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What is the difference between a Co-op and an Internship?

Co-operative Internship Experience

Co-operative internship experiences ("co-op") are 9-month industrial experiences (summer plus the semester before or after). During a Co-op the students gain engineering experience in a manufacturing environment. While on Co-op students are considered "continuing" students at UWSP, and will register for a zero-credit course to maintain that status. During the student's Co-op, they may be expected to assist with routine testing, process engineering project support, etc.

Internship Experience Objectives

An internship experience is a 3-month (summer) long engineering experience. Students doing internships will use knowledge gained from UWSP courses and previous industry experience to work in a manufacturing facility as an "apprentice" process engineer.