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.

You may also have permission from the U-M International Center to drop below full-time enrollment through a reduced course load (F-1/J-1) or a full-time exception (F-1/J-1).

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 (F-1/J-1)
- Full-time equivalency for graduate students (F-1/J-1)
- Concurrent enrollment (F-1)
- Guest Student Information (F-1/J-1)
- Rackham Grace Period (F-1/J-1)
- Rackham Grace Period - Special COVID-19 procedures (F-1/J-1)

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