Bachelor of Commerce Co-op

At UVic, we know practical experience is crucial in the business world. That’s why all students from Peter B. Gustavson School of Business participate in co-op.

As a Bachelor of Commerce student, you’ll complete three mandatory co-op work terms. You’ll try different jobs, meet employers, earn a salary and gain relevant work experience to help you launch your career.

Commerce students Kat Craats (graphic production agent/online merchandiser, left) and Sam Glavina (junior financial officer, right) spent a co-op work term at Sitka Surf Co.
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Education meets practical experience
During your BCom degree, you’ll complete three 4-month co-op terms working for employers in positions related to your field of study. Supported by your co-op coordinator, you’ll identify and secure each position by competing for co-op jobs posted online or developing your own opportunity. You’ll also complete a workplace preparation course (COM 204) before your first co-op term to get job-ready and polish your professional skills.

Gain diverse work experience and skills
+ Business plan development
+ Market research
+ Communications and translation
+ Accounting
+ Human resources
+ Customer service
+ Public relations and marketing
+ Administration
+ Analysis and report writing
+ Project coordination
+ Financial analysis
+ Event planning
+ Data management
+ Website design
+ Supply chain/procurement
+ Sustainability initiatives
+ Cross-cultural awareness

Work for exciting employers
You could work for co-op employers in the private, public and non-profit sectors—in Victoria, across Canada and abroad. Past examples include:
+ AbeBooks—HR assistant
+ The Bateman Foundation—Marketing and outreach assistant
+ BC Ferries—Treasury analyst
+ BC Ministry of Agriculture—Market development business officer
+ BC Ministry of Transportation—First Nations project assistant
+ Canadian Chamber of Commerce (Hong Kong)—Events management trainee
+ Deloitte—Consulting internship, human capital
+ Downtown Victoria Business Association—Marketing assistant
+ KPMG LLP—Audit and tax co-op student
+ National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces—Business analyst
+ RE/MAX Canada—Marketing and social media intern
+ RevenueWire Inc.—Marketing co-op
+ Scotiabank—Corporate financial analyst co-op
+ Sitka Surf Co.—Graphic production agent/online merchandiser
+ Whistler Blackcomb—Guest services leadership intern

Learn more about co-op and how it can help you launch your career!
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