



Co-ops in Schools Program

Are your students getting the full picture?

The future of the economy in BC - and the rest of Canada - rests on our ability to be innovative, adaptive, and responsive to changing conditions.

This is where the co-operative business model has the advantage and why we want to help you adapt your business programs to include co-ops as part of your curriculum.

BCCA's Co-ops in Schools (CIS) Program is designed to help increase awareness and engagement around the co-operative model among youth as they pursue post-secondary educations, enter future careers, and become the next generation of leaders.

Working in partnership with educators and institutions, we will help you ensure your graduates from business, economics, social studies, or resource management programs have a basic understanding of the co-operative business model as an alternative to business as usual, and have access to opportunities to pursue a career or further studies in the co-operative economy.

If your program doesn't include the co-operative business model, how can you be sure you're giving your students the full picture when it comes to business and economy in Canada?

Adding co-ops to your program is easy

Our CIS program provides post-secondary educators with content, resources, and curriculum supplements designed to introduce post-secondary students to the co-operative model and business practices and spark interest in further involvement in the sector.

These offerings are designed to address course objectives and enrich student's understanding of course materials by providing a new perspective and examples of co-operatives at work in today's context.

Check out the CIS Program resources below and see how easy it is to add co-ops to your program.

Live, facilitated programs led by BCCA's Co-op Education Coordinator:

- Co-ops 101 Workshop / Webinar
- "A Silent Transformation" - documentary screening and facilitated discussion

Customized Resources

(e.g. based on geography, topic, etc.)

- Custom slide deck or presentation
- Custom readings and/or resource lists
- Customized assignments
- Customized case studies
- Customized recorded sessions

Open Educational Resources

(templates ready to use in your classroom)

- Co-ops 101 slide deck and facilitator kit
- Readings and resource lists
- Assignment templates
- Case study templates
- Recorded sessions

Additional Resources

- Research-to-sector connections
- Curriculum design consulting
- Program delivery partnerships

**For more information on how you can build co-ops into your program, contact Iva Jankovic, BCCA Co-operative Education Coordinator
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Course offerings and modules to incorporate co-op programming within various areas of study:

Core CIS Program Topics

- Introduction to the Co-operative Model
- History, Present, and Future of the Co-operative Movement
- The Seven Co-operative Principles
- Comparison to other Business Models
- The Co-operative Movement in B.C., Canada
- Growing Opportunities in the Co-operative Sector

Courses to augment business management studies

- Equitable and Sustainable Business Practices
- Co-operatives and Corporate Social Responsibility
- Co-operatives as a Social Enterprise
- Collective Entrepreneurship
- Business Longevity and Resilience
- Co-operative Ownership and Democratic Management
- Starting and Financing Co-operatives

Courses to augment social, political, labour studies, economics, and human geography programs

- Equitable and Sustainable Business Practices
- Co-operatives and Corporate Social Responsibility
- Co-operatives as a Social Enterprise
- Urban/Rural Co-operative Communities
- Community Economic Development
- Co-operatives and Social/Environmental Justice
- Co-operatives and Labour Organizing

Courses to augment environmental, resources, planning and development studies

- Equitable and Sustainable Business Practices
- Resource Co-ownership and Co-governance
- Co-operatives as Resilient Systems
- Urban/Rural Co-operative Communities
- Community Economic Development
- Co-operatives and Social/Environmental Justice