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Mission Statement

The Cooperative Education Scheme (CES) provides, in collaboration with the industry, a unique learning opportunity. Under the scheme, students after completing two years of full-time studies, will spend a minimum of 30 hours per week in a firm working in the same manner as a regular employee, while taking two subjects per semester. Students will continue in this “Work-integrated learning” mode till graduation. The scheme allows students to participate substantially in the company, enabling them to apply the knowledge they learn in classroom to solving real-life problems.

Eligibility

All second year students enrolled in the BEng(Hons) Degree in Electronic and Information Engineering or the BSc(Hons) Degree in Internet and Multimedia Technologies programmes are eligible to apply for this scheme. Formal application, initiated by the student, must be made during semester 2 of their second year of studies.

Progression Pattern

Once a student is accepted into the CES, an industrial advisor from the enterprise, where the student is being deployed, and an academic advisor from the EIE Department will provide guidance to the student thereafter. The student will work for at least 30 hours a week in the enterprise while taking on the average two subjects per semester beginning in the semester 3 (summer semester) of Year 2. In semester 2 of Year 3, the student will work together with his/her advisors to come up with a proposal for the Honours Project. Normally, and preferably, the student will take up a job-related project, which also commensurates with the requirements of a normal Honours Project. In this case, the student will graduate by the end of semester 1 of Year 4. The progression pattern is shown in Track 1 below. In the case the student does not take up a job-related project, he/she may choose to take up a normal Honours Project under the supervision of a project supervisor in the EIE Department. In this case, the study will be extended to the end of semester 2 of Year 4. This progression pattern is shown in Track 2 below.