



Cooperative Education Program | Antioch College | One Morgan Place | Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387

Congratulations on your admission to Antioch College!

As the Dean of Cooperative, International and Community-based Learning at Antioch, I want to welcome you and invite you to join our community.

Meaningful work is a core part of Antioch's distinctive educational experience. Our students explore intentional career paths locally, nationally and internationally. On average, 95% of our graduates are working full-time, in graduate school or structured service within 6 months of graduation. In 2024 we became the first Federal Work College in Ohio, among only ten colleges nationally. I am proud to be at Antioch at this exciting time, and want to share with you more about our work program—a hallmark of an Antioch education for over 100 years.

All of our students participate in a dual work program that includes Cooperative Education (Co-op) and Antioch College Works. Learning at Antioch occurs across our “3 Cs”: what we commonly call Classroom, Co-op and Community. Throughout, you will develop skills, try out ideas, and explore potential career paths alongside a dynamic network of mentors, advisors, coworkers and friends. You will build connections throughout our campus, our local region, as well as across the country and around the globe.

Campus Work Crews

All students at Antioch get to **join a work crew** and contribute 5 hours each week at a campus learning hub or other area. You can **choose to cultivate sustainable practices** at our Antioch micro-Farm and Farm-to Table kitchens, or **add to local and national justice efforts** of the Coretta Scott King Center for Cultural and Intellectual Freedom. You can **work alongside arts professionals** at The Foundry Theater or The Herndon Gallery. Work crews help run the Olive Kettering Library, and gain a holistic approach to individual and community health at our Wellness Center, offering fitness, yoga, swimming, pickleball and more to members of Antioch and the Yellow Springs community. Whatever work crew you join, you will both join a tight-knit community and gain meaningful work experience along the way.

The first 5 hours of campus work per week are required for all residential students who live on campus to earn the Work Program Tuition Grant in your financial aid award. You may choose to work an additional 5 and up to 10 more work hours for a paycheck. We will support you to find a balance between work and your studies, so we'll provide regular check-ins on your academic progress and hours worked.

Prior to coming to Antioch, you will receive a Job Preference Form to share your interests around which work crew you'd like to join. In addition, we'll ask you to submit your resume, so that we can share the skills and talents that you bring with crew supervisors, as you join your first work crew in the fall.

Co-op in the World

You will also spend up to a third of your academic program—a minimum of three academic terms—engaged in full-time work, research, or self-directed learning enterprises that have earned Antioch students an international reputation for creativity, industriousness, and ingenuity. At the core of the co-op experience is **professional engagement**—meaningful work in challenging settings where you generally can expect reasonable **compensation for your contributions**.

You will work closely with your Co-op Advisor—a faculty member dedicated to helping you on your co-op journey—on deciding where to apply and effectively landing a job. Not only will you graduate with an outstanding education, an impressive resume, and compelling stories of co-op adventures in distant locales, you also will discover your unique talents as you take action in the world.

Please don't hesitate to reach with any questions as you make this important decision. On behalf of the whole team in the Work Program, we look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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