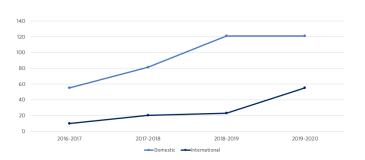


Interdisciplinary Co-op Education

2016-2020 in Review

In 2016, multiple Faculties across UBC Okanagan entered an agreement to establish an Interdisciplinary Co-op Education Program. The resulting program based off the existing Faculty of Management Co-op program opened to undergraduate students in arts, fine arts, human kinetics, management, media studies and social sciences.

Over the first four years, there was significant growth year-over-year as the program began to develop recognition and a strong reputation with both students and in the community with employer partners. As the program grew, so did participation from a diverse group of employers and students; with employers participating from within Canada, and internationally, and a growing number of international students taking part in the program.



Faculty	2017-2018 Work Terms	2018-2019 Work Terms	2019-2020 Work Terms	% Change (2018-19 to 2019-20)
Arts	22	11	25	127.3%
Fine Arts	5	0	0	0%
Management	41	54	46	-14.8%
Human Kinetics	6	6	11	83.3%
Science	30	45	119	164.4%
Media Studies	0	0	0	0%
Totals	104	116	201	73.3%

Total Co-op Work Terms by Academic Year

2016 - 2017	32
2017 - 2018	104
2018 - 2019	116
2019 - 2020	201

*In the 2016-17 academic year, only Management students were eligible to complete work experiences, as the first interdisciplinary student cohort progressed through the mandatory pre-employment and career readiness training to prepare for 2017-18 work experiences.