><b>Important dates:</b> The Co-op Interview Days event is held in October and March. Students enter the program the semester before their starting rotation. The Co-op Program has more than 300 company teaching partners and approximately one-third of these companies come to campus each semester to interview students for their open co-op assignments.</p>																				
<p><b>Courses Offered:</b>            Various classes/credit dependent on major</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>INT 1010</td> <td>Part-Time</td> <td>0 Credit Hours</td> <td>(Off-Campus)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INT 2010</td> <td>Full-Time</td> <td>0 Credit Hours</td> <td>(Off-Campus)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INT 1510</td> <td>Part-Time</td> <td>0 Credit Hours</td> <td>(UPIC)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INT 2510</td> <td>Full-Time</td> <td>0 Credit Hours</td> <td>(UPIC)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INT 3010</td> <td>Full-Time</td> <td>3 Credit Hours</td> <td>(International)</td> </tr> </table>	INT 1010	Part-Time	0 Credit Hours	(Off-Campus)	INT 2010	Full-Time	0 Credit Hours	(Off-Campus)	INT 1510	Part-Time	0 Credit Hours	(UPIC)	INT 2510	Full-Time	0 Credit Hours	(UPIC)	INT 3010	Full-Time	3 Credit Hours	(International)	<p><b>Courses Offered:</b>            There are multiple Co-op Program courses. A co-op advisor will guide the student regarding the appropriate course selection. Students must satisfy certain requirements to receive a grade of Pass for each course.</p>
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