

International Student Enrollment Requirements



As an international student in the US it is your responsibility to know and follow all USCIS regulations, including maintaining appropriate class enrollment. When meeting with your advisor, or discussing your grades and classes with your instructors, please remember that they may not be aware of all of the USCIS regulations and it is your responsibility to make sure you are following the regulations. Check with ISS **first** with any questions regarding your enrollment and maintaining immigration status!



- 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. Student must contact ISS for additional paperwork needed to declare for last 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

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