



Co-operative Education

- Wide variety of job placements available
- Equal parts classroom study (Full-time Intensive Schedule) and volunteer job placement
- Practical English learning at an Indian workplace
- Extensive counselling and support from dedicated staff during class study and while on placement

Program Description

The Cooperative (Co-op) Education Program combines English language studies with experience in the Indian workplace. The name Cooperative Education reflects the cooperative relationship between the student, our school and the host organization. The ILSC Co-op program began in 1994, and since this time it has become one of the school's most popular programs. It is offered at all 3 of the ILSC's campuses in Canada as well as the campus in New Delhi, India. In Delhi, students will get a chance to work with some of the world's most dynamic and innovative Indian companies. These companies are operating in the country's burgeoning IT, finance, trade, NGO and service sectors.

Program Length

Minimum of 4 weeks of full-time intensive study plus a minimum of 4 weeks of placement. The maximum length of the placement depends on the host company and its needs and the student's own schedule.

Entry Requirement

Level 2 (High) to Level 3 (High)

2010 Program Start Dates

Every Monday except the last week of a session.

Program Overview

The first half of the program is 1 to 3 months of full-time intensive English classes. After classes, students are placed in an industry that reflects their interests, previous work experience and educational background.

Full-time Intensive Study

You can choose English communication, Business English or test preparation (IELTS, TOEFL or TOEIC). Certain foundation courses apply depending on your background and experience in the workplace.

In addition to the full-time intensive study, you may be asked to attend an orientation workshop and meetings with the co-op coordinator.

Placement

We ask that you give us three different areas of interest because finding a placement in a specific field depends on your background and experience, how you perform in the interview, the willingness of that industry to accept volunteer students from non-English speaking countries, and the seasonal highs and lows of certain industries. The responsibilities are different for each placement and depend on your language ability at the time of placement, familiarity and experience in the chosen field, relevant educational background, amount of work available, and your attitude.



Although work is done on a voluntary basis, you are required to act professionally and responsibly. This includes wearing proper business attire for the interview and the work environment. We will do our best to find a placement according to your first choice. Be flexible! And be willing to accept a placement in any of the three areas you have selected. Some popular areas of interest are Banking, Computers, Engineering, Event Management, Finance/Investments, Hotels/Tourism, Human Resources, Marketing, Non-profit, and Sports/Recreation.

Travel To and From Company

New Delhi is a very large city and people can travel up to an hour in order to get to their place of business. Co-op students need to be flexible with this aspect of working in India. If a student wishes a placement with an NGO, they should anticipate being located outside of New Delhi in order to do field work in the hillsides and villages.

Registration

1. Complete an ILSC India application form choosing the Co-op program and send the necessary fees to the school.
2. Submit a Co-operative Education application form, a curriculum vitae (CV), and a cover letter. The CV should be neat and professional and include all relevant educational and work experience. The cover letter should also state your placement goals.

Fees

Registration Fee:	\$50
Materials Fee:	\$25
Tuition:	ILSC Full-time Intensive fees apply
Placement fee:	\$750

Fees are all in US dollars.



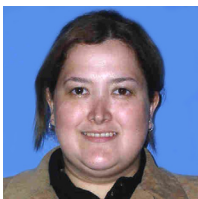
Co-op Student Testimonials

(ILSC Canada)



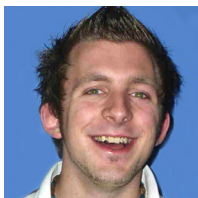
For me, the Co-op was a good experience. I really liked to improve my English skills out of the school in a workplace environment. In the company (Red Cross), they were all really friendly and supportive and I felt from the beginning welcomed.

Nicole Breitschmid, Switzerland – Canadian Red Cross Society



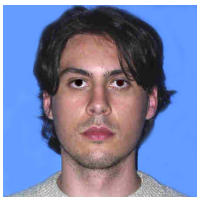
It was a great experience that every student should have. It gives the capability to understand a little bit the Canadian labor world. It's up to you to take advantage of this and leave a memorable job in there. Thanks ILSC to make this experience real.

Cristina Parra, Mexico – Burnaby Board of Trade



I think doing Co-op was definitely the right decision. I got a very good insight in the field I want to work in later. Besides this, I made a lot of new friends and met many interesting people from all over the world. My opportunities to speak English were also perfect and people in my company were all so nice and friendly. So every working day was a pleasure and not just marking time. Thank you so much for finding such a great placement!

Timo Förster, Germany – Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden



To sum up my feelings about Co-op, I could firmly say that the most valuable experience I had during my placement was simply to be among Canadians and native speakers. Because the English you learn at school definitely is not the same English you speak on the streets and at the workplace environment. Furthermore, the new vocabulary you absorb is quite useful and in my case was extremely related to what I am studying in Brazil. So as long as I need to have a good English at my work, Co-op was very important and worth joining.

Bruno Pamplona Polizo, Brazil – Co-op Radio

Company Testimonials who hired ILSC co-op students

Claudia brought a keen mind and inquisitive nature to the task of learning about the environmental consequences of transportation choice. Never having worked as a public interest advocate before, she quickly picked up the necessary skills. Her great sense of humour and collegial attitude quickly overcame any reluctance to speak English and before she left she had achieved a nearly perfect command of English idiom. We miss the fun we had with her, but keep in touch by email.

Karen Wristen - SPEC

The best part was getting to know someone from another country. It is fun to compare cultures. Also, it is a good feeling to help someone who is searching to mentor them and help them seek options. Alex was a delight – very friendly and popular with staff and clients!

Jinny Rodrigo – Northshore Multicultural Society

The best part would be getting to know Woo on a personal level. All the staff and members thoroughly enjoyed Woo's positive approach to life and the volunteer work here at Fit Stop. Woo is extremely conscientious and his willingness to please and to ensure that all members were happy while working out extended throughout the whole time Woo volunteered here. Woo is now working part time for the club. Thanks everybody at ILSC!!!

Larry Leathem – Fit Stop