

Bachelor of Arts (Co-op)

The co-op option enhances arts degree programmes by offering a programme of four co-op courses, three work terms, and several workshops during the four-year degree programme. In an innovative, non-discipline-specific fashion, the programme prepares liberal arts students for the critical role they will play in the workforce upon graduation. Since arts graduates have an educational background which prepares them for a broad range of careers, they may benefit from the opportunity to develop focus and direction. The BA (Co-op) Programme helps with this career exploration. BA (Co-op) students develop career plans with an understanding of how their arts education applies to their career. Coupled with the work experience gained while in the programme, the students' education and the programme's guidance prepare students for employment success. (For more programme information, please visit: www.stu.ca/academic/coop).

Prior to embarking on their first work term, BA (Co-op) students must successfully complete COOP 1003 Introduction to Experiential Learning. They must also participate in the programme's job search strategies workshop.

Note: Enrolment in Co-op courses is restricted to students registered in the BA (Co-op) Programme.

1003. Introduction to Experiential Learning

This course engages students in active learning and challenges individuals to reflect upon and benefit from their experiences. The process of examining and analyzing experiential learning promotes higher order thinking skills, multiple cognitive, affective, and psychomotor abilities. Through interactive learning techniques, this course will provide students with the skills necessary to connect these theoretical concepts with workplace experiences. Prerequisite: acceptance into the Liberal Arts Co-operative Education Programme. 3 credit hours.

1023. Introduction to Microcomputer Applications

This course is designed to provide students with practical experience in word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, and electronic communications using the MS Office suite of applications, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet Explorer, and Outlook. It will also provide students with background in issues arising as a result of the technological revolution and its various societal impacts. 3 credit hours.

2013. Web and Multimedia Development

This course is designed to provide students with practical experience in multimedia development, including graphic design, audio and video production, and digital animation. A particular emphasis will be placed on multimedia production as it relates to web technology and communications. Students will be exposed to a suite of software applications for graphic design, multimedia authoring, and HTML editing. 3 credit hours.

4003. Integrative Seminar in Experiential Learning

The focus of this course is to integrate the learning experiences, both formal (concepts, skills, and knowledge acquired in university courses) and informal (work-term reports and journals), of fourth-year co-operative students. Students will review various learning examples and reflect upon the transformational nature of these experiences. As well, students will create a personal development plan integrating concepts associated with lifelong learning. 3 credit hours.