

Spring / Summer Co-Op Options for Students Without a Job

Frequently Asked Questions

- International Students and NCAA Athletes have more restrictions; please discuss with ISSS or Athletics to ensure your choice is in compliance.
- Each of the options listed below may have different consequences depending on your major, how close you are to graduating, if you brought in AP or transfer credits, how many co-ops you've already done or planned to do, if you are BS/MS student, and if you get certain types of financial aid.
- You will want to discuss options with your academic advisor to find the best plan for you, factoring in time to graduation, which terms the courses you need are offered, how many co-ops to complete, and how each option affects future years.
- You will want to speak with Drexel Central before making a final decision so that you understand the potential financial impact of more terms full-time taking classes, potentially lost financial aid down the road, and what you'll be billed if you exceed the number of tuition-free credits (6 for those without a job; 4 for those with one).
- The University Provost's FAQ on co-op is here: [Degree Progression Options & FAQ For Spring/Summer 2021 Co-ops](#)

Q: I am a 4COP student with no co-op placement by the end of B Round. Now what?

1. Continue your job search through C-Round or independent search, take the online co-op module, and register for 6-8 credits each term in spring and summer. You pay for credits over 6. If you get a job and feel you can't finish either or both courses while working, you will be able to drop or withdraw, depending on the timing.
2. Take classes full-time spring/summer and push your co-op to later in your plan.
3. Continue your job search, take the module and 6-8 credits in spring only, take summer off via a leave of absence term, and push your co-op to later in your plan.
4. Take classes full-time in spring only, take summer off via leave of absence term, and push your co-op to later in your plan.
5. Take spring/summer leave of absence and push your co-op to later in your plan.
6. ET, BSE, and CMGT majors only may switch to a plan that does not include any co-ops.

Q: I am a 5COP student with no co-op placement by the end of B Round. Now what?

1. Continue your job search through C-Round or independent search, take the online co-op modules, and register for 6-8 credits each term in spring and summer. You pay for credits over 6. If you get a job and feel you can't finish either or both courses while working, you will be able to drop or withdraw, depending on the timing.
2. Take classes full-time spring/summer and either push your co-op to later in your plan OR complete your degree with only 2 co-ops.
3. Continue your job search and take the module and 6-8 credits in spring only, take summer off via a leave of absence term, and push your co-op to later in your plan OR complete your degree with only 2 co-ops.
4. Take classes full-time in the spring only, take the summer term off via a leave of absence term, and either push your co-op to later in your plan OR complete your degree with only 2 co-ops.
5. Take a leave of absence spring/summer and either push your co-op to later in your plan OR complete your degree with only 2 co-ops.

Q I have a co-op placement for spring and summer. What can I do?

As usual, you may take up to 6 credits, 4 of which are at no additional charge.

Q I am an ET, BSE, or CMGT NCOP student, meaning I have no planned co-ops. Am I affected?

No. Everything is the same.

Q Pushing my co-op means I'll have it during my senior year. Is that allowed with senior design?

Yes, we will work with students taking senior design while on co-op even if you are not in Philadelphia. You may graduate from a co-op term.

Q I will not have 24 credits in spring/summer but I want to move my co-op for fall/winter of the next academic year. Will I be allowed to do that?

You can ask for permission from your co-op advisor; in most cases we expect it to be granted.

Q Can I switch this co-op to fall/winter of next year and then do my regularly scheduled spring/summer co-op right after it?

That is highly discouraged as doing a job search while on co-op is quite challenging and a year away from classes will be difficult to maintain academic momentum.