

International Students in F1 or J1 Status School of Information

- Immigration regulations require that students enroll full time (9 units per Fall and Spring term with maximum of 3 units of fully online that can count toward full time).
- Students must enroll in minimum of 6 units of in-person instruction (can be hybrid, independent study, research, internship, capstone, thesis) Hybrid: Requires all students enrolled in that course attend in-person component.
- If student has a Graduate Assistantship, 6 units is considered full time. Can do 3 units in person and 3 units online.
- Students cannot take online-only courses in first term admitted, or last term enrolled, or online-only courses for summer if admitted in summer.
- Students have 21 days from first day of class for fall and spring terms to correct registration to 6 units of in person. Failure to do so puts students out of status. Should student drop below 6 units of in person units, then student immediately falls out of status (no opportunity to correct registration).
- Masters of Science: Admit terms Fall and Spring
- Master of Arts: Admit terms of Fall, Spring, Summer
- SI previously required enrollment in 504 which occurred summer and winter – This is no longer a requirement.
- Beginning summer 2017, there will no longer be Pre, SSI, or SSII, but instead considered a regular 16-week semester.
- Summer term (after full time enrollment Spring term), can enroll in as many online units as needed/desired (unless admitted for that term or is their last term).
- Internships are not a problem if the internship occurs on campus. If internship occurs off-campus, whether or not internship is paid, the student needs to apply for approval through International Student Services.
- The Academic Plan goal for F1 and J1 is as follows:
 - Enroll in 6 units of in-person
 - Minimum of 21 such units
 - Fall (6 units), Spring (6 units), Fall (6 units), Spring term (last term) - allowed 3 units of in person IF they will graduate in May of their 4th semester. Student would need to submit "Full Time Exemption" form to ISS.
- If not graduating in the spring of their 4th semester, the student must still must enroll in 6 units of in-person course for that term and in-person course in next enrolled term. Students have the option to leave US and complete via online (student needs to meet with ISS advisor to go over immigration aspect of this option).

These regulations apply only to F1 and J1 students. Most other visa types allow enrollment at full time or part time and not allowed to accept GA unless they change their immigration status (except for J2). F2 students ONLY allowed part time (less than 9 units) enrollment. Consult with ISS on eligibility of immigration status.

Please direct questions to Director of Graduate Studies, Hong Cui (hongcui@email.arizona.edu) or contact the UA International Student Services (<https://global.arizona.edu/international-students>).