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INTRODUCTION TO CO-OP

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AGENDA

1. Welcome & Intro about Co-op
2. Who is Co-op
3. What you need to know
4. Tips for Success
5. Meet Coordinators & Staff
6. Q&A

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WELCOME TO FAS CO-OP!

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

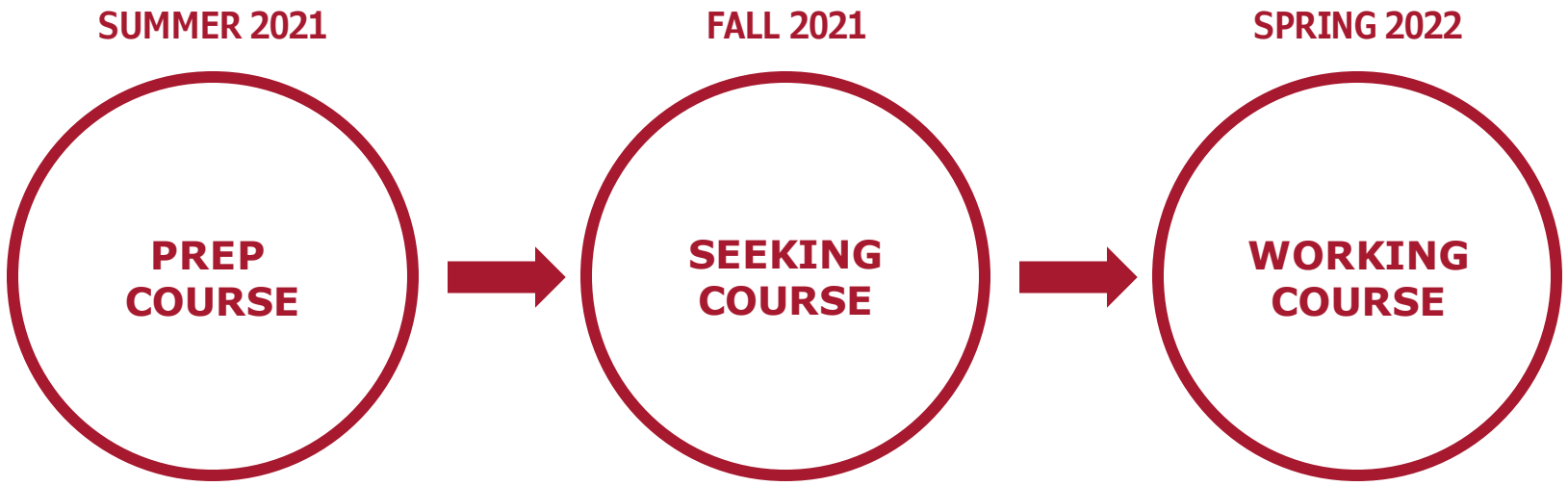
1. Supervised work experience in your field
2. Gain technical experience
3. Min. **420 work hours** (per term), paid
4. Complete min. **3 Co-ops**
5. Alternate between **work & study** semesters
6. Co-op terms = **4, 8 or 12 months**

3 SEMESTER PROCESS

Your schedule will look like this if you work in Fall 2021

Seeking for Co-op is a 3-semester process

Platforms: Canvas Courses & myExperience



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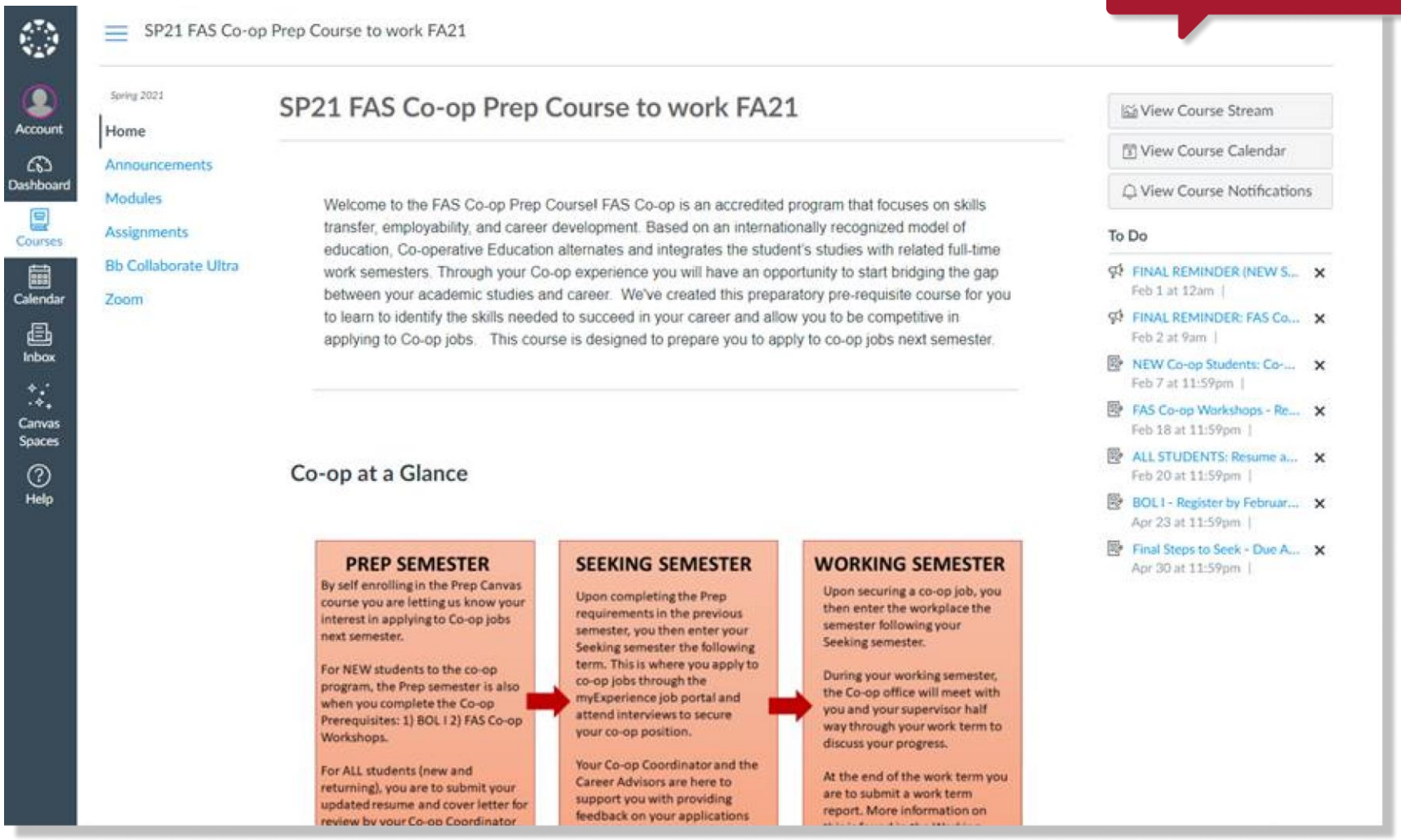
ONLINE PLATFORMS / TOOLS

CANVAS course



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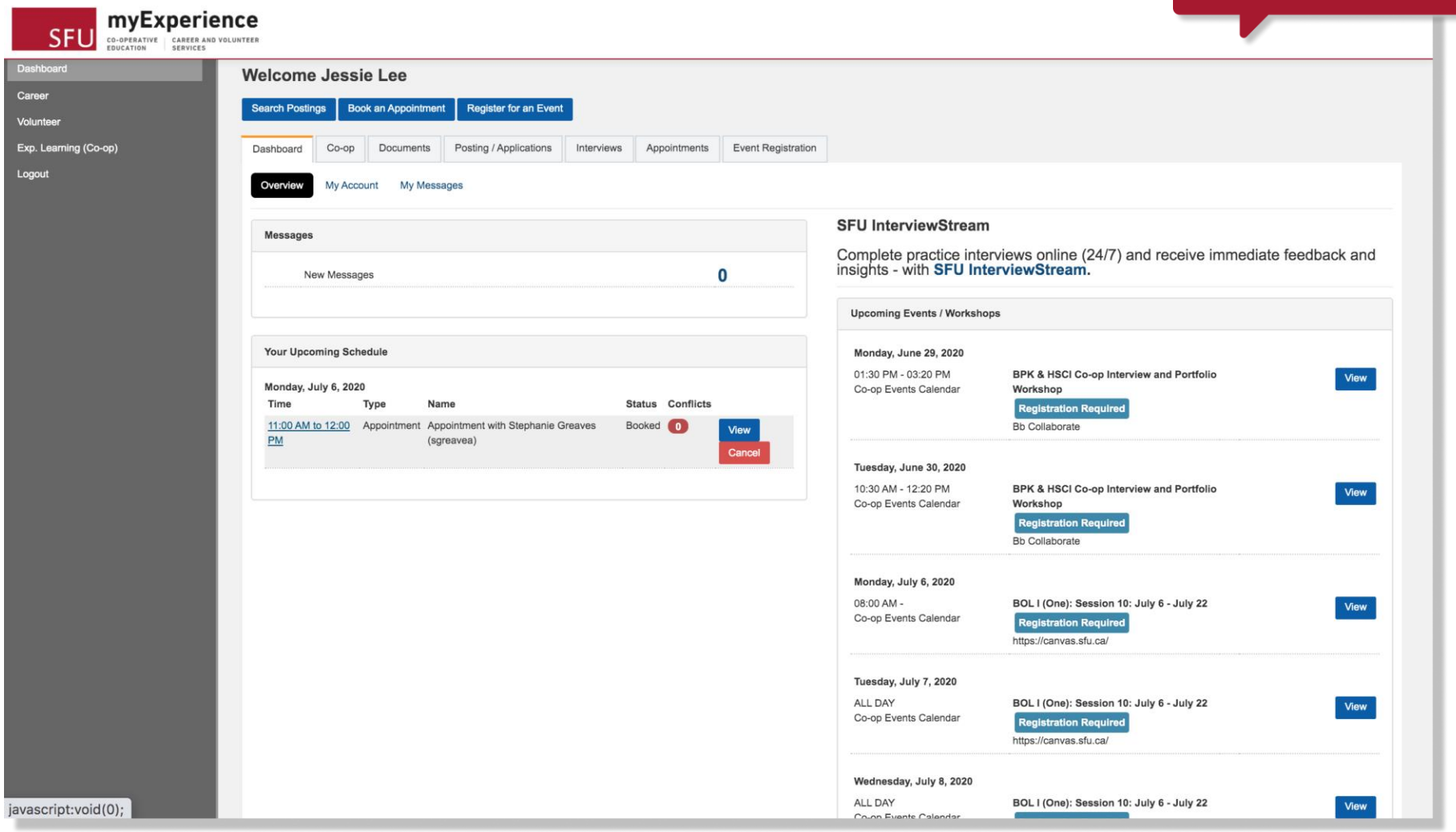

STAYING ON TRACK

WORKSHOP SIGN-UP

Resume, Cover Letter and Interview

Guest Speakers (FASTalks)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Apply for Co-op Work Permit

*__Very Important__ Deadline for this

*Recommend you apply __NOW__

RESUME AND COVER LETTER REVIEW ASSIGNMENT

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RESUME AND COVER LETTER REVIEW ASSIGNMENT

Your Co-op Coordinator will review your submission and provide you with feedback.

Document Status

Released	Competitive Documents
Conditional for Release	Documents are OK but need to make some updates
Not Released	Your documents needs a lot of work and you will need to work with the Co-op Student Advisor to make improvements

SAMPLE OF FAS EMPLOYERS

... or find your own self-directed co-op

SAMPLE OF POSTINGS

multinational software corporation that makes enterprise software to manage business operations & customer relations.

Positions

- Developer: Full Stack, Web, Software, Agile, Analytics
- Technical Project Coordinator
- Engineering: Security, DevOps, Cloud
- QA
- Product Support
- IT Technical Consultant
- Project Manager / Software Tester

CO-OP LOCATIONS

LOCAL

Lower Mainland

DOMESTIC

BC & Across Canada

INTERNATIONAL

Spain, Germany, Hong Kong, and US (Seattle, New York, Silicon Valley)

REMOTE

RESOURCES

What is the Job Really Like?

1. Labour Market Research
2. Talk to your Co-op Coordinator or Student Advisor
   - Student Interview Feedback
   - Senior Student Point of View Forms
   - Alumni/Employer Point of View Forms
3. Search profiles on Online Learning Community - www.sfu.ca/olc
4. FASTalks Workshop series
5. Resource Library on Canvas – Launched Sep 2020

SOME STATS

2019 FAS CO-OP STATS FOR

SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL: **3307** jobs posted on myExperience

1699 newly hired students

3216 students apply to seek

FAS JOBS POSTED PER TERM: **1000+**

(You have access to view all co-op job postings on myExperience)

SUMMER 2019: **500+ Placements**

SUMMER 2020: **350+ Placements**

CO-OP / CAMPUS EVENTS

Keep eyes and ears open for Virtual Events and opportunities to learn!

- Info Session
- Hackathons
- Hiring Events
- Employer / Industry Info Sessions
- Clubs
- Personal Projects

EXTRACURRICULARS

Make the most of your academic career and have fun while you learn!

List of FAS clubs

- Robot Soccer
- SFU Aerospace
- SFU Satellite Design
- Team Guardian (Drones)
- Team Phantom (electric Cars)
- SFU Rocketry
- SFU Surge
- Women in Comp. Science (WICS)
- Women in Clean Tech
- Student Societies
- Computer Science Student Society (CSSS)
- Association for Computer Machinery (WICS)
- Coffee and Code Workshop
- CSSS Hackathons

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PREP TERM

1. Complete the **Prep Course Checklist**

2. Take time to **review** the Prep Course Modules and apply what you have learned in **workshops**

3. Review the **Student Expectation slides**

4. Complete **requirements and assignments**

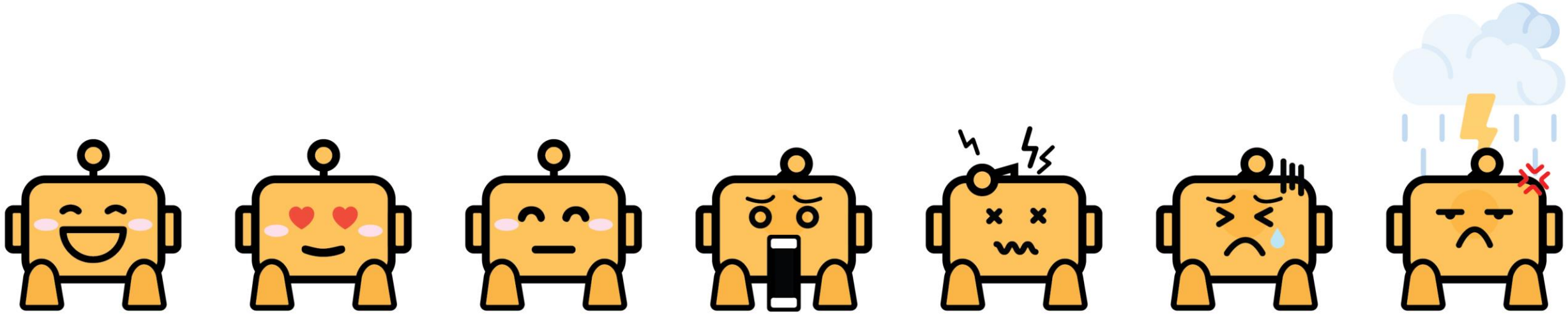
5. Stay **Connected** and be **Involved**

ADVISORS AND COORDINATORS

Co-op Advisor	Mary Samy
Co-op Coordinators	Chelsea Hunter (A-D)
	Jacqueline Craig (E-K)
	Shannon Danson (L-N)
	Cristina Eftenaru (O-S)
	Andrew Jenkins (T-Z)

HOW ARE YOU FEELING ABOUT CO-OP?

Use the **pencil** and **draw a circle** on how you are feeling



I GOT THIS,
I AM READY FOR CO-OP!!

DOING WHAT I HAVE TO

NERVOUS/CONFUSED
CALL 911 LOL

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THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?