

Hi - my son wants to know if there is any downside or “penalty” for not completing the tasks and assignments on the internship Canvas course? He’s working hard at internship now!

Andrea Iulia Comsa: we do encourage students to complete the assignments as it helps them reflect on the experience and review skills they are gaining. They are not extensive assignments.

OK - so no deadline on these assignments? Thanks.

Andrea Iulia Comsa: We do have deadlines, but they are flexible.

My student is really struggling finding a co-op employer on his own. How do students arrange these co-ops? He said the career center said he has to find employer and set it up himself.

Laura Ledgerwood Garcia: Andrea will share some ways students can identify these opportunities. Co-ops are posted regularly in CareerBuzz, co-ops are often recruited for during the All-Majors career fair each spring & fall. Please be aware we do not match students. Students must apply and employers select the student hire.

What is the due date for GT co-op applications for the fall? It's not on the website please.

Laura Ledgerwood Garcia: You can find more information about registering co-ops and internships via this page:

[https://career.gatech.edu/category/gtcc\\_experiential\\_learning](https://career.gatech.edu/category/gtcc_experiential_learning)

Does the internship/co-op "audit" hours count against zelle credit limit? How will Zelle or Hope scholarships be impacted if at all by these experiences?

Andrea Iulia Comsa: only billable hours are considered for scholarships, so co-ops and internships do not, since they are tuition free, but we always advise students to check in with Financial Aid to understand how this impacts their scholarships

Are there no school fees charged during the semester my student is working at internship out of state? Thanks.

Andrea Iulia Comsa: here is information on Voluntary Student Fees students can opt into while co-opping or interning: <https://www.bursar.gatech.edu/voluntary-student-fees>

Usually which school years students get hired for co-ops or internships? (freshman, sophomore, junior)

Andrea Iulia Comsa: students can start an internship after they completed 2 academic semesters at Georgia Tech, so in their sophomore year. They need to

complete their first semester at Georgia Tech and can start applying in the Spring to secure something in the summer.

Andrea Iulia Comsa: Co-op students have to have enough time in their academics to be able to complete a co-op. The last co-op term cannot be completed in their graduating semester, and once they complete their first co-op rotation they have to have at least 3 academic semesters left to be able to complete all 3 rotations.

Do you have to pay the fee for the virtual career fairs?

Laura Ledgerwood Garcia: students do not have to pay to participate in virtual career fairs.

Do you have a list of top hiring companies by major?

Andrea Iulia Comsa: Yes, we can provide students top hiring companies by major if students reach out to us.

Laura Ledgerwood Garcia: BME offers an in-house career advisor to assist BME students, though they may also work with our office:

<https://bme.gatech.edu/bme/undergraduate-career>

Laura Ledgerwood Garcia: you can identify top hiring employers & filter by what they studied on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/school/georgia-institute-of-technology/people/>

How can our freshman find job opportunities on campus? for engineering departments for example?

Andrea Iulia Comsa: I would encourage your students to check with their academic department for any on-campus opportunities. Also, they can go here to identify on-campus opportunities: <https://studentcenter.gatech.edu/campus-jobs>

Can a student make an appointment with a career counselor if they are not available 2-4 Mon-Fri?

Laura Ledgerwood Garcia: yes, they can schedule to meet with an advisor both in-person and virtually. We also have career peer advisors who offer virtual appointment availability over the weekend and after hours.

Email: [careercenter@gatech.edu](mailto:careercenter@gatech.edu)

Website: <https://career.gatech.edu/>

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