

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.*

a [full-time exception](#) [2], [reduced course load](#) [1] or

[U-M Drop/Add period](#) [3]. •

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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)
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