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.

- [reduced course load](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/students/reduced-course-load) [1] or [full-time exception](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/students/fulltime-equivalency-phd) [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](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/students/reduced-course-load) [1] (F-1/J-1)  
- [Full-time equivalency for graduate students](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/students/fulltime-equivalency-phd) [2] (F-1/J-1)  
- [Concurrent enrollment](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/students/concurrent-enrollment-f1) [4] (F-1)  
- [Guest Student Information](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/students/guest-student-information) [5] (F-1/J-1)  
- [Rackham Grace Period](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/students/rackham-grace-period) [6] (F-1/J-1)

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**Links**

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