COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

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In order to promote, encourage, and improve the education of students
and to provide maximum service to industry, business, and government
agencies, The University of Alabama offers qualified students
opportunities to participate in the Cooperative Education Program,
or co-op. Cooperative education is an academic program in which
students alternate periods of full-time study with periods of full-time
employment. This program offers work related to the academic major
or career interests of each student, greatly enhancing the student’s
employment prospects after graduation. It also gives the student a better
understanding of the value of human relations, encourages the student to
excel academically, and assists the student financially.

A student planning to enter the Cooperative Education Program should
give particular attention to the entrance requirements of the University
division he or she plans to enter. Generally, courses scheduled for the first
year must be completed before a student may begin the first work period.

The University assumes primary responsibility for placing qualified
students in available positions for the purpose of providing the best
education possible. It is impossible, however, for the University to
guarantee employment for all students in the Cooperative Education
Program. Co-op students are currently working with a diverse group
of employers at sites across the United States. Applicants are often
matched with their co-op employers during Co-op Interview Days held
each October and February.

For more information about the program, contact The University of
Alabama, Cooperative Education Program, Box 870293, Tuscaloosa, AL
35487-0200; call 205-348-6422; or visit the co-op website.