Dear Southeastern Colleagues,

As part of a safety net to help international students (F-1 visas) maintain their immigration status, our International Student Services office wanted to alert you to the following regulations about enrollment:

**Semester Credit Hours**

- International undergraduate students must be enrolled in *and* complete a minimum of 12 credit hours in the fall and spring semesters.
- International graduate students must be enrolled in *and* complete 9 credit hours each fall and spring.
- One exception: In a student’s final semester, it is okay for him/her to take just the 3-6 hours needed to graduate. There are additional “reduced course load” instances, but these are rare.

**Online/Internet Classes**

- F-1 students cannot pursue online degree programs.
- Of the required 12 credit hours for international undergraduate students each fall and spring, only 3 credits may be online/Internet courses. That is, 9 traditional/face-to-face and 3 online.
- Of the required 9 credit hours for international graduate students each fall and spring, only 3 credits may be online/Internet courses. That is, 6 traditional/face-to-face and 3 online.
- International students may enroll in more than 3 credits of online courses if they take 13+ hours (undergraduate) or 10+ (graduate). For example, an undergrad may take 12 hours of face-to-face classes and 6 hours of online classes in a semester.
- For students (undergrad and grad) who only need 3 hours to graduate in the fall or spring, that final class can’t be online.
For continuing students (that is, students who enrolled full-time for the Spring semester and intend to enroll full-time for the Fall semester), there are no restrictions regarding online enrollment in the summer. As summer term is considered a vacation period, and it is not a required term for enrollment.

Please communicate these regulations to faculty in your departments.

We will continue to improve our web site with relevant information and resources for students, faculty, staff and alums. Please feel free to offer suggestions on content that would be useful to you. Of course we would also welcome the opportunity to meet about any topics you’d like to discuss.

We look forward to collaborating as we support students at SE!