International Student Enrollment Requirements

The ISS staff appreciates your support of UW’s international students! Students on an F or J student visa have specific enrollment requirements set by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service. It is ultimately the responsibility of the student to follow these rules and maintain their immigration status; however, we ask for your help in being aware that international students have specific enrollment requirements as you advise UW’s international students.

- Maintain full-time enrollment each fall and spring semester
  - Graduate students: 9.0 credit hours - At least 6.0 credits in the classroom
  - Undergraduate students: 12.0 credit hours - At least 9.0 credits in the classroom

- Student may not drop or withdraw from a class that will result in them actively attending less than full-time credits at any time during the semester
  *Exceptions exist for medical, mental health, and other reasons. Contact ISS

- Summer enrollment is NOT required unless it is the student’s first semester at UW

- May never enroll “online only”. This includes summer semester for those students who will graduate in August, if they will remain in the US during the summer

- Students may not “audit” classes as part of their full-time credit hours

- May take courses at another school as part of their full-time enrollment. At least 50% of total credits must be at UW. ALL courses taken at another institution must be approved in advance by advisor and ISS via the ISS Concurrent Enrollment Agreement form whether counting toward full-time enrollment or not

- May enroll less than full-time in their last semester at UW only. Must complete ISS RCL Request form at the beginning of that semester
  - Note: Graduate students may enroll for less than 9.0 credits more than one semester if they qualify for the UW Optional Fee Petition. Students should contact ISS to discuss specific plan to meet UW and USICS requirements