**CO-OPERATIVE MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Overview:**

The application for the MA co-op program is due by the **third Friday of September**. The Graduate Committee will make application decisions in the Fall term. Students will be notified via email if their application has been accepted or declined.

Students admitted to the Co-op option must also submit:

* [Change of Program form](https://uwaterloo.ca/forms/graduate-studies/)

International students interested in co-op must have a valid work visa. You can find more information on visas by contacting contact [International Student Experience](https://uwaterloo.ca/international-students/).

**Academic standing:**

Students must maintain an **80% overall average** in all academic terms prior to their work term(s) in order to be eligible for the co-op option. If a student’s average drops below 80% they will no longer be eligible to proceed with the co-op option and will be asked to switch back to either the MRP or Thesis regular option.

**Job postings:**

All junior (undergraduate) and senior (graduate) jobs posted to WaterlooWorks are advertised, recruited for, and interviewed together. It is important that students in the co-op option review and are up-to-date on Co-op’s [Important Dates Calendar](https://uwaterloo.ca/co-operative-education/important-dates) to ensure they are not missing job posting and application deadlines. The majority of interviews for Spring co-op positions will take place in February and March. The majority of interviews for Fall co-op positions will take place in June and July.

The Graduate Program Coordinator will also email students external placement opportunities as they become available.

**Co-op requirements:**

1. ***Work term(s):*** All students accepted in the co-op program will complete one or two 4-month work terms following the course work requirements of their degree in their first two terms;
   1. May to August (Spring term)
   2. May to December (Spring and Fall terms)

After the work term(s), students will return for an academic term to finish their MRP/Thesis.

1. ***Work Term Report***: Each co-op student is required to write a 10-12 page (double spaced) report investigating an aspect of the co-op experience from an academic perspective. The final report is due **one month** after the completion of the work term and is submitted to the Graduate Chair for evaluation on a credit/no-credit grading basis.

**APPLICATION FORM**

Please fill in the following information and submit the form, along with a copy of your resume, to the Graduate Program Coordinator by the **third Friday of September**.

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| **Name:** Click or tap here to enter text. | **ID Number:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Please list the graduate courses you are enrolled in for Fall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:**  PSCI 600; Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Please outline any special skills, training, or motivations you possess that would be applied in a co-op position:**  Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **What are your long-term career goals and interests?**  Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Please indicate your reasons for applying to the Co-op Option:**  Click or tap here to enter text. | |

**PLEASE ATTACH A RESUME WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**

Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap to enter a date.

**Student signature**

**Date**