Enrollment Requirements

For most students, the academic year is fall and winter terms, while the spring/summer is considered the vacation term. During the academic year, in general, the minimum full-time enrollment for international students is as follows:

- **Undergraduate students**: 12 credit hours
- **Graduate students**: 8 credit hours
- **Graduate student assistants (GSIs or GSRAs)**: 6 credit hours

**Note:** You must be registered full-time during your first term of admission. If admitted to begin spring/summer, you must be full-time during that first spring/summer term.

During the academic year, international students in F-1 or J-1 non-immigrant status must either be enrolled full-time or receive permission from the U-M International Center for a reduced course load [1] or a full-time exception [2].

**Exceptions to Full-Time Enrollment Requirements**

In some cases, international students may receive permission from the U-M International Center to drop below full-time enrollment.

- Reduced course load [1] (F-1/J-1)
- Full-time equivalency for graduate students [2] (F-1/J-1)
- Concurrent enrollment [4] (F-1)
- Guest Student Information [5] (F-1/J-1)
- Rackham Grace Period [6] (F-1/J-1)
- Rackham Grace Period - Special COVID-19 procedures [7] (F-1/J-1)

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[1] https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/students/reduced-course-load
[2] https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/students/fulltime-equivalency-phd