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Assignment1 for week2(coop)

For the stat180 week2 class, we listened to a presentation which is made by Stuart Bilings, who is a sfu data science coop coordinator.The presentation was related to coop program in sfu and he introduced a lot of details about it.Firstly, he said that coop integrates related work experience with student's academic studies and it contained full time paid work terms,took 3-4 semesters,35-40 hours per week and some jobs paid $20 per hour for students.Students could access variety of paid quality jobs(many of which are only available to coop students) and they can access jobs in other parts of BC,Canada,and the world. Secondly he pointed out the benefits of coop,the most straightforward and direct benefit was that students can finance their education by participating in coop program,this was especially beneficial for those students who were poor. He also said that students can develop excellent resumes & gain interview experience through the process of finding a coop job. Moreover,it was good for students' future career, they can decide the working style they like(group or alone) and where they want to do after graduate (find a job or go to graduate school).Then he introduced to us some specific requirements for participating in the coop program,such as 2-sememsters before intended to work ,between 30-80 total credits hours,$135 application fee ,remained at good academic standing and so on.

After the presentation given by Stuart Bilings, I learned a lot about sfu coop program,because I knew less about coop before I went to this class.I am willing to participate in sfu coop program now because I know I can contribute a lot after I take it.My communication and time management skills will be improved, I will learn how to work as a team with others and develop a mature and professional work ethic.Once I engage in coop,I can also gain a lot of work/volunteer experience which makes it easier for me to find a job after I graduate.