International Graduate Students

Full Time Student Requirements

1. Fall and Spring terms graduate students who have not completed their plan of study minimum is 9 semester hours.

2. Summer - graduate students who begin their program in summer term must be enrolled for a minimum of 9 semester hours.

3. Fall, Spring or Summer - graduate students who have completed their plan of study and are only doing research and working on their thesis or dissertation AND who have completed the OIE "Gold" form PRIOR to the first day of classes each term may be enrolled for a minimum of 1 semester credit hour.

4. SUMMER vacation - if the graduate student was full time in the Spring term and demonstrates full time enrollment (intent to enroll) in the Fall term the student need NOT enroll at all for the Summer term. However, for assistantships during summer there is an AU enrollment requirement.

5. College and departmental course load requirements which are more stringent than the minimum must be observed.

6. Students on full time OPT do not need to be enrolled. Students on full time CPT must be enrolled in at least 1 credit hour for the CPT credit.

7. Students on part time OPT or part time CPT must be enrolled at least half time or if they completed their plan of study enrolled in at least 1 credit hour.

8. Graduating term - student need not be enrolled but then must either have applied for OPT prior to the end of the previous term or leave the country within 60 days of the end of the prior term. Administrative enrollment is no longer allowed. If the student is enrolled for one credit hour in the graduating term to allow for completion of defense, thesis, dissertation, etc. this would be OK however if the student completed all activity the previous term and the 1 credit hour is just a place holder that would be highly frowned upon.

Each case should be reviewed by Office of International Education for approval, prior to the term in which the course load is to be different from 9.