

# Starting a Co-operative Business

*Building a Better World*

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## About this course

Discover the world of co-operative business. This course will help you develop your ideas for a co-operative initiative by walking you through the basic steps of starting and incorporating a co-operative business.

You will learn about:

- the co-operative model and the principles and practices that are the foundation of this type of business/organizational structure;
- the many types of co-operatives and ways they can be set up;
- feasibility studies and how they are important for assessing your co-op business idea;
- principles and practices of co-operative governance;
- ways to finance your co-op business; and
- how co-operatives have been developed in communities around the world to address poverty, inequality and different types of social tensions.

**Date:** Apr 9 – May 7 (5 sessions)  
**Time:** Mondays, 6:30 - 9:00pm  
**Location:** Interurban Campus  
**Course Code:** [2018W BSNS 587G 001](#)  
**Cost:** \$225 + GST

## About the Instructor

*Joy Emmanuel has worked extensively in the co-op sector for the past nine years. She is an experienced co-operative developer, researcher, and writer, and has served on co-op boards at the local and national level. She is a former Research Director at the BC Institute for Co-operative Studies (later the Centre for Co-operatives and Community-Based Economy) at the University of Victoria. She has edited and contributed to five books on co-operatives, including: Best Practices in Starting Co-ops: The Voice of Canadian Co-op Developers.*



*Joy brings a strong combination of extensive expertise, practical experience and global knowledge into the classroom and teaches with an interactive style combining presentation, exercises and supportive group discussion around developing various cooperative businesses. She is a passionate promoter of co-operatives as a financially viable business model that contributes to creating a just, caring, sustainable world.*

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