

Online Classes

F-1 students are required to maintain full-time status and be making progress towards completion of their degree requirements. Failure to maintain full-time status may result in termination of visa status.

Undergraduate Students

- Undergraduate students must register for a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester of which 9 must be on-campus.
- Additional online courses may be taken, but only after the full-time requirement has been met.
- Online classes are coded in the course catalogue as sections 090 and above.

Graduate Students

- Graduate students must register for a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester of which 6 must be on-campus.
- Additional online courses may be taken, but only after the full-time requirement has been met.
- Online classes are coded in the course catalogue as sections 090 and above.
- Thesis students enrolled in 3 thesis credit hours which fall in the range of 6970 – 6989, 7970 – 7989, or Pharmacology and Toxicology 7920, *that are considered to be enrolled full-time by the university*, are also considered full-time for immigration purposes. If a student enrolled in 3 thesis credit hours wants to take an online course, they must take it in addition to the thesis enrollment not as part of it. For example, they cannot take 2 thesis credits and 1 online credit and be considered full-time.

Exceptions

- There are no on-campus/online course restrictions during the summer vacation semester unless summer is the student's *first semester*. If summer is the student's *first semester*, they must be enrolled full-time; that is, 12 credits for undergrads and 9 credits for grads.
- Students in their final semester must have at least one on-campus class

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Maintaining Status: USCIS states that it is the student's responsibility to understand the rules and regulations governing their visa.