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B. THOMAS GOLISANO COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SCIENCES									<i>These experiential learning opportunities qualify as a co-op.</i>		
Plan	Options	CO-OP Requirement	Co-op Prep Course	Semester or Summer	CO-OP (full-time 35-40 hours per week)	CO-OP (part-time 10-15 hrs per week not to exceed 20)	INTERNSHIP CLASS for academic credit	UNPAID (Qualify for co-op?)	Entrepreneurship	Research	International Experience
Computer Science (BS)	Co-op (R)	3 Blocks	Yes	1 Summer/2 Semesters	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Computing and Information Technologies (BS)	Co-op (R)	2 Blocks	Yes	2 Summers or any semester after second year	Yes	No	No	No	Yes as 2nd co-op only	Yes as 2nd co-op only	Yes if paid
Cybersecurity (BS)	Co-op (R)	2 Blocks	Yes	2 Summers or any semester after second year	Yes	No	No	No	Yes with departmental prior approval	Yes with departmental prior approval	Yes
Game Design and Development (BS)	Co-op (R)	2 Blocks	Yes	2 Summers or any semester after second year	Yes	No	No	Yes with departmental prior approval	Yes with departmental prior approval	Yes	Yes
Human-Centered Computing (BS)	Co-op (R)	2 Blocks	Yes	2 Summers or any semester after second year	Yes	No	No	No	Yes as 2nd co-op only	Yes as 2nd co-op only	Yes if paid
New Media Interactive Development (BS)	Co-op (R)	2 Blocks	Yes	2 Summers or any semester after second year	Yes	No	No	Yes with departmental prior approval	Yes with departmental prior approval	Yes	Yes
Software Engineering (BS)	Co-op (R)	3 Blocks	Yes	1 Summer/2 Semesters	Yes	No	No	No	Yes as 2nd co-op only	Yes as 2nd co-op only	Yes
Web and Mobile Computing (BS)	Co-op (R)	2 Blocks	Yes	2 Summers or any semester after second year	Yes	No	No	No	Yes as 2nd co-op only	Yes as 2nd co-op only	Yes if paid

KATE GLEASON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING									<i>These experiential learning opportunities qualify as a co-op.</i>		
Plan	Options	CO-OP Requirement	Co-op Prep Course	Semester or Summer	CO-OP (full-time 35-40 hours per week)	CO-OP (part-time 10-15 hrs per week not to exceed 20)	INTERNSHIP CLASS for academic credit	UNPAID (Qualify for co-op?)	Entrepreneurship	Research	International Experience
Biomedical Engineering (BS)	Co-op (R)	12 Months	Yes	4 Blocks, 2 Semesters/2 Summers	Yes	No	No	Yes with departmental prior approval	Yes	Yes	Yes, work abroad
Chemical Engineering (BS)	Co-op (R)	12 Months	Yes	4 Blocks, 2 Semesters/2 Summers	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, work abroad
Computer Engineering (BS)	Co-op (R)	12 Months	Yes	4 Blocks, 2 Semesters/2 Summers	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, work abroad
Electrical Engineering (BS)	Co-op (R)	12 Months	Yes	4 Blocks, 2 Semesters/2 Summers	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, work abroad

Industrial Engineering (BS)	Co-op (R)	12 Months	Yes	4 Blocks, 2 Semesters/2 Summers	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, work abroad
Mechanical Engineering (BS)	Co-op (R)	12 Months	Yes	4 Blocks, 2 Semesters/2 Summers	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, work abroad
Microelectronic Engineering (BS)	Co-op (R)	12 Months	Yes	4 Blocks, 2 Semesters/2 Summers	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, work abroad

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY *These experiential learning opportunities qualify as a co-op.*

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Civil Engineering Technology (BS)	Co-op (R)	12 Months	Yes	4 Blocks, 2 Semesters/2 Summers	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Computer Engineering Technology (BS)	Co-op (R)	12 Months	Yes	4 Blocks, 2 Semesters/2 Summers	Yes	No	No	Yes with departmental prior approval	Yes	Yes	Yes
Electrical Engineering Technology (BS)	Co-op (R)	12 Months	Yes	4 Blocks, 2 Semesters/2 Summers	Yes	No	No	Yes with departmental prior approval	Yes	Yes	Yes
Environmental Sustainability, Health, and Safety (BS)	Co-op (R)	12 Months	Yes	4 Blocks, 2 Semesters/2 Summers	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Mechanical Engineering Technology (BS)	Co-op (R)	12 Months	Yes	4 Blocks, 2 Semesters/2 Summers	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mechatronics Engineering Technology (BS)	Co-op (R)	12 Months	Yes	4 Blocks, 2 Semesters/2 Summers	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Packaging Science (BS)	Co-op (R)	6 Months	Yes	2 Blocks, Summer or Semester	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Print and Graphic Media Technology (BS)	Co-op (R)	6 Months	Yes	2 Summers	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robotics & Manufacturing Engineering Technology (BS)	Co-op (R)	12 Months	Yes	4 Blocks, 2 Semesters/2 Summers	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

GOLISANO INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY *These experiential learning opportunities qualify as a co-op.*

Plan	Options	CO-OP Requirement	Co-op Prep Course	Semester or Summer	CO-OP (full-time 35-40 hours per week)	CO-OP (part-time 10-15 hrs per week not to exceed 20)	INTERNSHIP CLASS for academic credit	UNPAID (Qualify for co-op?)	Entrepreneurship	Research	International Experience
Architecture (M.Arch)	Co-op (R)	350 hours	No	Anytime	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes, work abroad

SAUNDERS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS									These experiential learning opportunities qualify as a co-op.		
Plan	Options	CO-OP Requirement	Co-op Prep Course	Semester or Summer	CO-OP (full-time 35-40 hours per week)	CO-OP (part-time 10-15 hrs per week not to exceed 20)	INTERNSHIP CLASS for academic credit	UNPAID (Qualify for co-op?)	Entrepreneurship	Research	International Experience
Accounting (BS)	Co-op (R)	3-4 Months	Yes	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Finance (BS)	Co-op (R)	3-4 Months	Yes	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Global Business Management (BS)	Co-op (R)	3-4 Months	Yes	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hospitality and Service Management (BS)	Co-op (R)	3-4 Months	Yes	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Management Information Systems (BS)	Co-op (R)	3-4 Months	Yes	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marketing (BS)	Co-op (R)	3-4 Months	Yes	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Supply Chain Management (BS)	Co-op (R)	3-4 Months	Yes	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS									These experiential learning opportunities qualify as a co-op.		
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Advertising and Public Relations (BS)	Co-op (R)	3-4 Months	No	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Applied Modern Languages and Culture (BS)	Co-op (O)	3-4 Months	No	Semester	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Communication (BS)	Co-op (R)	3-4 Months	No	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	Yes but they are encouraged not to unless there is a compelling reason	No	No	Yes
Criminal Justice (BS)	Co-op (O), FI	3-4 Months	No	Semester	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Economics (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Semester or Summer	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
English (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Semester or Summer	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
History (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Semester or Summer	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Humanities, Computing, and Design (BS)	Co-op (R)	3-4 Months	No	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
International and Global Studies (BS)	Co-op (R)	3-4 Months	No	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Journalism (BS)	Co-op (R)	3-4 Months	No	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	Yes but they are encouraged not to unless there is a compelling reason	No	No	Yes

Museum Studies (BS)	I/D	3-4 Months	No	Semester or Summer	No	No	No	Yes but they are encouraged not to unless there is a compelling reason	No	No	Yes
Philosophy (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Political Science (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Psychology (BS)	Co-op (R)	3-4 Months	Yes	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Sociology and Anthropology (BS)	Co-op (R)	3-4 Months	No	Semester or Summer	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Semester or Summer	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE *These experiential learning opportunities qualify as a co-op.*

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Applied Mathematics (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	Yes	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Applied Statistics and Data Analytics (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	Yes	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Biochemistry (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (BS)	Co-op (R)	3 Months	No	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Biology (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Biotechnology and Molecular Bioscience (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Chemistry (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Computational Mathematics (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	Yes	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Environmental Science (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Imaging Science (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Neuroscience (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Physics (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN									These experiential learning opportunities qualify as a co-op.		
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3D Digital Design (BFA)	Co-op (O), I/D	No	No	Summer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only with program director approval	No	No	Yes
Film and Animation (BFA)	Co-op (O), I/D	No	No	Summer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only with program director approval	No	No	Yes
Graphic Design (BFA)	Co-op (O), I/D	No	No	Summer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only with program director approval	No	No	Yes
Illustration (BFA)	Co-op (O), I/D	No	No	Summer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only with program director approval	No	No	Yes
Industrial Design (BFA)	Co-op (O), I/D	No	No	Summer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only with program director approval	No	No	Yes
Interior Design (BFA)	Co-op (O), I/D	No	No	Summer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only with program director approval	No	No	Yes
Medical Illustration (BFA)	Co-op (O), I/D	No	No	Summer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only with program director approval	No	No	Yes
Motion Picture Science (BS)	Co-op (O), I/D	No	No	Summer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only with program director approval	No	No	Yes
New Media Design (BFA)	Co-op (O), I/D	No	No	Summer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only with program director approval	No	No	Yes
Photographic and Imaging Arts (BFA)	Co-op (O), I/D	No	No	Summer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only with program director approval	No	No	Yes
Photographic Sciences (BS)	Co-op (R)	3 Months	No	Summer	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Studio Arts (BFA)	Co-op (O), I/D	No	No	Summer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only with program director approval	No	No	Yes
COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY									These experiential learning opportunities qualify as a co-op.		
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Biomedical Sciences (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound) (BS)	I/D	No	No	Determined by department	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Exercise Science (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Nutritional Sciences (BS)	Co-op (R)	6 Months	No	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Physician Assistant (BS/MS)	I/D	No	No	Determined by department	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

SCHOOL OF INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES

These experiential learning opportunities qualify as a co-op.

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Individualized Program (BS)	Co-op (O)	No	No	Summer	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

Co-op (R) - Mandatory Co-op Program
 Co-op (O) - Optional Co-op Program
 I/D - Internship handled primarily by department
 FI - Field Instruction handled by department